



# Safe Futures

## HISTORY AT A GLANCE

**1976** Safe Futures was originally established as the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut Inc. by eight local women to be an information, referral, and rape crisis hotline for women.



**1978** Genesis House opened with 15 beds as an emergency shelter for victims.



**1991** Phoenix House, the first domestic violence transitional living program in Connecticut, opened with nine transitional living apartments.



**1992** The organization established the "Violence is Preventable" (VIP) school-based community education program.

**1996** The organization partnered with local courts, law enforcement, and organizations to form a team approach to address domestic violence pre and post-conviction.



**2004** The organization partnered with the Norwich Police Department as part of Victim Advocate Law Enforcement pilot program.

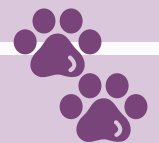
**2007** The organization became the first domestic violence agency in Connecticut to develop a permanent supportive housing program that provides intensive case management to chronically homeless families affected by trauma in collaboration with Corporation for Independent Living.



**2012** The organization changed its name to Safe Futures to better reflect those being served by the agency.

**2016** Safe Futures expands the transitional living program to include scattered-sites, and all of New London County police departments participate in Lethality Assessment Program.

**2017** Safe Futures celebrates their 40th Anniversary with a 4K Walk. The organization welcomes a new Executive Director, adopts therapy dog, Luna, and forms the Strangulation Training Team with local experts.



**2018** Safe Futures is recognized as the first domestic violence shelter in Connecticut to accept victims with pets and adopts working cats, Jack and Jill. Safe Futures hosts the first Candlelight Vigil.

**2019** Safe Futures acquires Katie Blair House and Flora O'Neil Apartments, and is generously gifted a property from the Clarke Keenan Family, helping Safe Futures realize the vision of creating a Family Justice Center.



**2020** Safe Futures hosts a Family Justice Center Model Strategic Planning Conference, then overcomes the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with the Annual 4K Walk and Camp HOPE held virtually.

**Future** Safe Futures will become "The Center for Safe Futures" following the family justice center model of operation.

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