

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Calendar of Events 2022

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During this month, people across the country raise awareness about how to prevent sexual violence, and how to support those who are impacted by it. This year's theme is "Healing Through Community."

As part of SAAM, the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence and member programs have partnered with local colleges and universities, businesses and organizations to host a variety of special events. Many events are free, but some require prior registration or tickets.

The events member programs are organizing or participating in have been compiled here. For more information about these events, contact the programs directly below.

The Center for Family Justice
Bridgeport Office: 203-334-6154

Rape Crisis Center of Milford
Milford Office: 203-874-8712

Center for Empowerment and Education
Danbury Office: 203-731-5200

Susan B. Anthony Project
Torrington Office: 860-489-3798

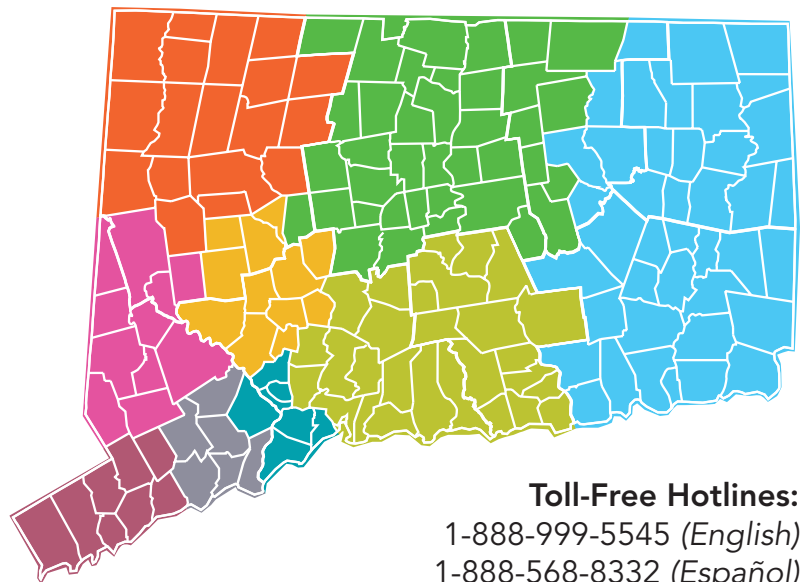
Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury
Waterbury Office: 203-575-0388

**Sexual Assault Crisis Center
of Eastern Connecticut**
Willimantic Office: 860-456-3595
New London Office: 860-442-0604

Women & Families Center
Meriden Office: 203-235-9297
Middletown Office: 203-235-9297
New Haven Office: 203-235-9297
Guilford Office: 203-235-9297

**The Center for Sexual Assault
Crisis Counseling and Education**
Stamford Office: 203-348-9346

**YWCA New Britain
Sexual Assault Crisis Service**
New Britain Office: 860-225-4681
Hartford Office: 860-225-4681



Toll-Free Hotlines:
1-888-999-5545 (English)
1-888-568-8332 (Español)

Steps to End Sexual Violence

Walking Meet-ups:

April 8th, 10-11AM, Elizabeth Park

April 13th, 12-1PM, Walnut Hill Park

April 21st, 5:30-6:30PM, Walnut Hill Park

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

CFJ Campus Advocates Take On National Crime Victims' Rights Week and SAAM

All Month // Fairfield University, Sacred Heart University, University of Bridgeport, and Housatonic Community College Center for Family Justice

Register a Submission or Get Involved:
<http://tiny.cc/e4ypuz>

Event contacts: Salaha Kabir and Geanella Suarez, Campus Advocacy Team

skabir@centerforfamilyjustice.org
Gsuarez@centerforfamilyjustice.org
(203) 334-6154

Through a collaboration* between The Center for Family Justice and Project Color Me Marigolds, CFJ's campus advocates are bringing multiple awareness projects to all of the college campuses in our area, which will be viewable throughout the month at various times in addition to other prevention projects and special events on college campuses.

The projects in need of creative submissions include the: "What Were You Wearing?" Installation with survivor descriptions of the clothes they were wearing during their sexual assault with the mission of challenging the myth that what a victim wears is ever to blame.

Survivors' Gallery, which will be a collection of art by survivors and allies of all types of violent crime to create possibility for shared healing and imagine pathways toward healing and resilience.

If you are interested in finding out more, have questions, or want to get involved, you can reach out the campus advocates at the emails above or reach out to them on Instagram @cfjcampusadvocacy.

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Sexual Violence Related Virtual Professional Development Trainings Discounted for the Month of April through the CFJ Online Training Institute

All Month // Virtual, Big Marker
Price: \$10 for each training, or reach out to Center for Family Justice to get access to all of them for \$30

Event contact: Katelyn Owens
kowens@centerforfamilyjustice.org

Use code SAAM2022 during checkout at any of the trainings *here:* <http://tiny.cc/j4ypuz>

Price: \$10 for each of the 5 discounted trainings, or reach out to get access to all of them for \$30

Clinical Perspectives on Supporting Youth Mental Health After Abuse



Child Sexual Abuse and Responding to Disclosures
Panel: LGBTQ Survivorship, Community, and Pride
Toward Survivor-Led Liberation with GEMS
Co-Founder and CEO Rachel Lloyd
Sexual Harassment: Changing the Conversation & Culture

The following trainings are available for free through our Coaches as Partners project for anyone involved in the youth sports community:

Understanding Sexual Violence within Sports Culture
LGBTQ Athletes
Bystander Intervention within Sports Culture

Statewide LGBTQ Sexual Violence Survivors Project

All Month // Center for Family Justice
Legislative Office Building

Event contact: Katelyn Owens (she/they)
kowens@centerforfamilyjustice.org or
(203) 334-6154 ext. 132

Get All The Info Here: <http://tiny.cc/o4ypuz>

The Queer Caucus Against Sexual Assault (QCASA) is organizing a Sexual Assault Awareness Month zine* focused on the experiences and expressions of LGBTQ survivors of sexual violence.

The final project will be available and shared widely online and professionally printed and distributed to all sexual violence resource agencies and LGBTQ organizations in the state.

The deadline for creative submissions for printed copies is April 10.
The deadline for the digital version is April 30.

Visit the link above for information about the project, how to submit, and resources to share with folks who may be interested.

*A zine is like a magazine that is created and distributed by individuals or small groups without a publisher.

Maggie Nichols Lunch & Take Back the Night at Trinity College

April 5 //
Trinity College

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

Take Back the Night at University of Hartford

April 7 //
University of Hartford

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

SAAM Proclamation Event

April 7 // 12 - 1 pm
Norwalk City Hall

Event contact: Kate Guthrie
kguthrie@therowancenter.org

Join us to hear from Mayor Harry Rilling and The Rowan Center team as we kick off Sexual Assault Awareness Month and reaffirm our commitment to education, counseling, and advocacy as we serve sexual violence survivors in our community.

Movie Night: Athlete A

April 11 // 7 - 9 pm
Darien Library
Event contact: Kate Guthrie
kguthrie@therowancenter.org

Join The Rowan Center at the Darien Library to watch the powerful movie, *Athlete A*, that recounts the story of USA gymnastics, Larry Nasser, and the incredible gymnasts, reporters, and legal team that uncovered and exposed decades of abuse. No registration required.

Movie Night: Athlete A

April 12 // 7 - 9 pm

Ferguson Library

Event contact: Kate Guthrie

kguthrie@therowancenter.org

Join the Rowan Center at the Ferguson Library to watch the powerful movie, *Athlete A*, that recounts the story of USA gymnastics, Larry Nasser, and the incredible gymnasts, reporters, and legal team that uncovered and exposed decades of abuse. No registration required.

2022 Fresh Check Day at UConn Avery Point

Tuesday, April 14 // 11am - 1pm

UConn Avery Point

Event contact: Jessica Musgrove

(860) 208-0236

Please join the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut for UConn Avery Point's second Fresh Check Day; a fun event with interactive booths, free food, and awesome prizes!

UConn - Take Back the Night

April 20 // 7 - 10 pm

University of Connecticut

Contact SACCEC for more details.

Rosie McMahan Live Discussion

April 21 // 10 - 11 am

Virtual Event

Register:

<https://www.therowancenter.org/events/rosiemcmahan>

Tune in to hear from author and survivor Rosie McMahan. In her book, *Fortunate Daughter*, McMahan recounts the trauma she experienced as a young girl—and the long road she traveled to healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Her story is raw, honest, and powerful, and we are honored for her to share it with us.

Paint Night with Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Connecticut

April 22 // 6 - 8 pm

Tunk City Revival, 100 Main Street, Danielson, CT 06239

Fee: \$30

Contact SACCEC for registration link and for the most up-to-date details.

10th Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

April 23rd // 8am

Fairfield Train Station (Mill Plain Road). Walk ends at Town Hall

Fee: \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, FREE for Children 10 and under

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/cfjwam2022>
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Contact Person:

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aposila@centerforfamilyjustice.org

(203) 334-6154 ext. 114



Join Center for Family Justice in celebrating their 10-year anniversary of Walk a Mile! Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® (WAM) is a fun and engaging community awareness event that serves the engage men and boys to take the first step (pun intended) to end violence against women and girls during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Funds raised from the walk will support Elizabeth M. Pfriem Camp HOPE America - Bridgeport, CFJ's evidence-based summer camp and year-long engagement and mentoring program for young people ages 7-17 who have experienced the trauma of domestic and/or sexual violence. "Walk a Mile" to help a camper hike a mile this summer!

SYJ Beach Yoga by Saraswati Yoga

April 24 // 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
The Meadow at Weed Beach
155 Nearwater Lane, Darien, CT

Re-center yourself and enjoy calming yoga on the beach, provided by Saraswati Yoga. Join the flow from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., then stick around for coffee and conversation from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Remember to bring your own yoga mat, water, and props.

Space is limited, so please register for this event by emailing info@syjyoga.com or calling 203.838.2725.

The Rape Crisis Center presents: Walk A Mile In Her Shoes!

April 24 //
Lisman Landing, Milford CT
12pm - Registration
1pm - Walk
2:30pm - Afterparty!

Register: <https://go.rallyup.com/rccwalk22>
or www.rapecrisiscenterofmilford.org

Event contact: Stephanie Chandler
203-874-8712 or
stephanie@rapecrisiscenterofmilford.org

Put Yourself In Her Shoes! Each year, an ever-increasing number of men, women and their families are joining the award-winning Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence.

A Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® Event is a playful opportunity for men to raise awareness in their community about the serious causes, effects and remediations to men's sexualized violence against women. (www.walkamileinhershoes.org).

Walkers will be able to register online and collect donations until 8:00am that day!

When you register, you will have the opportunity to create your very own fundraising page for yourself or your team. If you are interested in our sponsorship opportunities or have any other questions, please email stephanie@rapecrisiscenterofmilford.org.



UConn Sexual Health & Wellness

Wednesday, April 25 // 1 - 5 pm
University of Connecticut

Contact SACCEC for more details.

Take Back the Night at Albertus Magnus College

April 25 //
University of Hartford

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

Out of the Shadows 2022 - Dinner and Silent Auction

April 27 // 5:30 - 9:00 pm
La Bella Vista -380 Farmwood Road
Waterbury, CT

Fee: \$75

Event contact: Jackie Johnson
(203) 575-0388

This event is Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury's annual dinner and silent auction. Please join SHGW as they present individuals in our community with "The Everyday Hero Award, The Making a Difference Award and The Out of the Shadows Award."

Denim Day

April 27 //
Check social media under hashtags #denimday2022 and #cfjdenimday

Event contact: Katelyn Owens,
kowens@centerforfamilyjustice.org

Agency staff and community partners are invited to wear denim on April 23rd as a way to raise awareness about sexual violence specifically that "there is no excuse and

never an invitation to rape."

We are encouraging community partners to share pictures on their social media as well as send pictures to CFJ so we can also share on social media.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

April 29 // 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Lisman Landing in Milford

This annual event raises funds for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford. Participants are encouraged to wear high heels. Registration is required and can be done onsite. This event is free but donations are encouraged. Food will be provided after the walk.

Documentary Screening: Phoenix Rising

April 29 // Time TBD

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

Wellness Fair

April 30 // 10am - 3pm
YWCA , New Britain

Register:
<https://forms.office.com/r/8tZ4P80ksB>

Contact YWCA - SACS, New Britain for details.

