

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA) of Southern CT, Inc.

The **mission** of the organization is to provide education, screening, counseling and support services to persons with sickle cell disease and trait.

The SCDAA of Southern CT was founded in 1985. We have recently expanded our service area by the addition of an office in New Haven. We are a non-profit 501(C)3 organization that is committed to patients and their families living with sickle cell disease in CT. Our **primary goals** are prevention, education and optimizing the quality of life for individuals and families affected by sickle cell disorders.

What is Sickle Cell Disease?

- Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is an inherited blood disorder.
- Approximately 100,000 Americans have sickle cell disease and more than 2.5 million Americans have the sickle cell trait, meaning they carry one copy of the gene for the disease.
- Normal blood cells are smooth and doughnut-shaped, and move easily through blood vessels.
- Individuals with sickle cell disease their blood cells become curved or "sickle" shape, hard, and sticky blocking blood flow and causing damage to organs resulting in disability and premature death.

PAIN is the most common symptom and the reason people often seek emergency medical treatment.



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SCDAA of Southern CT

28th Annual Walk &

James Barber 5K Run

East Rock Park

New Haven Connecticut

September 28, 2019

(Rain or Shine)

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Increase SCD Awareness

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM Warm Up

9:00 AM Kick-Off

11:00 AM Post Run/Walk Celebration
& Free Entertainment

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