The Center for Family Justice (Bridgeport) 203-333-2233 hotline 203-334-6154 office

Women's Center of Greater Danbury 203-731-5204 hotline 203-731-5200 office

Women & Families Center (Meriden) 203-235-9297 office (Middletown) 203-344-1474 office (New Haven) 203-235-4444 hotline 203-389-5010 office

Rape Crisis Center of Milford 203-878-1212 hotline 203-874-8712 office

YWCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Services (New Britain) 860-223-1787 hotline 860-225-4681 office (Hartford) 860-547-1022 hotline 860-241-9271 office

The Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education (Stamford) 203-329-2929 hotline 203-348-9346 office

Susan B. Anthony Project (Torrington) 860-482-7133 hotline 860-489-3798 office

Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury 203-753-3613 hotline 203-753-3613 office

Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern Connecticut (Willimantic) 860-456-2789 hotline 860-456-3595 office (New London) 860-437-7766 hotline 860-442-0604 office

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Preserve Funding for Sexual Assault Crisis Services

Protect the Rape Crisis funding in the Department of Public Health budget which supports the vital work of our nine community-based sexual assault crisis services programs. This work includes a statewide 24-hour hotline, hospital and court accompaniments, support groups, and crisis counseling for survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. Sexual assault crisis services are the only programs in Connecticut that specialize in both the counseling and advocacy needs of sexual assault survivors and their loved ones.

Improve the Response to Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Children who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation need support and services, not arrest. Change Connecticut statute to ensure that all minors under the age of 18 are treated as victims of commercial sexual exploitation and increase penalties for individuals who patronize prostitutes.

Provide Security for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Violence

Take advantage of increased federal dollars through the Rape Survivor Child Custody Act which offers increased Violence Against Women funding for states that restrict the rights of rapists to claim custody over a child conceived as a result of the rape, providing key protections to sexual assault survivors and their children.

Ensure Justice for Victims and Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

Support the recommendations of the Governor's Victims' Rights Enforcement Advisory Commission report, including removal of the statute of limitation in child sexual assault cases and development of a statewide taskforce to adopt best practice for the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases.

Adopt an Affirmative Consent Policies for all Colleges & Universities

Codify current practices of using an affirmative consent standard with regard to sexual assault in student conduct codes and to ensure that students and faculty are educated on the expectation of acquiring affirmative consent: "active, unambiguous and voluntary agreement by a person to engage in sexual activity with another person that is sustained throughout the sexual activity and may be revoked at any time by any person."

Establish a Paid Family Leave Program

As a member of the Connecticut Campaign for Paid Family Leave establish a paid family leave program in the state for workers to take time out of work to care for themselves or family members.

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