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Annual Report

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VIOLENCE



In September, Rosa Beltré was named the permanent Executive Director of OAESV, after having served as the Interim Executive Director since December 2016. Rosa joined OAESV in 2013, originally serving as the Director of Advocacy & Training.

From the Executive Director

For our nation, Ohio, and OAESV, 2017 was a year of significant transition. We worked diligently as a coalition to build social change by empowering our member agencies and survivors to have a voice in leading the sexual violence movement in Ohio through opportunities for growth and advocacy.

Throughout 2017, we embraced an opportunity to raise our voices and advocate for the many voices that cannot be heard and/or continue to be silenced. We realized anew that our voices are more important than ever, that our work is vital, and that our passion to further our mission has been reaffirmed.

As your statewide coalition, we strive to lead with grace, love, and compassion, never allowing fear to override our determination. The most marginalized among us need us to push forward in a way that acknowledges the inherent dignity and worth of all people. In 2017, we and our member agencies continued to advocate to end violence, led by our collective values of respect, equity, inclusion, diversity, integrity, empowerment, and self-determination.

OAESV takes pride in sharing the results of our work from 2017. As our partners at the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence have stated: “We don’t do this work because it’s easy. We do it because we must.”

Rosa Beltré

Coalition Staff & Board of Directors



OAESV Staff Pictured left to right

Becky Perkins, Communications Director
Camille Crary, Staff Attorney
Shandra Witherspoon, SART Coordinator
Tiearra James, Office Administrator
Megan Jones-Williams, Director of Advocacy & Training
Rosa Beltré, Executive Director
Lynn Bilal, Prevention Coordinator
Kelly Becker, Legal Advocate
Lana Baird, Finance Specialist
Ann Brandon, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist
Melissa Obodzinski, Resource Specialist



OAESV Board of Directors

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Kelly Smith
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Sharlene Boltz, President
Ryn Farmer, Secretary
Shari Murnahan, Treasurer

Pictured standing then
seated, left to right

Leaders in Ohio & beyond

In our ongoing commitment to confronting oppression and eliminating sexual violence, OAESV continues to lead by example both in Ohio and nationally. In 2017, we brought together over 60 accomplished women of color professionals in the victim services field for support and engagement through the Ohio Women of Color Caucus. The OAESV staff shared their expertise at statewide and national conferences, and were recognized for their achievements and contributions in empowering women and confronting oppression.





Partnership & Collaboration



We are proud to continually partner with allies and organizations across Ohio and nationally who are dedicated to confronting oppression and ending sexual violence.

In 2017, OAESV staff convened 277 meetings and engagements, and were active participants in 278 more, all of which helped to improve local, statewide, and national capacity to effectively respond to sexual assault.



Public Policy Advocacy

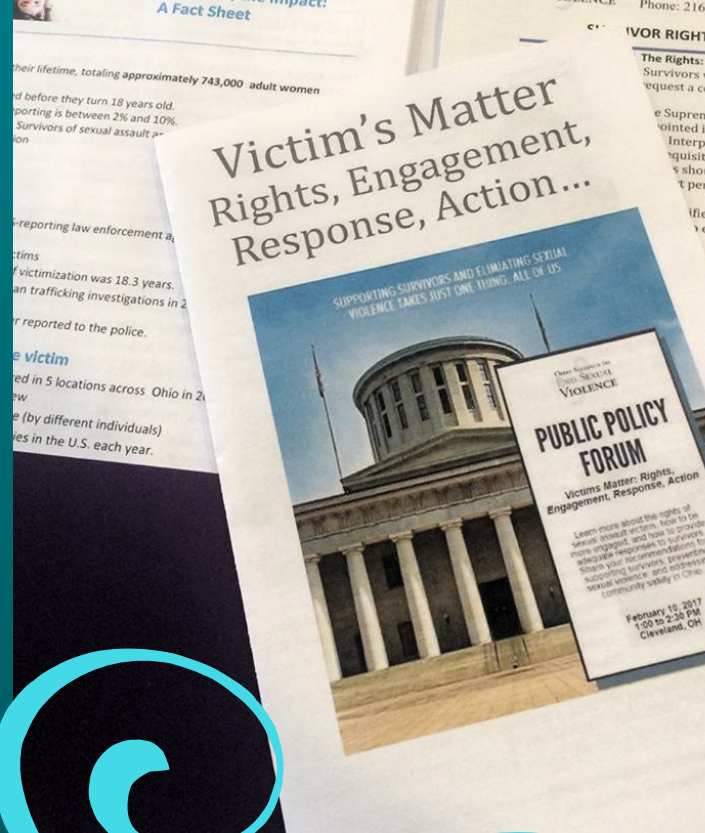
OAESV advocates for national, statewide, and local public policies that support survivors and those who serve them, hold offenders accountable for their crimes, protect the rights of marginalized Ohioans, and empower institutions and communities to prevent sexual violence.

In 2017, OAESV staff provided legislative testimony and met with legislators 56 times. We successfully advocated for the maintenance of the Rape Crisis Fund line item in the biennial state budget, which provides critical funding to all of Ohio's rape crisis programs. Additionally, OAESV successfully advocated for introduction of the Advocate Privilege Bill, which calls for privileged communications between advocates and survivors.



Advocacy Day

Our 5th Annual Advocacy Day to End Sexual Violence was held in April, bringing together 95 advocates and survivors from across Ohio to meet with legislators about how sexual violence affects their communities.

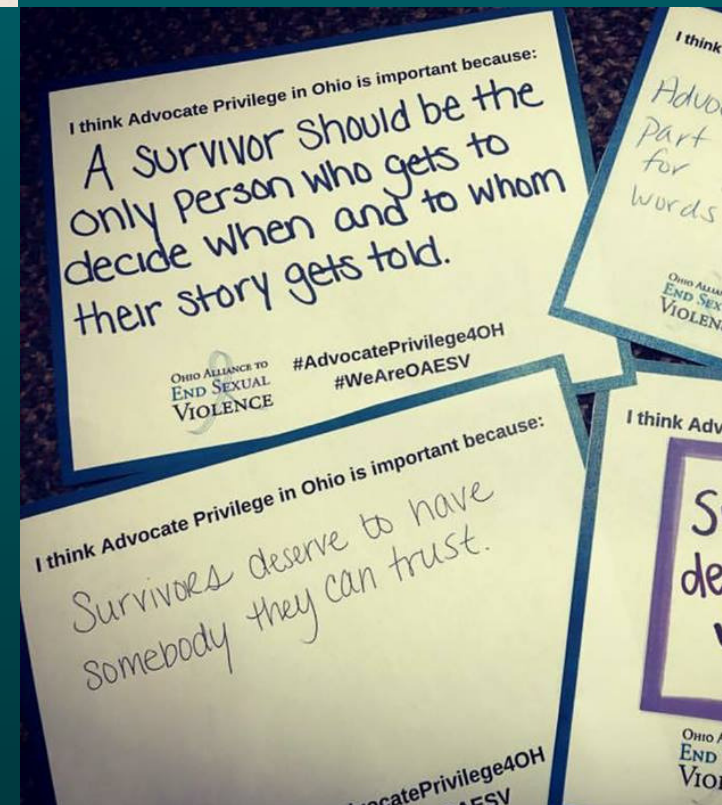


Public Outreach

Committed to informing and engaging the public in our policy advocacy efforts, we hosted policy forums and organized campaigns to increase visibility of and support for key legislation.

Survivor Council

OAESV's public policy priorities were guided by our Survivor Advisory Council, who provided legislative testimony throughout the year and participated in a panel discussion at Advocacy Day.





53 trainings provided
1,773 people trained
271 technical assistance contacts



Training & Technical Assistance



OAESV's 2017 trainings included:

Advocacy Institute for new advocates

Excellence in Legal Advocacy workshops

Engaging Culturally Diverse Survivors

Safe Bars training for bar & restaurant owners

Annual Statewide Conference

Annual SART Summit



Preventing Sexual Violence

From the rollback of federal guidelines related to campus sexual assault to the unprecedented impact of the reinvigorated #MeToo movement, 2017 proved to be a galvanizing year in our efforts to empower communities to prevent sexual violence. Our work with college campuses, bar and restaurant owners, workplaces, and institutions throughout the state equipped diverse groups with tools to better recognize abusive behavior, as well as implement effective policies for preventing sexual assault and harassment.

Throughout 2017, we published fact sheets, action steps, public statements, blogs, and social media posts informing professionals and the public about how to prevent sexual assault and harassment, while empowering survivors to share their voices and experiences.

Our staff was quoted 17 times in news publications in Ohio and nationally in 2017, and our social media accounts gained nearly 700 new followers.

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Facts & Action Steps

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#MeToo



Statement Regarding Title IX

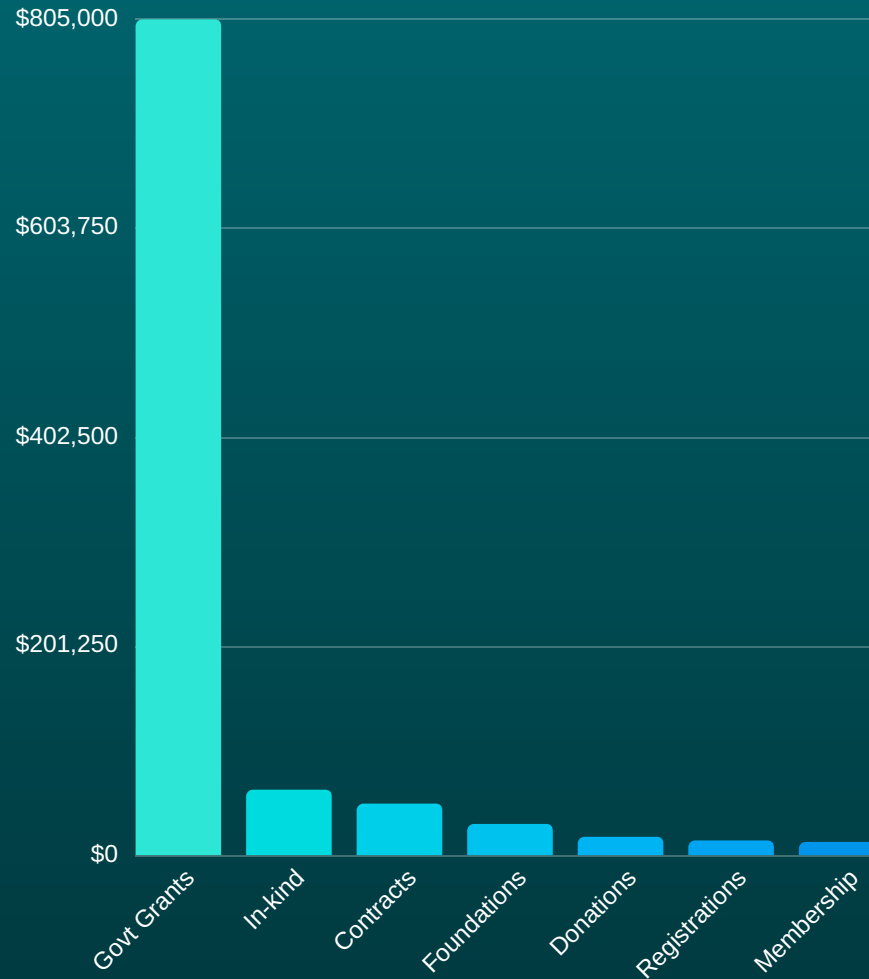
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Schools still have an obligation to provide an equitable and safe learning environment.

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Expertise, Productivity, Value




2017 Income

Gov't grants: \$803,849.
In-kind: \$62,943.
Contracts: \$49,551.
Foundations: \$30,000.
Donations: \$17,632.
Registrations: \$14,115.
Membership: \$12,720.

TOTAL: \$990,810.

Complete income and expenses will be publicly available in June 2018, following our annual audit..



"Anxiety, fear, and dread turned into a drive to go forward. A lifetime of ashes somehow turned into beauty today."

– Survivor at OAESV's Advocacy Day

"I feel like OAESV really sets the pace for the movement in Ohio. Their resources and trainings are always top-notch."

– Rape Crisis Advocate

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VOICE, OHIO!**



OAESV is dedicated to confronting oppression and ending sexual violence. Our mission is to advocate for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and empower communities to prevent sexual violence.



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