



# November 2017 News

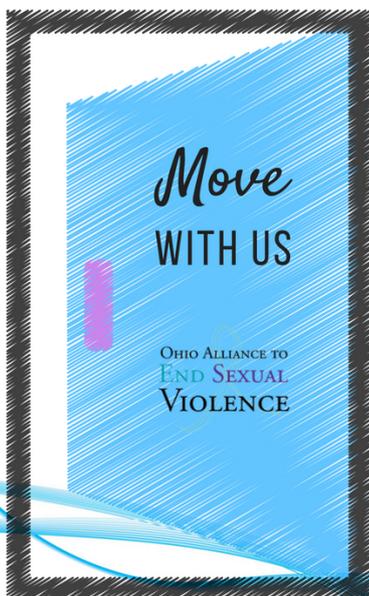
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## #WeAreOAESV



*Pictured above, left to right: Becky Perkins, Communications Director; Camille Cray, Staff Attorney; Shandra Witherspoon, SART Project Coordinator; Tierra James, Office Administrator; Megan Jones-Williams, Advocacy & Training Director; Rosa Beltre, Executive Director; Lynn Bilal, Prevention Coordinator; Kelly Becker, Legal Advocate; Lana Baird, Finance Specialist; Ann Brandon, Training & Technical Assistance Specialist; and Melissa Obodzinski, Resource Specialist. Learn about the staff at [oaesv.org/about/staff](http://oaesv.org/about/staff)*



As your state sexual assault coalition, OAESV is dedicated to confronting oppression and eliminating sexual violence. We envision an Ohio free from sexual violence, and we know that we can get there with you! Our work is gaining momentum, and with the national dialogue about sexual assault and harassment, there has never been a better time to carry that momentum forward toward tangible, lasting change.

**Support OAESV and move with us!**  
[oaesv.org/move](http://oaesv.org/move)

## Moved in, moving forward

OAESV moved into our new office on November 1st! Located just south of Cleveland in Independence, Ohio, our new space on the ground floor includes a free onsite parking lot and access to a large training room.

Our new address:

6111 Oak Tree Blvd. Suite 140  
Independence, OH 44131

Save the date for our Open House!

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**

**More details coming soon!**



**Our street address may have changed, but our other contact info remains the same:**

**Phone: 216-658-1381 or 888-886-8388 / Email: [info@oaesv.org](mailto:info@oaesv.org)**

## Advocate Privilege in Ohio: It's Time

OAESV is advocating for a newly proposed bill that, if enacted, would establish Advocate Privilege in Ohio - meaning that communications between survivors of sexual assault and rape crisis advocates would be legally protected in the same way that communications between doctors and patients, and attorneys and clients, are protected. We believe that survivors deserve access to advocacy services without having to worry about what they say. Read our blog for more about Advocate Privilege and why it's important: [oaesv.org/blog](http://oaesv.org/blog).

**You can help! Visit [oaesv.org/advocate-privilege](http://oaesv.org/advocate-privilege) for information about how you can share your support via words, photos, and video! When posting to social media about Advocate Privilege, please use the hashtag **#AdvocatePrivilege4OH****





## Free Monthly Webinars

OAESV is committed to providing training opportunities for advocates, preventionists, and allied professionals in a variety of ways, including via webinar. OAESV hosts a free webinar on the second Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM. Topics and registration details for 2018 webinars will be available soon at [oaesv.org/trainings-events](http://oaesv.org/trainings-events).



## Excellence in Legal Advocacy Series

Rape Crisis staff providing legal advocacy are invited to join OAESV for a training series to introduce our new manual, "Ohio Legal System for Rape Crisis Center Advocates." The first training this Fall will examine Ohio's sentencing procedures and sex offender registry system. There are three more opportunities to attend this training in 2017. For remaining locations, dates, times, and registration links, visit [oaesv.org/trainings-events](http://oaesv.org/trainings-events).

## Support OAESV while having fun with friends!



JOIN US NOVEMBER 17TH!  
**Drink & Donate!**  
BENEFITING THE OHIO ALLIANCE TO  
END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

*Have fun. Help to end sexual violence.*

Join us for an evening of fun to support Ohio's statewide sexual assault coalition!

There will be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle, and donation jar.

Suggested donation of \$10 to support this great cause!

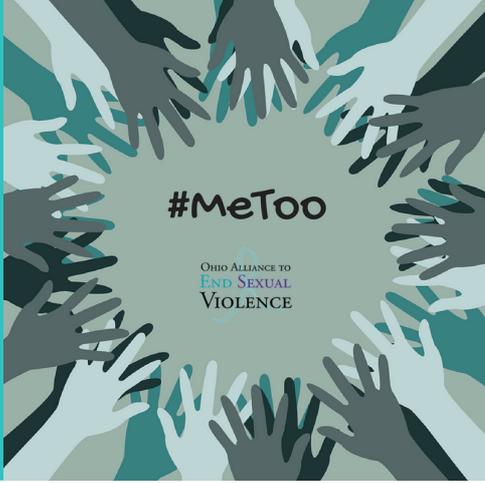


Friday, November 17, 2017  
5:00 - 7:30 PM  
Magic City Brewing Company  
161 Second Street NW  
Barberton, OH 44203



## #MeToo or not, we support you

As survivors of sexual assault and sexual harassment continue to come forward across the country, rape crisis centers stand ready to provide advocacy and support. Whether or not you choose to identify with #MeToo, if you are a survivor of sexual assault or harassment, we want you to know that we believe you, that it's not your fault, and that help is available. Find support near you: [oaesv.org/get-help](http://oaesv.org/get-help).



## Looking Ahead to December & Beyond: What's Coming Up

### Open House & End of Year Giving

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 14th to join OAESV at our new office in Independence! Tour our new space, meet the staff, and learn more about how you can support OAESV's work in 2018 and beyond! Our Open House invitation will be arriving soon!

### Internship Opportunities

OAESV is busy developing exciting opportunities for motivated students interested in state coalition experience! Do you know a college student studying marketing, communications, or journalism? Stay tuned for more details!

### Engaging Survivors in our Work

For two years, OAESV has convened a Survivor Advisory Council focused exclusively on public policy advocacy. In 2018, we'll be looking to expand our survivor engagement efforts regarding all aspects of our work. Are you a survivor who is interested in improving the systemic response to sexual assault? Are you passionate about prevention? Do you want to see more public awareness? Does shifting the cultural dialogue about sexual violence excite you? If so, we'll be sharing details soon about how you can get involved in 2018!

## OHIO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY & YOUTH SUMMIT

— SAVE THE DATE —

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

&

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

9:00 AM

OHIO STATEHOUSE ATRIUM

