Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)

2012-2013 Annual Report



Our Mission:

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

Overarching Objectives:

End isolation of survivors and agencies working on their behalf

In 2012, as part of its commitment to include the voices of survivors in guiding its work, OAESV held a series of discussion groups for individuals who have been victims of sexual violence. The discussion groups were an opportunity to learn from women and men about their experiences and document their recommendations for improving community and system responses to survivors of sexual violence.



What did they have to to say? Our report, Raising Voices for Change: Summary of Survivor Discussion Groups, summarizes it for you Read the Executive Summary HERE. Read the Full Report HERE.

From the Survivor Discussion groups, one recommendation included creating a PSA with Ohio survivors to raise awareness about sexual violence and to let other survivors know that we believe you, it's not your fault and support is available.

Thank you to the 11 survivors who came forward to share their stories on camera and to be part of this PSA. These survivors will open doors to many others across Ohio to come forward and seek support at their local rape crisis center.

See coverage of the PSA from Columbus's Channel 10: Sexual Assault Victims Sharing Their Message Through New PSA.







Mapping of Rape Crisis Centers in Ohio





Ohio Rape Crisis Center Directors at a meeting discussing rape crisis services.



Improve services and responses to survivors and all those impacted by sexual violence

Standards for Rape Crisis Services

OAESV published Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs in Ohio, defining what constitutes rape crisis services and how they are delivered in our state. The Standards, compiled by a committee of rape crisis center representatives from across Ohio, provides a framework for understanding the purpose, function, and needs of rape crisis centers.

Commitment to Anti-Oppression

OAESV participated in the Women of Color Network National Call to Action Training & Technical Assistance Project, the goal of which is to support state coalitions in developing and enhancing culturally relevant approaches in serving and supporting communities of color and other marginalized populations. In conjunction with this project, OAESV formed an Anti-Oppression Committee, whose purpose is to develop a State Action Plan for better addressing oppression and supporting women of color in leadership positions in our state, as well as addressing disparities faced by women of color survivors of sexual violence.

Increase public awareness about sexual violence

In March 2013, the trial of two high school football players accused of raping a teen girl was carried out in a small courtroom amid a media firestorm that had persisted in the small town of Steubenville, Ohio for nearly a year. The myths, realities, politics, and culture of a crime that occurs too often in every community were exposed anew. In the middle of it all, OAESV was there with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center to provide accurate information, support for survivors, and tools for communities to prevent and respond to sexual violence, including a bystander intervention video project called *Stand Up* developed in 2013.



Sampling of Media Outlets Quoting OAESV CNN

Al Jazeera
CBS News
Yahoo! Sports
Christian Science Monitor
Mother Jones
The Atlantic Wire
Cleveland Plain Dealer
The Columbus Dispatch
ABC6 Columbus
Channel 10TV Columbus
WTRF
The Herald Star
The Athens News
The Marietta Times





Inform and shape public policy

OAESV brought together advocates in 2013 for the first annual Advocacy Day to End Sexual Violence at the Ohio Statehouse. For the first time in Ohio's history, dedicated funding for rape crisis services was appropriated in Ohio's biannual budget for 2014-2015. As a result, Ohio's rape crisis centers have additional funding to meet the needs of survivors and prevent sexual violence in their communities, and OAESV has greater capacity to provide personalized training and technical assistance to support advocates, prevention specialists, and allied professionals throughout our state.



Pictured is staff Jasmine Barfield, Katie Hanna and Becky Perkins, gathered for a meeting on the day that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized. VAWA provides vital funding to prevent and respond to sexual assault.

End sexual violence

Prevention is critical to stopping sexual violence before it happens. OAESV provided a 4-day training of trainers on the Green Dot curriculum, as well as Coaching Boys into Men, two evidence-based strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness at preventing sexual violence. Additionally, OAESV's annual statewide conference brought in national speakers, including

Emily May of Hollaback!, to talk about ending street harassment and sexual violence prevention.







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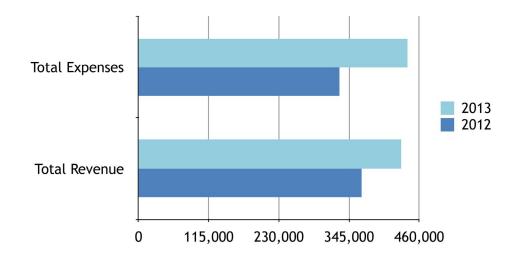
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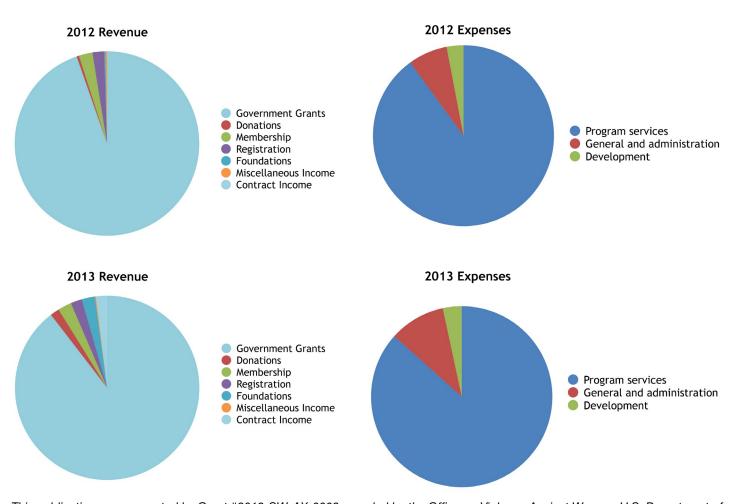
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