December is full of holidays that are special to many, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Omisoka, and more! We want to acknowledge that for many, this is a wonderful time of celebration, but, at the same time, it can be a time of increased risk of violence, dangerous effects of inclement weather, financial distress, and more.

We hope that you--our members and other colleagues and supporters--are able to take care of yourselves in this time and that you can provide the services needed by those in the communities you serve. Consider reading and sharing this article from RAINN, "Strategies for Survivors This Holiday Season".

We wish you a safe and fulfilling holiday season!
Public Policy Priorities

**HOUSE BILL 321, "ERIN'S LAW"**

*Require Age-Appropriate Instruction on Sexual Abuse & Violence*
*Sponsors: Representative Scott Lipps, Representative Brigid Kelly*

Over 42 million child sexual abuse survivors live in the United States, three million of which are still minors. One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys experiences sexual abuse before they turn 18, and only one-third of those children disclose. Perpetrators are able to facilitate abuse because our culture keeps so many of us in the dark about what symptoms sexual abuse produces in children. Approximately 90 percent of children who are sexually abused know their abuser, and 60 percent of those children are abused by someone their family trusts. An additional 30 percent of child victims are abused by a family member. The likelihood that a child who has been sexually abused knows, trusts, or is related to his or her abuser discourages the child from telling anyone about the abuse, often increasing the severity, frequency, and duration of the abuse.

HB 321 would require school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to provide annual, age-appropriate instruction on child sexual abuse for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, and age-appropriate instruction on sexual violence for students in grades seven through twelve. The law would also require the Ohio Department of Education to offer free curricula on these topics on its website, as well as require schools to train employees and provide counseling and resources for student survivors.

**HOUSE BILL 290**

*Revoke Professional License for Criminal Misconduct*
*Sponsors: Representatives Boggs & Crawley*

Prosecutors lack discretion to charge many licensed providers with Gross Sexual Imposition violations. Instead, they may charge such offenders with Sexual Imposition, which carries a much lighter penalty. This bill seeks to prevent future charging difficulties in cases similar to that of Dr. Ryan Smith, who received 60 weekends in jail plus probation for 66 counts of 2907.06 Sexual Imposition against 22 victims ranging in age from 14 to 74.
HOUSE BILL 290 (BOGGS, GALONSKI)
SENATE BILL 162 (O’BRIEN, ANTONIO)
Removes Limits on Prosecuting & Proving Certain Sex Offenses

This bill would eliminate spousal exemptions from Rape, Sexual Battery, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Gross Sexual Imposition, and Importuning, as well as remove the statute of limitations for 2907.02 Rape.

HOUSE BILL 337 (GALONSKI, STEIN)
Provides Privileged Communications for Victim Advocacy Services

SENATE BILL 196 (EKLUND)
Regards Managing Information Related to Sex Crimes

Current law does not protect communications between survivors of sexual violence, human trafficking, stalking, or domestic violence and advocates providing crisis services. Ohio is one of just 14 states without privileged communications in these circumstances. This bill also clarifies mandatory reporting obligations for child abuse in the provision of crisis services, and creates an exemption from the felony reporting statute for advocates serving these survivors, as is customary in the Ohio Revised Code for privilege holders.

ADVOCATES, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please consider taking our four-question survey, meant to gauge current standards as they relate to House Bill 337/Senate Bill 196, otherwise known as the "Advocate Privilege" bill. We are particularly interested in responses from advocates as well as program directors of sexual violence services programs in Ohio. Your answers will be collected and kept confidentially, but results of this survey may be shared publicly.

CLICK TO TAKE THE SURVEY
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More info, sign up for registration or emails visit: [www.oaesv.org/trainings-events](http://www.oaesv.org/trainings-events)
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**July**
- Monthly Webinar 7/01
- AOC/AWA Retreat 7/07 - 08
- Regional Meetings 7/13 - 17
- Offices Closed - Staff Retreat 7/21 - 22
- NW SART Summit 7/23
- NOVA Conference 7/27 - 30
- RPE Evaluation Training 7/30

**August**
- Monthly Webinar 8/05
- WOCC Leadership Summit 8/06 - 07
- RPE Prevention Summit 8/11 - 13
- Campus Task Force Meeting 8/17
- Forum CPO 8/20 - 21
- NE SART Summit 8/27

**September**
- Shine the Light TBD
- National SA Conference 9/2 - 4
- Monthly Webinar 9/09
- RCC Directors Meeting 9/10
- Advanced Advocacy Training 9/16
- Anti-Oppression Committee 9/18
- SE SART Summit 9/24

**October**
- Ready Set Go! HT Focus 10/02
- Advanced Advocacy Training 10/09
- Online Training Institute Begins 10/13
- Monthly Webinar 10/14
- AWA Meeting 10/16
- Excellence in Legal Advocacy 10/19 - 23
- SW SART Summit 10/29

**November**
- WOCC Meeting 11/06
- Campus Task Force Meeting 11/9
- Monthly Webinar 11/11
- RPE Training 11/13
- Fall Training Institute 11/18 - 20

**December**
- AOC Online Meeting 12/02
- RCC Directors Meeting 12/04
- Monthly Webinar 12/09

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MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON ON:

- December First Friday Legislative Update (12/6)
- Ready, Set, Go! Booster Session (January 2020)
- Prevention NARA

Check out our website for updates on new job postings from all throughout our network.

Click the box above, or go to oaesv.org/getinvolved to find out more!
Join Our Community

Become a 2020 OAESV Member

Click to start your registration.

It's time to renew your OAESV memberships! And if you've never been a member before, now is a great time to join.

Expanding rape crisis services. Advocating for policies that affect lasting change. Empowering campuses to prevent sexual violence. OAESV's members are leading the way in eliminating sexual violence in Ohio and beyond. Momentum is building. The time is now!

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence is fighting for your communities, your friends, your family members, your co-workers, and your rights by advocating for more equitable policies related to sexual violence prevention, awareness, and survivors’ rights here in Ohio. We’re committed to:

- Expanding rape crisis services.
- Advocating for policies that affect lasting change.
- Empowering campuses to prevent sexual violence.

By joining us and working together you can help us achieve even more. Our Members are leading the way towards eliminating sexual violence in Ohio and beyond.

OAESV is a membership–based organization that relies on the support of organizations and individuals throughout Ohio. Additionally, OAESV provides the critical component of building bridges of collaboration between direct service providers and allies in order to strengthen the collective voices of those working together toward our shared goal of eliminating sexual violence in Ohio.

Annual membership is open to public and private organizations, government entities, and individuals. OAESV strives for a broad, diverse, and multi-disciplinary membership. Member information will not be shared with third parties.

Benefits for All Members

- Free registration for best-practice advocate, prevention, legal, and social equity trainings
- Access to digital and print resources via the Member Portal on our website as well as the Resource Library
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month packet and materials sent directly to you
- Legislative alerts and notification of special events
- Free or reduced CEU’s at trainings, including the Annual Statewide Conference
- Voice on public policy issues affecting Ohio
- With your permission only, your name listed on the membership list on our website

DON'T MISS OUT!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to receive up–to–date information on upcoming trainings and events!

Thank you for reading!