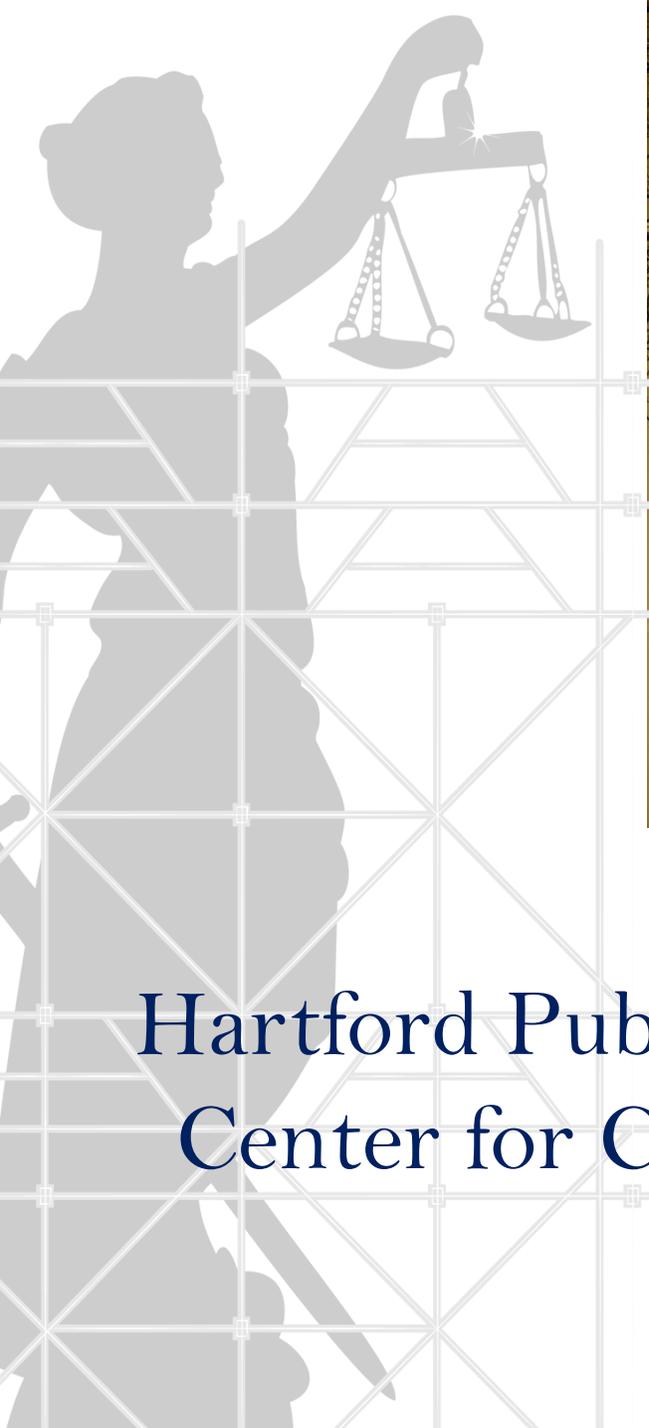


*National Crime Victims' Rights Week
April 9, 2014
Past, Present, Future
30 years Restoring the Balance of Justice*



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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

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WHEREAS, when one man, woman, or child in Connecticut is harmed by crime, all Connecticut citizens are touched by the devastating results; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut is on the forefront in ensuring that the voices of victims play a central role in our state's response to violence and those victimized by crime; and

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WHEREAS, crime victims, their advocates, the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch's Office of Victim Services and nonprofit victim assistance organizations in Connecticut are a significant force for positive changes that have resulted in improved victims' rights and services, and laws that truly promote justice for all; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 6-12, 2014, and throughout the year, the myriad of good deeds and important work of crime victims and their advocates deserve our state's recognition and respect; and

WHEREAS, during the week of April 6-12, 2014, and throughout the year, our state joins together to recognize and honor National Crime Victims' Rights Week; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2014 as

CONNECTICUT CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
in the State of Connecticut and encourage all our citizens to recognize those who bring dignity and respect to victims of crime.



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“My passion stems not only from past history and experience, but from the look I see on a Client’s face when I make a difference. Making change in the lives of those who struggle for happiness is the best part of my career.”

-Sasha Collins, Integrated Family Violence Case Manager/Advocate, The Center for Family Justice, 1.3 years



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Art Contest Finalists



Garvin G. Ambrose, State Victim Advocate



Special Guest MC: Louisa Moller









Panel Discussion











