

Domestic Violence and Interval House Timeline

DATE	EVENT	COMMENTS
1971	Erin Pizzey open Chiswick Women's Aid, Battered Wives Center in London.	First shelter for battered women
1973	Nancy Kirk-Gormley forms Pennsylvania NOW State Task Force on Household Violence.	
1974	Erin Pizzey writes <i>Scream Quietly or the Neighbors Will Hear</i> .	First book published on domestic violence
May 1974	Rape Crisis Hotline started at YWCA (later Sexual Assault Crisis Center – SACC, now Sexual Assault Crisis Service).	Calls were received from <i>battered</i> women, in addition to victims of sexual assault
1975	NOW forms National Task Force on Battered Women/ Household Violence.	
1976	International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women held in Brussels.	
Spring 1976	Grant written to evaluate SACS Hotline.	Abused women also calling SACS hotline
Fall 1976	Connecticut Task Force on Battered Women was convened.	
Fall 1976	Asylum Hill Congregational Church allocates funds for needed projects .	This recognized the need for services for battered women
Nov. 1976	First meeting of women who will become IH Board; Alice Kugelman, Mariana Wagoner, Grace Einsel, Betsy Karl, Betty Gallo.	Founding Mothers of Interval House
1977	First battered women's support group forms in Manchester – later called Womenshare and led by Cecile Enrico.	Grassroots movement begun by women from Al Anon group
Jan. 1977	A SACS questionnaire about battering elicits responses from two women and drew the attention of local radio celebrity.	Information first broadcast by Brad Davis on his popular rock & roll program
Jan. 1977	Battered Women Support Services organized in part to provide services to women answering Task Force questionnaire.	Professionals and volunteers begin counseling battered women by telephone
Feb.1977	HARTFORD INTERVAL HOUSE INCORPORATED.	A debate begins regarding having men represented on the newly formed Board of Directors
Fall 1977	Volunteers from BWSS, Womenshare join HIH board of directors.	
Oct.1977	Vote to merge HIH board, BWSS and Womenshare as Hartford	

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Oct.1977	Passage of legislation establishing Restraining Orders for wives against abusive husbands	Cecile Enrico testified along with many others.
Nov. 1977	Grant from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to open shelter.	
Feb. 1978	HHH staff hired with CETA money.	Very diverse – racially, sexual orientation, formerly battered
Apr. 1978	Shelter opened at 10 Irving Street, later moved to Capen Street.	
Sept. 1978	Move to Seymour Street.	
Sept. 1979	HHH joins National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).	
Dec. 1979	HHH becomes a United Way agency.	
Sept. 1980	Move back to Capen Street while current location renovated.	Fourth move
Sept. 1981	First Day of Unity Held (national observance). To mourn those who have suffered and died, rejoice with and celebrate those who have escaped and survived and thank all who have worked to end violence against all people. Later the month of October became Domestic Violence Awareness Month.	
Mar. 1982	First male volunteer trained.	
Fall 1982	HHH moves into present location.	
June 1983	Attacked by her husband, Tracy Thurman sues city of Torrington.	
June 1983	My Sister's Place opens (homeless women's shelter).	
1985	First US woman to sue police in federal court on grounds they failed to stop her husband from assaulting her.	Landmark Tracey Thurman wins her lawsuit
1985	Cecile Enrico, Executive Director honored at the White House by President Reagan for outstanding service to victims of crime.	

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1986	Domestic Violence Prevention and Response Act(DVPR Act) passed by state legislature.	One of most comprehensive pieces of DV legislation in the nation (mandatory arrest, Victim Advocates in court, police training)
1986	CT Task force on Battered women became incorporated and changed its name to CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence.	
Feb. 1987	HIH hired first Family Violence Victim Advocate to work in GA14 Hartford Criminal Court. This came out of the DVPR Act.	HIH had always provided advocacy in the court since its inception
1988	UConn Law school start a program with Interval House to provide legal services to victims	
1989	Received a 3 year grant to provide a first of its kind programs for victims, abusers, and couples.	Did not continue passed 3years for lack of funding
1991	Womenshare begins meeting again in Manchester after the original group moved to Hartford.	
May 1990	The first Spanish Womenshare began.	
1992	Surgeon General ranks abuse by husband to be the leading cause of injury to women ages 15-44.	
Oct. 1992	West Hartford Womenshare began.	
1992	CT establishes its 1 st stalking law.	
Feb. 1994	Domestic Violence Intervention Services (Manchester satellite office) opens.	Hotline, support group, counseling, information & referrals for victims of DV in 11 towns east of the river
Spring Summer 1994	Major renovations to shelter (move back in January 1995) Moved shelter temporarily to brownstone building at Hartford Hospital. Administrative offices moved to IHE.	Lead paint abatement; elevator installed; new sprinkler, phone and alarm systems; new kitchen, use of the third floor.
1994	O.J. Simpson arrested for murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman.	1995 Acquitted in the murders of NBS and RG 1997 found liable for deaths of NBS and RG. \$33.7 judgment (unpaid to date).
1994	Three men appointed to the Board of Directors.	First time male representation
1994	Violence Against Women Act passed by US Congress.	
1995	Baby Emily is murdered at the hands of her mother's boyfriend. Gov. Rowland establishes an independent commission to review the	The 1 st protocol to integrate domestic violence into DCF risk

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	case. Cecile Enrico is appointed to the commission. The commission makes a number of recommendations.	assessments is developed
1996	The Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 makes it a felony for those convicted of misdemeanor or felony crimes of domestic violence to have access to carry, and/or possess a firearm and / or ammunition.	Amendment applies to civilians, law enforcement and those enlisted in the armed services
1997	First man hired to work full time at IH	Children's Community Educator
1997	IH and Manchester Police Department receive a grant from Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to form a partnership. The Domestic Violence Outreach Team (DVOT) is formed. An IH advocate is housed full time at MPD headquarters and is paired with a DV officer.	DVOT is the longest running DV Law Enforcement / Advocacy partnerships CT.
1998	An Act establishing Standing Criminal Restraining Orders (SCRO) is passed in CT. Violation constitutes a felony charge Judges may issue orders that remain in effect long term – until they are altered or revoked by the court.	
1998	First Part time fund raiser and grant writer hired	
1999	Opened a satellite office in Avon, Interval House West	Now located in Simsbury
Dec.1999	Interval House became the trade name for Hartford Interval House	
2002	West Hartford Court GA 16 closes.	All GA16 Family Violence cases go to Hartford court
2003	An Act Concerning full Faith and Credit for foreign Orders of Protection. Requires courts to give FF&C to all valid U.S. orders of protection and courts and LE to enforce them as state orders	
2003	An Act Concerning Address Confidentiality Program (PA 03-200)	Establishes an address confidentiality program within the Secretary of State's office
2007	Legislation allowing courts to include pets to be included as protected parties on restraining orders and protective orders is passed.	CT is one of 10 states to date (as of 2009)
2007	An Act Concerning Domestic Violence modified to include Conditions of Release (COR) that establishes release procedures for police officers to follow when someone is arrested for committing a family violence crime. Officers may set non-financial conditions of release and arrest those who violate those conditions.	Conditions of release work like a temporary Protective order and are valid until the suspect is arraigned in court.
Aug. 2008	Bought Interval House building from the city of Hartford.	
2008	Interval House collaborates with Day Pitney law firm to provide legal services to victims of domestic violence.	
Sept. 2009	Men Make a Difference, Men Against Domestic Violence campaign launched by IH with Attorney General Richard Blumenthal as its chairperson and a Founding Father.	Prominent men from Hartford area use their time, talent and experience to help promote awareness of DV and Interval House.