

How is COVID-19 affecting victims of interpersonal violence?

Fear, anxiety, grief, uncertainty, and isolation are just some of the feelings that our world is facing today amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Our new shared reality has dramatically affected how we live, how we work, how we care for ourselves and our loved ones, how we communicate with one another, and how we look toward the future.

These are the same feelings that victims of interpersonal violence experience **every single day**. And, with the onset of this virus, those feelings are only heightened.

It is often difficult to share, in order to create empathy and understanding, the ways in which victims experience interpersonal violence. Strangely enough, this virus, a public health crisis, not unlike interpersonal violence, links us to a greater understanding.

How is COVID-19 affecting Susan B. Anthony Project?

Even though the past two weeks have taxed everyone's daily lives in ways that might have been unimaginable just a month ago, we, at Susan B. Anthony Project have organized quickly to comply with the safety of all in our service and in our community. We continue to provide 24-7 services via our hotline, in our residential programs with advocates on site, for counseling services via phone, email and text, and in court for criminal protective orders and civil restraining order hearings.

Not surprisingly, this virus has had great impact on our financial health. While we continue to offer services, the need for adequate funding is a constant concern. As we work to regain level financial footing as we address the income losses related to our postponed events, ***we need your help today to support our victim services now and in the near future.***

How can you help?

- Share these resources widely to let victims know that help is still available.
- Reach out to friends and family who may need support during these difficult times.
- [Give](#) as generously as you can to support victim services.

What other type of donation is SBAP accepting right now?

At this time, the only donations that we are able to accept due to the spread of COVID-19 and the potential exposure to donors, staff, and clients are monetary and gift card donations. Monetary donations can be made through our website at www.sbaproject.org or by mail. Gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations, hotels, and restaurants in increments of \$20 or less can be mailed to 179 Water Street, Torrington, CT 06790.

The following hotlines are available 24/7 to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Susan B. Anthony Project

24 Hour Crisis Line: (860) 482-7133

The Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Statewide 24 Hour Toll Free Hotline:

(888) 999-5545 (English)

(888) 568-8332 (Español)

CCADV (Connecticut Coalition to End Domestic Violence)

CT Safe Connect: (888) 774-2900

Below is a list of resources where you can learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Futures Without Violence

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

National Domestic Violence Hotline

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

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

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

NCADV (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

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

NNEDV (National Network to End Domestic Violence)

<https://nnev.org/>

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