

Verizon Wireless Partners with Statewide Coalitions Throughout New England to Raise Awareness of Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence
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Radio Public Service Announcements Spotlight Statewide Crisis Hotlines and Cell Phone Recycling Opportunities

[Verizon Wireless](#) announced today they have partnered with statewide coalitions across New England to produce Public Service Announcements highlighting resources and toll-free hotlines for victims of domestic violence. The hotlines provide crisis support, information and referrals. Partners include:

- [Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) (CCADV), Wethersfield, CT;
- [Jane Doe, Inc.](#), Boston, MA;
- [Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence](#) (MCEDV), Augusta, ME;
- [New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#), Concord, NH;
- [Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) (RICADV), Warwick, RI; and
- [Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#), Montpelier, VT.

The awareness campaign also informs communities about how they can support domestic violence survivors through cell phone recycling. With funds generated by recycling cell phones, batteries and accessories contributed by the community, Verizon Wireless' [HopeLine®](#) program donates new phones, free airtime and financial grants to domestic violence agencies in New England and across the United States. In 2011, HopeLine provided \$145,000 in cash grants, 2,800 phones and eight million minutes to local domestic violence agencies throughout New England. HopeLine phones provide victims of domestic violence a lifeline to law enforcement, advocates, employers, landlords and loved ones.

"By partnering with all six New England-based coalitions to produce these Public Service Announcements, we aim to shine a brighter light on the resources available to victims of domestic violence," commented Christine Berberich, New England Region President for Verizon Wireless. "We're very grateful to the New Englanders who recycle through HopeLine – together we're providing a confidential means for victims to stay in touch with their support systems through extraordinarily difficult times."

Listing of Statewide Hotlines for Support of Victims of Domestic Violence

- Connecticut: 1-888-774-2900
- Maine: 1-866-83-4HELP
- Massachusetts: 1-877-785-2020
- New Hampshire: 1-866-644-3574
- Rhode Island: 1-800-494-8100
- Vermont: 1-800-228-7395

Additionally, by dialing #HOPE from any Verizon Wireless phone, victims of domestic violence are able to access professional support quickly and confidentially. The toll- and airtime-free call is routed to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE).

Each year, Verizon Wireless partners with [local non-profit organizations](#) in the New England region that support victims of domestic violence. In 2011, HopeLine supported community programs including: therapy for childhood victims of trauma, 24-hour emergency hotlines, court advocates, teen dating violence prevention, education and transitional housing support.

Verizon was the first wireless carrier in the nation to collect and recycle old cell phones, and has done so on behalf of survivors of domestic violence since January 1999. Since 2001, HopeLine has collected more than

eight million phones, properly disposed of 1.7 million no-longer-used wireless phones, and kept more than 210 tons of electronic waste and batteries out of landfills.

To learn more about HopeLine from Verizon, please visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

About Verizon Wireless

Verizon Wireless operates the nation's largest 4G LTE network and largest, most reliable 3G network. The company serves nearly 96 million retail customers, including 90.4 million retail postpaid customers. Headquartered in Basking Ridge, N.J., with more than 75,000 employees nationwide, Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications (NYSE, NASDAQ: VZ) and Vodafone (LSE, NASDAQ: VOD). For more information, visit www.verizonwireless.com. To preview and request broadcast-quality video footage and high-resolution stills of Verizon Wireless operations, log on to the Verizon Wireless Multimedia Library at www.verizonwireless.com/multimedia.

About the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence ("CCADV") is the state's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those who serve them. CCADV and its 18 member agencies – which help 54,000 victims annually – works to strengthen Connecticut's response to victims through strong policy, intervention, prevention and public awareness initiatives.

About Jane Doe, Inc.

Jane Doe, Inc. (JDI) is a coalition of 60 local member programs in Massachusetts working together with allies to find lasting solutions that promote the safety, liberty, and dignity for victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence. JDI works for social change to help create a world free of violence and abuse.

About the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence

The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) is a statewide network committed to creating and encouraging a social, political, and economic environment in which domestic violence no longer exists, and ensuring that all people affected by domestic abuse and violence are supported and that batterers are held accountable. MCEDV mobilizes and coordinates community action through a statewide network of domestic violence projects. Through these partnerships, they focus their resources on public policy, education, and systems advocacy.

About the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV) is a statewide network committed to ending sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking. The NHCADSV and its 14 member programs do not discriminate based on gender, age, health status (including HIV-positive), physical, mental, or emotional ability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, socio-economic status, race, national origin, immigration status, or religious or political affiliation. Online at www.nhcadsv.org.

About the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The purpose of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island. Their mission is to support and enhance the work of member agencies, and to provide leadership on the issue of domestic violence.

About the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

As the statewide leader of the movement to end domestic and sexual violence, the Vermont Network is the collective voice for social change on behalf of domestic and sexual violence survivors.

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