



# February 2019 News

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VIOLENCE

Dedicated to confronting oppression and eliminating sexual violence

# 102,877!

This is the number of comments received by the Dept. of Education regarding the proposed Title IX changes. AMAZING. We're so thankful that so many of you took the time and energy to submit comments based on your knowledge, expertise, and survivor-centered practices.

We know first-hand that reasonable accommodations for survivors of sexual violence during and after investigations have allowed survivors all over Ohio to continue to pursue an education without fear of further sexual violence or harassment. In cases where Title IX has not been followed, survivors have suffered tremendously in pursuit of their degrees. Further, K-12 survivors, who must attend school each day by virtue of law, have no escape from school-based sexual harassment or violence if school personnel do not act.

This is our first newsletter of the year. Every "first of" in a New Year gives all of us a chance to re-energize and dedicate ourselves anew to our passions and vocations. At OAESV we are excited by what 2019 is already bringing. The amount of collaboration between local and state government and organizations like ours engaged in ending sexual violence and oppressive behaviors is at an all-time high. Remember, this fight does not end today.

## What We've Been Up To



Participants from The Force of Awesome Institute, an RPE Prevention Training hosted by OAESV from January 7-9th in Pickerington OH.



OAESV Director of Legal Services and Advocacy, Camille Crary, and Legal Advocate, Becca Getson, at the Excellence in Legal Advocacy Training. We held sessions from December 10-14, covering each of the five regions of the state.



Quarterly RCC Directors' Meeting held in December. Directors, we'll see you at the 2019 RCC Directors' Meetings on March 7, June 6, September 12, and December 5!

# Looking Ahead in 2019

As we move into February, we're reminded that this is Black History Month. As we think about the amazing contributions made by the African-American community throughout time and today, we must also remember the realities of sexual violence enacted on all people of color, and on Black people in particular.

According to the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women, 41% of all Black women have experienced sexual coercion and other forms of unwanted sexual contact. From the conversations surrounding "Surviving R. Kelly" to the continued disclosures with "me too.", we know that this work in supporting Black girls and women is far from over. We need to give due diligence to these stories and to these struggles, and it's vital that we do our work through an intersectional lens.

So we've continued to think about how we can best support survivors in Ohio and the organizations that serve them. And a huge part of that is recognizing the needs of survivors who often receive less of a focus, are heard less, and are often failed by the systems that are supposed to help them find justice.

We know that we can continue to do this important work. We can reach our goals, both short- and long-term. And we're so thankful to have you doing that work with us and helping to fulfill the mission of ending sexual violence for all.

## OVWA Empowering Resiliency Trainings

OVWA will be hosting five regional trainings focused on trauma-informed and trauma-responsive services to victims of crime, communities who have experienced trauma, and agency staff.

The first is Feb. 21-22. Act fast! Click to register.

## February Monthly Webinar

Wednesday, February 13  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Preparing for Sexual Assault  
Awareness Month  
Click for flyer!

## Working with Volunteers Training

Thursday, Feb. 21 (registration  
deadline Feb. 15 or at max. capacity)  
in collaboration with ODNV  
Click for flyer!

## Spring Training Institute

Feb. 20- March 29  
Registration is open now, but the  
deadline is Feb. 15! Act fast and click  
here to check out the flyer for more  
details.

## Legal Access Works Trainings

This Spring in collaboration  
with ODNV  
Watch for more info in the  
March newsletter!

## Advocacy Day

Monday, April 8, 2019  
Click here for the Save-the-Date  
and to register!



Participants of the Fall 2018 Training Institute

## February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month!

Did you know that 1 in 3 teens is in an unhealthy relationship?  
Click to check out these amazing TDVAM campaigns:

- #TeenDVMonth Toolkit from Violence Free Coalition of Warren Co.
- "We Choose All of Us" campaign from the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence\*\*

Also check out ICanBeTheOne.com to learn more about preventing sexual violence among young people!

\*\*Our Director of Prevention is sending physical packets of the Idaho Coalition resources to all RPE-funded programs soon

# Women of Color Caucus

Ohio



## *2019 Meetings*

March 1st: Ashland, OH  
May 20th: TDIM - Columbus, OH  
August 1st & 2nd: Leadership Summit, Independence, OH  
November 1st: Akron, OH

Support

Skill-Building

Information  
Sharing

Networking

## *Our Mission*

The WOCC is a group of diverse women concerned about the violence against women of color. We are committed to developing leadership in women, community education, and efforts that will influence policy and systems to more effectively respond to improving the lives of all women.

## *Our Values*

Ethical communication  
Safe spaces for women of color  
Support and problem solving  
Mutual respect  
Community trust  
Appreciation for the whole person

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# COMMUNITIES IN ACTION

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*2019 Annual Statewide Conference*

JUNE 18 - 20, 2019

OCLC  
CONFERENCE CENTER  
6600 Kilgour Place  
Dublin, OH 43017



## Open Positions Around the State

### Battered Women's Shelter & Rape Crisis Center (Akron)

- Rape Crisis Center Director

### Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

- Trauma Therapist, Child and Adolescent Focus
- Client Services Specialist
- Prevention Specialist

Click each title for job details!

## VAWA Update

We learned on January 26th that the Violence Against Women Act has been extended through Feb. 15th! This was part of the continuing resolution that reopened the government, but we hope to get a full reauthorization of the act soon.

## Become a 2019 Member of OAESV Today!

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VOICE, OHIO!

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Will you join us?  
Click here to  
become  
a member!

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 assault movement in Ohio. We are a unifying force bringing together parties involved in and affected by sexual assault 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)

## Don't Miss Out!

Soon we'll have a new and improved website that will be more user friendly and will contain even more amazing resources for you. The website is currently under construction, and we'll be so excited to have you join us for the launch!

In the meantime, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram so you have up-to-date information on upcoming trainings and events, including monthly members-only webinars!

