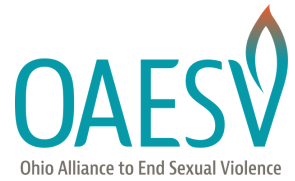




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## *Native American Heritage Month*

November is Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month. We'd like to take this time to point to some very important statistics in relation to these communities as well as to highlight some activists and organizations that are working to address these issues. We stand in solidarity with Native American and Alaska Native communities in addressing the violence that continues to occur at the hands of the state and in connection to the various systems of oppression operating in the United States.

MORE THAN 4 IN 5 AMERICAN  
INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE  
WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED  
VIOLENCE

MORE THAN 1 IN 2 AMERICAN  
INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE  
WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE

ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN CONTINUE TO  
SUFFER THE HIGHEST RATE OF FORCIBLE  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HAVE REPORTED  
RATES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UP TO 10  
TIMES HIGHER THAN IN THE REST OF THE  
UNITED STATES

BY THEIR OWN ACCOUNT, BETWEEN  
2005 AND 2009, U.S. ATTORNEYS  
DECLINED TO PROSECUTE 67% OF THE  
INDIAN COUNTRY MATTERS REFERRED  
TO THEM INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSE AND  
RELATED MATTERS

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[IndianLaw.org](http://IndianLaw.org)

# Public Policy Update

## 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.

# Public Policy Update

## 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.

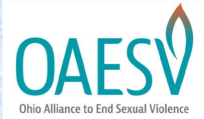
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# Upcoming Trainings & Events

## An Evening of Hope

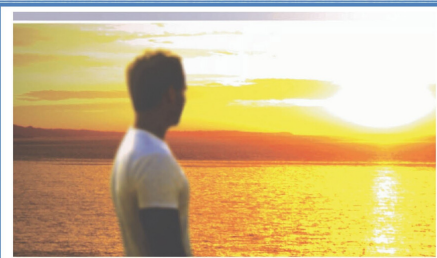
Presented by:



An Evening of Hope: Voices of Healing includes a screening of the movie "Boys and Men Healing" followed by a panel discussion with male survivors of sexual trauma and Q&A with the audience. This night of healing and awareness will take place at:

**John Carroll University**  
**Dolan Science Center Room 202/203**  
**1 John Carroll Blvd, University Heights, OH, 44118**  
**Monday November 18, 2019**  
**6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

The event is **FREE** and open to the public. Parking is available in the general and visitors lots next to Dolan Science Center. Please ask for a visitor's parking pass at the gate MAP: <http://tiny.cc/Dolan>



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from child sexual abuse

Boys and Men Healing is a documentary about the impact the sexual abuse of boys has on both the individual and society, and the importance of healing and speaking out for male survivors to end the devastating effects.

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Presented by: **WOUB**  
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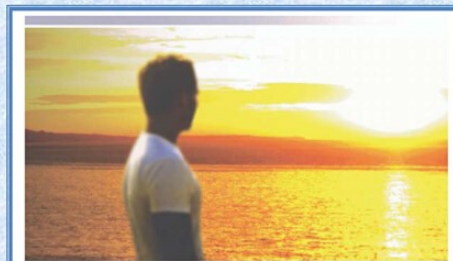


**Athens County Sheriff's Office**   **Mayor Steve Patterson, City of Athens**  
**My Sister's Place**   **Hocking, Athens & Perry Community Action**

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**Baker Center Theater, Ohio University**  
**1 Park Place, Athens, OH 45701**  
**Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

The event is **FREE** and open to the public.  
MAP: <http://tiny.cc/BakerCenter>



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## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY TRAINING

**NOVEMBER 18, 2019**  
**10AM-3PM**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT**  
**9:30AM**

**13430 YARMOUTH DR,**  
**PICKERINGTON, OH 43147**

Participants will:

- Explore the root causes of sexual violence and how they are related to other social issues
- Address biases, lack of equity, and reasoning behind underserved communities
- Strategize ways to incorporate social liberation activism in existing prevention programming



**Trainer: Tonjie Reese**  
**Founder of eleven24**

Tonjie is a Detroit native, creative, preventionist, and founder of eleven24, a program dedicated to reducing the prevalence of relationship abuse and sexual violence through media literacy and identity affirmation. In her many years of youth-serving and gender-based violence work, she has held roles as a prevention program director, community educator, shelter advocate, national community initiatives coordinator, and program development consultant. Tonjie holds a BS in Behavioral Science and a MA in Education, Leadership, and Change. Driven by the belief that everyone has a role in gender-based violence prevention, her motto is "It's up to us to define what our role will be!"



# Upcoming Trainings & Events

## OAESV Monthly Webinar November 2019



### RPE Peer-to-Peer Prevention Program Highlight

presented by:

**Amy Hawthorne**

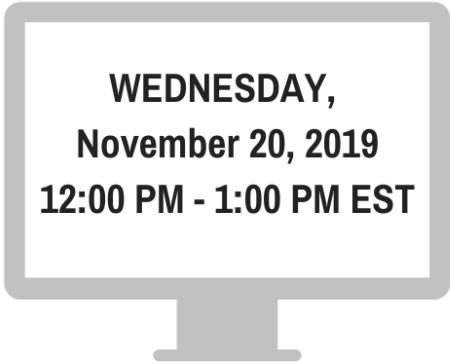
**Violence Prevention Program Manager  
Helpline**

facilitated by:

**Ann Brandon**

**Director of Prevention  
OAESV**

*Members-only  
webinar*



**WEDNESDAY,  
November 20, 2019  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EST**

Join us for this peer-to-peer webinar highlighting Helpline's TGIF prevention program.

Amy Hawthorne will share information about the program, training, objectives and outcome evaluation. This is a great opportunity to learn more about a specific project at one of Ohio's Rape Prevention Education (RPE) funded programs.

TGIF is a youth-led prevention program designed to create school environments where bullying and relational aggression is not accepted, ignored, or minimized by students and adults. Exposure to the complete TGIF program is significantly associated with lower rates of victimization, lower rates of aggression toward peers, higher total developmental asset scores, and higher internal asset scores at the conclusion of the program in comparison to the control group.



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*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email  
with information about joining the webinar.*

*Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.  
Questions? Contact [training@oaesv.org](mailto:training@oaesv.org)*

# Upcoming Trainings & Events

We are also sponsoring "The Uncertain Future of Title IX", a forum by The City Club of Cleveland.

"In the last year, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has worked to overhaul Title IX to strengthen the due-process rights of the accused while narrowing the definition of what constitutes sexual harassment. Proponents of the changes believe it will put the rights of the accused on par with the rights of the complainant, an effort that especially protects racial or ethnic minorities who are disproportionately incarcerated at greater rates than whites. Critics argue that the regulations inappropriately favor the accused and discourage victim reporting while making it easier for schools to abdicate their responsibility.

The proposed regulations have garnered more than 100,000 public comments, making Title IX one of the most contentious rules in the department's history. A final ruling is expected to take several months or years, leaving colleges and universities in a state of flux. What controversies pertaining to the rights of accusers and accused existed before the DeVos proposals? How are colleges and universities grappling with these proposed changes that could significantly alter what constitutes Title IX compliance?"

[For more information, click here.](#)

## MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON ON:



December First Friday Legislative Update (12/6)



#GivingTuesday (12/3)



Ready, Set, Go! Booster Session (January 2020)



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from all throughout our network.

Click the box above, or go to [oaesv.org/getinvolved](http://oaesv.org/getinvolved)  
to find out more!



OAESV is dedicated to this critical cause, but we cannot do this work alone. Your support powers our statewide efforts and the movement to end sexual violence in Ohio.

OAESV is a membership-based organization that relies on the support of organizations and individuals throughout Ohio to serve as the voice of the anti-sexual violence movement in our state. We are a unifying force bringing together parties involved in and affected by sexual violence as a catalyst for change.

By joining us and working together, you can help us achieve even more!

For more information about membership, email us at [info@oaesv.org](mailto:info@oaesv.org) or head to [oaesv.org/getinvolved](http://oaesv.org/getinvolved)



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