



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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