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The State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch-Court Support Services Division has a historical and strong current working relationship with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV). This includes consultation with CCADV in regards to collaboration with grant initiatives and the resulting implementation efforts. All professional endeavors have the goal of enhanced safety, confidentiality and economic independence for victims. In addition, the Judicial Branch and CCADV staff work together on a daily basis in the Adult Criminal Court when assessing the 29,000 domestic violence arrests in Connecticut each year. This includes numerous trainings and other planned activities concerning Connecticut's response to domestic violence cases. One example is the on-going Domestic Violence Docket planning committee that meets monthly to discuss best practice in terms of running a domestic violence docket with the goal of offender accountability and victim safety. CCADV is a strong member of this team and contributes significantly to the oversight of this important strategy regarding the handling of domestic violence cases.

CCADV has always sought and encouraged the participation of the Judicial Branch in the work of the coalition. This begins with regular and on-going communication with the Judicial Branch- Court Support Services Division (CSSD). CSSD has been invited to trainings and meetings regarding CCADV initiatives. In a spirit of collaboration, CSSD has provided training and other information regarding their services to CCADV and their victim advocates.

The Judicial Branch- Court Support Services Division is proud of the relationship it has with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The leadership of CCADV has set the stage for this collaborative effort and it is anticipated that the relationship will continue to be mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen R. Grant".

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