

Supporting the Mission

VISION

That the State of Ohio will be free of sexual violence.

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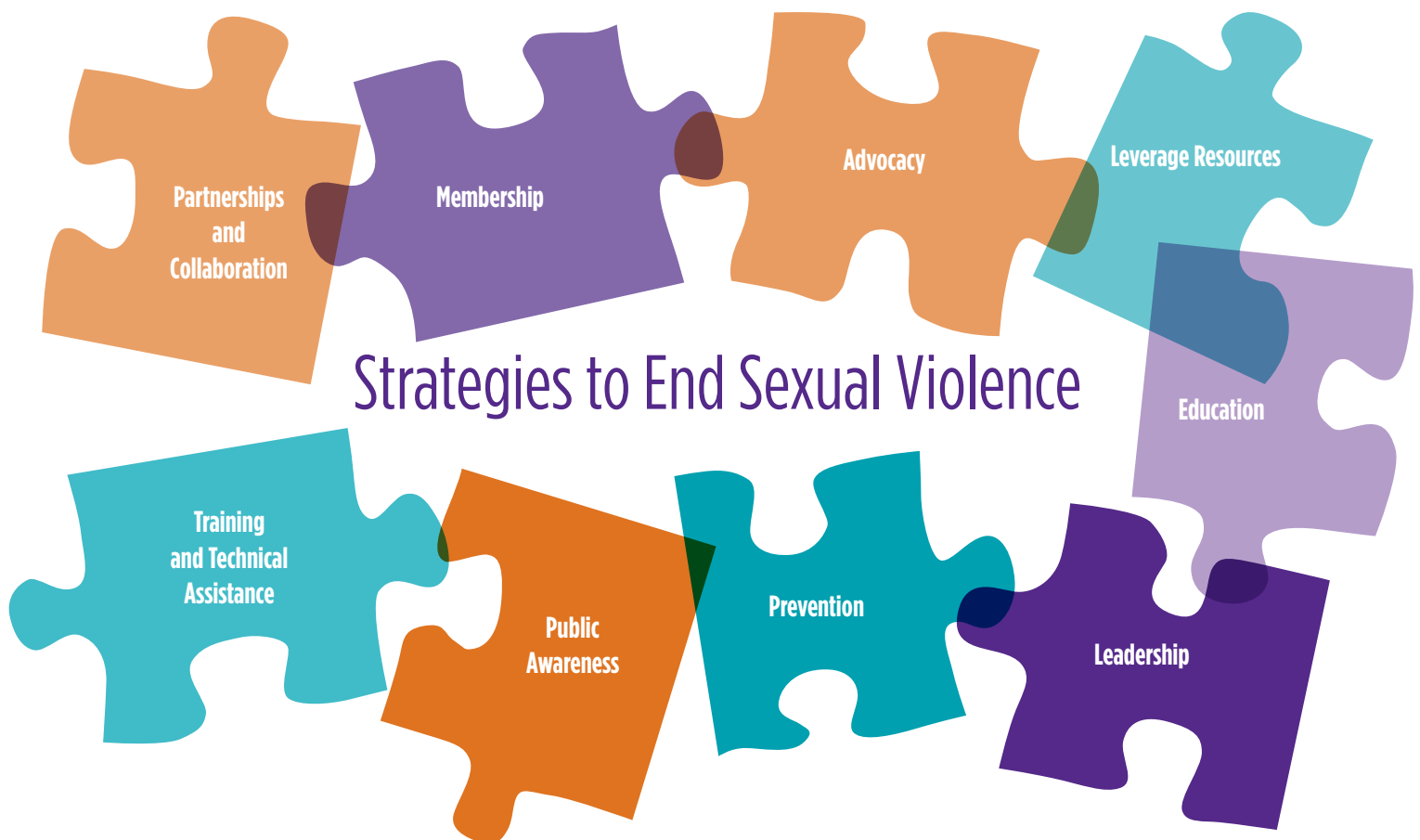
As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors, and empowers communities to prevent sexual violence.

APPROACH

The work of OAESV is guided by the voices of its members, individuals committed to ending sexual violence, and most importantly, by survivors and those working on their behalf. To further social change around issues pertaining to sexual violence, the coalition takes a dynamic role using a variety of strategies to accomplish its mission.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES

- End isolation of survivors and agencies working on their behalf.
- Improve services and responses to survivors and all those impacted by sexual violence.
- Increase public awareness about sexual violence.
- Inform and shape public policy.
- End sexual violence.



Goal 1

Ensure OAESV is an Effective and Sustainable Organization

OAESV must be organized and sufficiently resourced to carry out its mission. It must be a trusted resource on sexual violence for the State of Ohio and have the capacity to address the needs of its constituents.

Objective 1.1	Conduct Outreach
Objective 1.2	Acquire and Maintain Funding
Objective 1.3	Demonstrate Excellent Board Governance
Objective 1.4	Build a Strong Internal Governance Framework
Objective 1.5	Create and Maintain a Staffing Structure
Objective 1.6	Build and Maintain a Strong Membership Base
Objective 1.7	Institutionalize a Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

Some of the activities under this goal are to:

- Issue an annual report that highlights accomplishments and goals of OAESV.
- Host regional and statewide trainings and meetings.
- Develop talking points about the role and responsibilities of a state coalition.
- Use social media to circulate public policy action alerts, current news, events, and general information about rape and services for survivors.
- Establish a greater presence in Columbus by having a dedicated office space.
- Continue to diversify funding, including the hosting of an annual signature event.
- Co-lead the Women of Color Caucus training/network.
- Actively recruit diverse staff, board members, interns, and volunteers to ensure that the coalition represents its constituents and holds to its values.
- Hold an annual membership drive and host membership-specific meetings.
- Increase the number of materials that are available in languages other than English, including translating the OAESV website into Spanish.
- Develop partnerships with culturally-specific organizations.

Goal 2

Serve as a Trusted Expert and Collective Voice on Sexual Violence

As a statewide coalition, OAESV represents a collective voice promoting change in public policy and advocating for quality services for survivors, including the sustenance and growth of rape crisis centers across the State of Ohio.

Objective 2.1	Provide Technical Assistance
Objective 2.2	Offer Information, Referrals, and Resources on Sexual Violence
Objective 2.3	Ensure Coordinated and Cohesive Efforts
Objective 2.4	Support Public Policy

Some of the activities under this goal are to:

- Host an annual Advocacy Day and participate in other similar activities.
- Develop a media advocacy resource guide.
- Monitor federal public policy, participate in national advocacy efforts, and make progress in Ohio in addressing rape kit backlogs and the elimination of statute of limitations for rape.
- Create position statements.
- Develop talking points about technical assistance and what types of support members can request.
- Develop online training modules.
- Maintain a resource library and an up-to-date list of services available to survivors around the state.
- Create an Ohio SANE/SART registry.
- Create mechanisms to support bilingual advocates.
- Maintain an online calendar for collaborative scheduling of sexual violence-related events, especially training events.
- Partner with other state sexual assault coalitions, including exploring options for networking and peer-to-peer learning.

Goal 3

Assure that Sexual Assault Survivors and Their Families Are Supported

OAESV seeks to have services and responses across the state that sexual assault survivors and their families experience as accessible, culturally-relevant, and high-quality. This requires consultation and collaboration with survivors, community-based organizations, formal systems and institutions, and other stakeholders engaged in responding to and ending sexual violence.

Objective 3.1	Maintain a Network of Local Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Responders
Objective 3.2	Identify Needs of Survivors
Objective 3.3	Promote Quality, Standardized Services

Some of the activities under this goal are to:

- Seek opportunities to direct funding and resources to geographic areas of Ohio that currently do not have services for survivors.
- Annually, collect input from prevention and intervention specialists to assess needs, including training, resources, and emerging public policy issues.
- Host quarterly rape crisis center director meetings.
- Offer technical assistance and training.
- Hold survivor discussion groups and roundtables and develop a survivor advisory board.
- Maintain a toll-free referral and information line.
- Release revised standards for rape crisis centers and offer training on revised rape crisis standards.
- Develop module on operating support groups.
- Develop SART manual and training.
- Create specific materials for teen survivors and focus on child sexual abuse.
- Provide opportunities to connect and share information without programs having to travel.

Goal 4

Work to Change the Social Conditions that Support the Existence of Sexual Violence

The coalition is part of the effort to create social change and address the social contexts that allow sexual violence and other forms of oppression to persist. This includes prevention programming and confronting societal denial of the impact of sexual violence by providing information and resources to the public and working to end all forms of oppression.

Objective 4.1	Raise Public Awareness
Objective 4.2	Integrate Prevention
Objective 4.3	Achieve Social Change

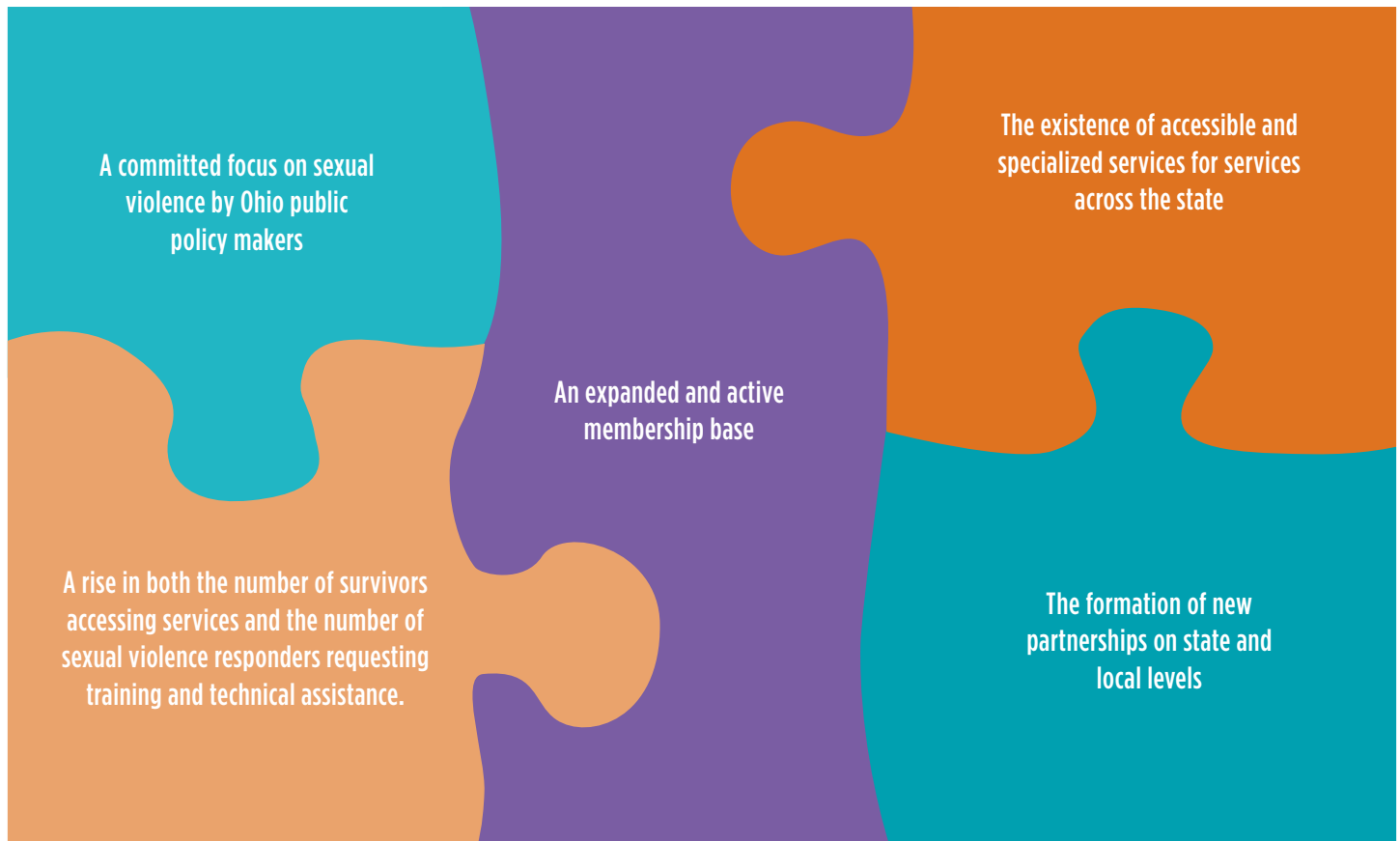
Some of the activities under this goal are to:

- Create new public service announcements.
- Maintain a website that is current, informative, and easy to navigate.
- Initiate a survivors speakers bureau.
- Expand work with system-based prevention partners.
- Hold forums that provide local communities with information about sexual violence and inform OAESV about individual community needs.
- Develop an advanced prevention curriculum.
- Maintain a network of prevention coordinators around the state and hold prevention leadership meetings.
- Expand campus prevention efforts, including working with researchers to examine evidence-based practices.
- Identify conferences on anti-oppression issues and offer workshops on sexual violence.
- Increase the public's and sexual assault field's understanding of the importance of addressing issues of racism, homophobia, able-bodyism and other issues of oppression as it relates to rape culture.
- Develop communication plans and protocols pertaining to monitoring and posting on social media, responding to requests from media outlets, crisis communication, etc.

Effectiveness

Desired Outcomes at End of 2016

Throughout 2015-16, OAESV will focus on a multitude of activities aimed at increasing the coalition's visibility, offering concrete support and training to sexual assault responders and service providers, filling gaps identified in the past two years, and continuing to create a stable and sustainable infrastructure for the organization. If the above activities are accomplished under the goals and objectives, it is projected that the following will occur:



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