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

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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
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.
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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