



Intimate Partner Violence:

Introduction to Screening and Interventions for
Health Professionals and Community Providers

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Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a **pattern** of abusive behavior in an intimate relationship where one partner tries to **control** and dominate the other. The behavior may be verbally, psychologically, physically or sexually, financially, technologically or legally abusive with the victim left feeling scared, confused, dependent and insecure.

Assaulting, threatening, harassing, strangling, or stalking an intimate partner is a crime in the state of Connecticut

If you need
information or just
someone to talk to

CTSafeConnect
888-774-2900

www.CTSafeConnect.org



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CALL or TEXT 24/7 (888-774-2900)
Yes, you can be anonymous



EMAIL us confidentially
Tell us if it's safe to reply



CHAT NOW in your language
We chat back in yours

What to expect: You are in control

People contact Safe Connect for themselves or someone else they care about. Some have questions about their relationships and just want to talk. We take your lead, offering information, options, and possible outcomes.

While many of us have been in situations similar to yours, you are the expert about you.

- We will always ask if you are in a safe place to talk or message.
- If you are concerned that someone may be monitoring your internet or phone usage, please let us know right away. We can help.
- We will ask you questions. We do this so we can better understand you and what you're going through. Share only what you're comfortable sharing.
- We like to follow-up with you within 48 hours — but will do this only with your permission, and in the way you tell us feels safest.

How to Reach Safe Connect

You decide how to reach us:



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- Chat with us at CTSafeConnect.org



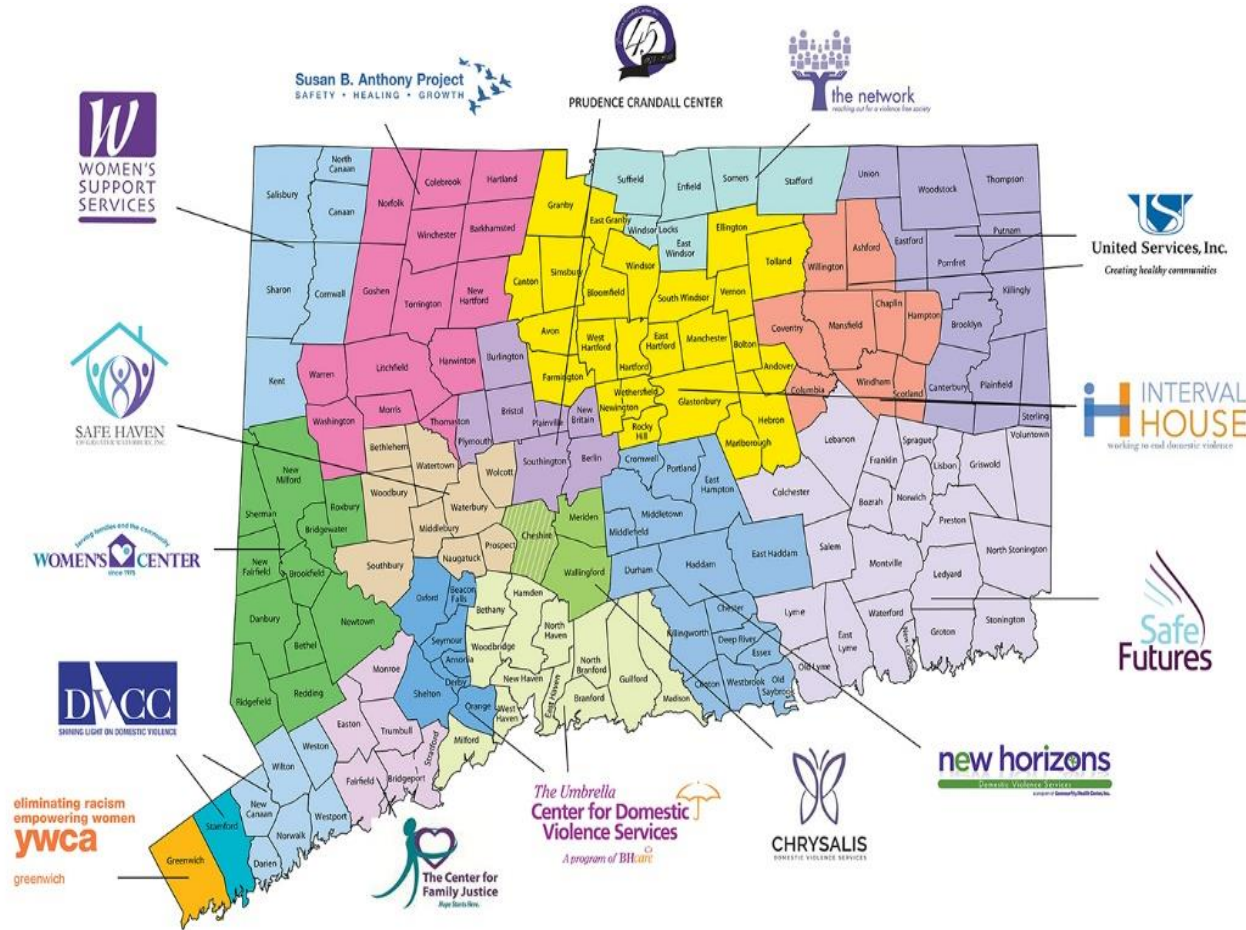
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Domestic Violence Services



Services:

- Counseling
- Support groups
- Emergency shelter
- Court advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Lethality Assessment
- Information & referrals
- Educations & trainings

Connecticut FY20 IPV Statistics

37,223 victim/survivors

- ❖ 30,708 calls received on the hotline
- ❖ 34,224 received court based services
- ❖ 33,452 received individual counseling
- ❖ 2,113 housed in shelter
- ❖ 13 homicides

Nationally

1 in every 4 women, and 1 in 7 men, have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner.



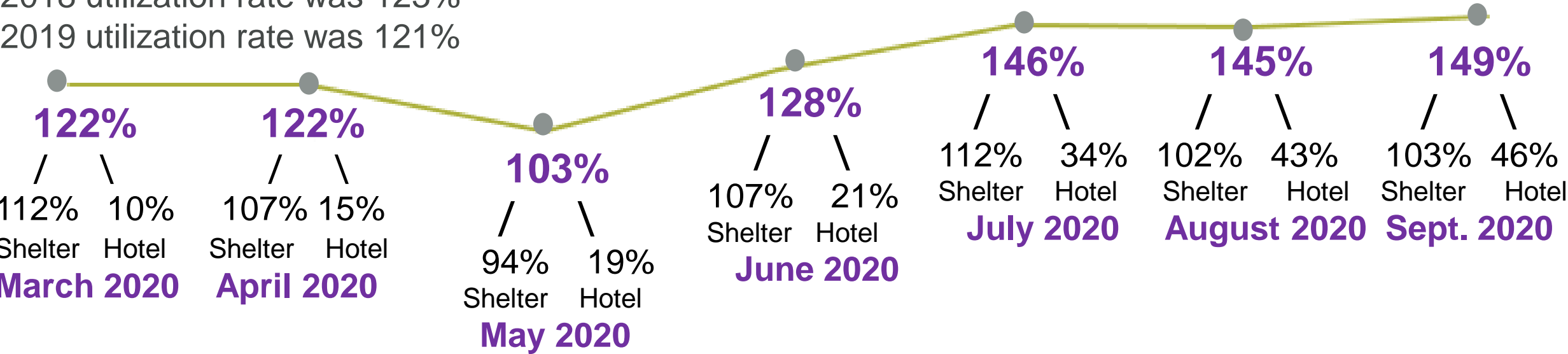
Covid-19

- Contacts to Safe Connect increased month over month. At its height, contacts increased by more than 30% with more than ½ of the contacts reaching out for the first time.
- As the state began to open in June we saw an increase in complexity of cases (and call volume) reflecting:
 - Mental health & repeat callers, severity of violence increasing, complex temporary restraining order (TRO) requests/cases & referrals, increased need/worry about where basic needs

CCADV Shelter Usage:

2018 utilization rate was 123%

2019 utilization rate was 121%



Domestic Violence and Health

- IPV can impact an individual's health and even has health consequences for children who witness abuse.
- Women with a history of IPV had significantly higher healthcare utilization and costs, even after IPV ended. (Hathaway, 2000)
- Research has shown that home visitation programs can make a significant difference in the lives of survivors of violence. (Futures Without Violence)

The costs of intimate partner violence exceed **\$8.3 billion annually.**

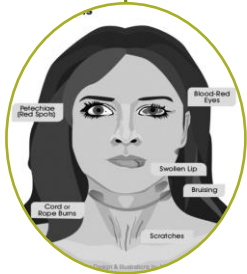
\$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services.

(Max, W, Rice, DP, Finkelstein, E, Bardwell, R, Leadbetter, S. 2004)



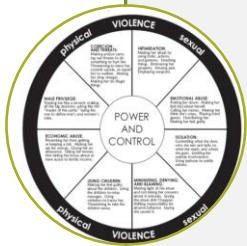
TBI's are sustained in 30-74% of IPV survivors seeking assistance from places like emergency care providers and shelters.

(Trauma Violence Abuse, 2011)



A woman who has suffered a nonfatal strangulation incident with her intimate partner is 750% more likely to be killed by the same perpetrator

(Strangulation Training Institute)



Intimate-partner violence is more prevalent for women in the U.S. than breast cancer and diabetes combined.

(Futures Without Violence, 2017)

Indirect Health Conditions

Abdominal Pain
Anxiety/PTSD/Depression
Asthma
Compromised Immune System
Chest Pain
Chronic Pain
Gastrointestinal Issues
Heart Disease
Pregnancy Challenges
Sexually Transmitted Infections
Sleep Disturbances
Substance Use





Role of Health & Community Providers

Education Every Time

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Screening Process



Education Every Time

With increased isolation & stress due to COVID-19...

- We have started talking about intimate partner violence with all of our patients & families because it can have such serious impacts on overall health.
- We want to let you know that Connecticut has a 24/7 IPV hotline, called Safe Connect.
- Safe Connect Advocates understand complicated relationships and all services are free, safe, confidential and voluntary.
- If you, or anyone you know, might benefit from these resources you can call 888.774.2900, or email & live chat with an advocate at www.CTSafeConnect.org



Easy script to
implement with ALL
patients.
Virtually or in person



Collaborations

- Health Professional trainings available for credits. http://www.ctcadv.org/files/5115/9499/5962/Training_Available_flyer_7.20.pdf
- Purple Ribbon Project & IPV Ambassadors

CCADV Resources

www.ctcadv.org
[English Tear Offs & Spanish](#) Tear Offs
[Posters](#)
[Telehealth Script](#) & [Toolkit](#)
[CCADV Facebook](#)
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National Resources

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

Thank You!

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