



### DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.<sup>1</sup> **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.<sup>2</sup>
- ◇ An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.<sup>3</sup>
  - ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.<sup>4</sup>
  - ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.<sup>5</sup>
  - ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.<sup>6</sup>

### CHALLENGES

- Domestic violence programs in Connecticut receive minimal funding, with the average program receiving only \$30 per victim per day to provide emergency shelter and support services. Victims of domestic violence need assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Domestic violence programs are in need of more funding to provide comfort and support to victims immediately after they are abused.<sup>7</sup>

### STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

*"In the last fiscal year we have turned away 540 people due to a lack of beds."*

- Director of Public Affairs,  
 Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

*"[Last year] 977 women and 949 children stayed in our emergency shelters because they were in serious physical danger and had no other safe options."*

-Staff, Connecticut Coalition  
 Against Domestic Violence

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN CONNECTICUT

- There were 20,102 reported cases of domestic violence in 2005.<sup>8</sup>
- Children were involved or present in 40% of the 20,102 incidents.<sup>8</sup>
- 49% of domestic violence offenders were arrested in 2005.<sup>8</sup>
- 75% of the 17,928 domestic violence victims were female in 2005.<sup>8</sup>
- There were 25 deaths due to domestic violence, including 7 murder/suicides in 2005.<sup>9</sup>
- 702 forcible rapes were reported in Connecticut in 2005.<sup>10</sup>
- From July 2006 to June 2007, the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence's 18 shelter programs provided services to 53,006 domestic violence victims.<sup>11</sup>

### STATE RESOURCES

#### The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence<sup>12</sup>

[www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org)

- ◇ The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is a statewide network of community based programs providing shelter, support and advocacy to battered women and their children. Through CCADV, the following services are available: Program Coordination and Skills Training, Public Policy Advocacy, a Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline, Education and Training, Public Awareness, a Resource Library and Funding.

#### The Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services<sup>13</sup>

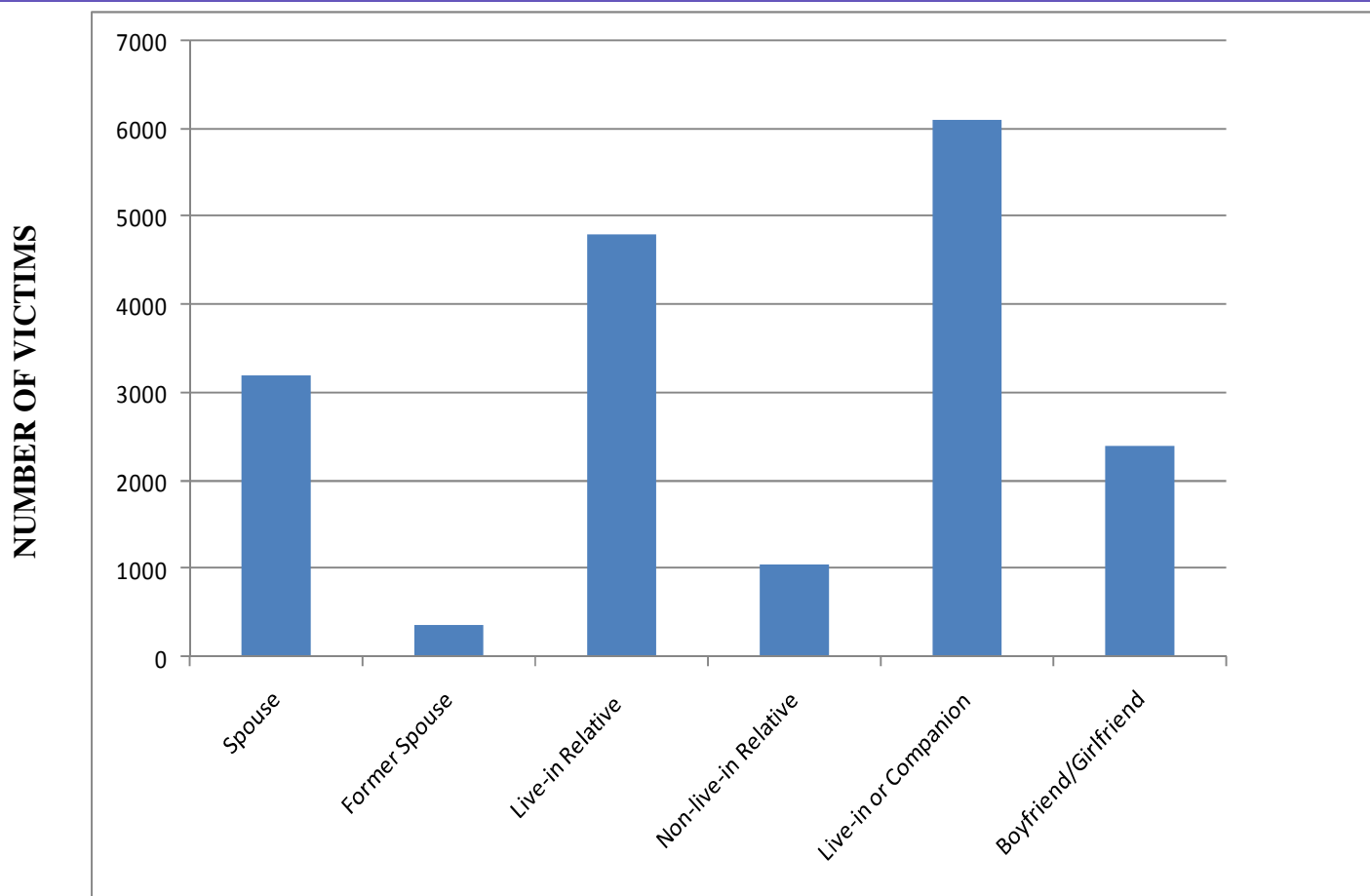
[www.connsacs.org](http://www.connsacs.org)

- ◇ The Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services (CONNSACS) is a coalition of nine Connecticut-based sexual assault crisis programs. Through public policy advocacy, education, community outreach, and victim assistance, CONNSACS works to eliminate sexual violence in Connecticut and ensure quality services for sexual assault victims.

For more information or to get help, please contact the  
**Connecticut Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-888-774-2900**

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE  
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

## FAMILY VIOLENCE OFFENSE BREAKDOWN BY RELATIONSHIP<sup>8</sup>



### RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM

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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Every Home A Safe Home

The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic

Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.