



March 2019 News

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Dedicated to confronting oppression and eliminating sexual violence

## *Women's History Month*

As you know, March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate the bravery, strength, intelligence, and astounding achievements of women around the world. This also means, as with every month, honoring the numerous women who are survivors of sexual violence as well as the women who've fought to end this horrible piece of our society.

The anti-sexual violence movement has always been a part of history—from the foundational work done by women in various communities throughout time; to the first rape crisis centers; and to the powerful, innovative work we're all doing right in this very moment. We're making history every day—supporting survivors, empowering all marginalized people, and working to prevent the violence that occurs as a part of oppression.

At OAESV, we're hopeful that the awareness that results from this nationally recognized celebration will help more and more people of all ages to understand the amazing achievements of women, as well as the ways that women still need support.

And while people cite the start of the rape crisis movement formally in the 1970s, we know women have been fighting this battle for far longer than that—likely forever. In every piece of history, there's a woman who was fighting against sexual violence and all other injustices that exist alongside it. Let's keep working to end that part of history. Let's keep working to ensure that, in the future, women won't have to fight against sexual violence any longer. May we all have the power to keep doing this work until we make sexual violence a thing of the past.

**Follow us on social media to learn about some of the amazing women who have been a part of this movement!**



# What We've Been Up To

## Dynamic Duo Volleyball Tournament & Fundraiser

We are so thankful for the folks that put on this awesome fundraiser! Our Communications & Resources Coordinator, Melissa Obodzinski, participated in and helped to organize the tournament. Ann Brandon, Director of Prevention, and Megan Jones-Williams, Director of Training & Advocacy, attended and facilitated the basket raffles. This event raised over \$700 for survivors in Ohio!



All of the tournament players rest for a group photo.



Alex Rose, organizer of the tournament and C-Town Rose Volleyball, picks a raffle winner.



Ann, Megan, and Linda Obodzinski show off the amazing baskets that were donated for the raffle.



Panel members Olivia Montgomery, Justin Carter, and Dominique Burns prepare to answer thoughtful questions about a clip from the documentary.



The panelists pose for a picture with two members of Shades of Pearl, an organization at the university.

## "R.Kelly & Beyond" Panel

This month, Olivia Montgomery, Training and Outreach Coordinator to Underserved Populations, participated in a panel at Wittenberg University. The panel covered some critical conversations regarding the recent documentary "Surviving R. Kelly" and the sexual violence that is enacted on girls and women of color.

## OVW-LAV Orientation

In February, a group of our staff traveled to Arlington, VA to participate in an orientation for the OVW-LAV Grant (Office on Violence Against Women-Legal Assistance for Victims), which helps to ensure we are providing the necessary legal services for survivors in Ohio.



April Carter, LAV Paralegal; Melissa Obodzinski, Communications & Resource Coordinator; Kandra Roberts, LAV Attorney; Camille Cray, Director of Legal Services & Policy; Rosa Beltré, Executive Director; and Becca Getson, Legal Advocate, break for a photo between orientation sessions.





## OAESV's 7th Annual Advocacy Day

This amazing opportunity to speak with YOUR legislators is coming up on April 8th, 2019! We'll be reminding them why supporting survivors in Ohio is so important and asking for increased Rape Crisis Line Item funding. We need you there! Don't forget to register by clicking the logo image above.



## Advocacy Day & Sexual Assault Awareness Month T-Shirts

And don't forget to order your t-shirts for Advocacy Day and Sexual Assault Awareness Month! All proceeds go to OAESV, and this is such a great way to use your voice to support survivors. Click the photo to order yours before the booster closes on 3/16.

*Quarterly  
RCC  
Directors'  
Meeting*

Directors, we look forward to seeing you at the quarterly meeting on 3/7 at the State Library of Ohio.

*OAESV  
Monthly  
Webinar*

This month's webinar, "What Can We Learn from Survivors of Campus Sexual Misconduct? 2018 Results of Ohio's Campus Climate Study", will take place on 3/13 from 12p-1p EST. Click the blue box above to register.



*OVWA  
Empowered  
Resiliency  
Trainings*

The training for the NE region will take place at the OAESV office in Independence, OH on March 21-22nd from 8a-5p.  
Click the red box to register.

*The Ohio  
Violence  
Prevention  
Coalition*

The first meeting of the Ohio Violence Prevention Coalition will take place on March 25th from 9:30a-2:30p. Lunch will be provided for those who are registered.  
Click the orange box to register.

*Training:  
Accessing  
OAESV's Legal  
Services*

The trainings "Accessing Legal Services: Applying for Services & Working within the Justice System" will take place on March 15th (Guernsey Co. Sheriff's Office) and March 20th (Dayton Metro Library - Miamisburg), each from 1p-4p.  
Click the green box to register.

*OAESV Annual  
Conference --  
Save the Date!*



**COMMUNITIES  
IN ACTION**



**OHIO ALLIANCE TO END  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE**  
*2019 Annual Statewide Conference*

**JUNE 18 - 20, 2019**

**OCLC CONFERENCE CENTER**  
6600 Kilgour Place  
Dublin, OH 43017



## Open Positions Around the State

### Victim Assistance Program in Summit County, Ohio

- Overnight Victim Advocate

### Project Woman

- Advocate, Special Populations  
(Hispanic/Latina Community)

Click each title for job details!



## VAWA Update

As you know, VAWA expired in January 2019. However, this does not erase the last "new" VAWA but rather means that no expansions are made to the law, and Congress is not authorizing the government to spend money on existing programs.

Please know this does NOT mean that current VAWA-funded programs will lose funding. Congress can still allocate funding to VAWA grant programs through the regular appropriations process. It is important to note though that without reauthorization, it is unlikely that Congress will appropriate above the level allocated in 2018.

What happens next? The Senate Judiciary Committee is holding hearings on the new VAWA. The first VAWA hearing takes place on March 7th and can be streamed on <https://www.c-span.org/>.

## Become a 2019 Member of OAESV Today!

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

