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## Special Edition: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and OAESV is working on resources you can use in raising awareness about sexual violence in your community.

We know that rape crisis centers around the state will be organizing numerous events and distributing very valuable information. We look forward to this annual opportunity to focus attention on raising awareness about sexual violence and its prevention. We also value the opportunity to highlight the efforts of individuals and organizations that provide services to survivors and co-survivors. All of this work for SAAM raises awareness of sexual violence and its prevention, while also reminding us that sexual violence is a public health issue that needs massive prevention efforts.



This year's theme, "I Ask," as designated by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, reminds us that consent is a necessary part of everyday interactions and it elevates these foundational conversations. This theme also gives everyone, no matter their gender, profession, or other identities, a way to take part in anti-sexual violence work.

As the NSVRC said, "One way that everyone can get involved is by always respecting the personal and emotional boundaries of those around them. We can ensure that others' boundaries aren't crossed by asking for consent. While No Means No or Yes Means Yes messaging has been sharing the importance of consent for more than a decade, there is still a pressing need to not only normalize these conversations — but to also empower people to have them. "

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is, and always has been, about awareness, but the ultimate goal is of course prevention. Consent is just one central way that we can prevent sexual harassment, abuse, and assault, and this year's theme of "asking" reminds us that we should be getting consent for all levels of interaction, from holding hands to sharing information and, of course, having sex. These should be normalized everyday interactions in our relationships. We thank you all for all of the work you do in your personal and professional lives to empower these conversations and to prevent sexual violence.

Do you have an event you're planning for SAAM? Let us know, and we will share it on social media! Also check out the bit on the next page which shows what we'll be up to this SAAM!

In Peace,

Executive Director, OAESV

# OAESV and SAAM 2019

*#IAskOhio*

Here's just some of what we'll be doing for SAAM this year.  
Will you join us?

*#SAAMOhio*



## Social Media Awareness

We hope you'll share our educational content with the hashtags #IAskOhio and #SAAMOhio, and we'll have a Facebook photo frame for you to use!



## Day of Action 4/2 & Day of Silence 4/12

Wear teal on 4/2 and post a selfie using the hashtags from #1!

The Day of Silence is a student-led national event where folks take a vow of silence to highlight the silencing and erasure of LGBTQ people at school.



## Anti-Street Harassment Week

April 7th - 13th, 2019. Meet Us On the Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week is an opportunity to collectively raise awareness that street harassment happens and it's not okay.



## 7th Annual Advocacy Day

Taking place 4/8 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. See page 6 for more details!



## Denim Day

On 4/24, wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate yourself and others about all forms of sexual violence. Visit <https://www.denimdayinfo.org/> to learn more.



## #30DaysofSAAM

We're participating in this Instagram challenge from NSVRC! Watch our posts and create some of your own too!



## Blogs & Videos

Watch our website and social media pages for the interesting blogs and videos that we've been planning!



## Providing TA & Support

As always, we're providing TA and other support to RCCs around the state! Let us know what you need.



## Speaking Engagements

Many of our staff members have speaking engagements scheduled. We'll be sure to share about them on social media!

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# OAESV Board Update

*Please join us in welcoming our 2019 Board of Directors!*

*Emily Resnik, President*



Emily began first working with survivors of sexual trauma as a volunteer victim advocate during her undergraduate studies, continuing such work through internships and graduate school, obtaining both an MA in Women's Studies at the George Washington University and Master of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati, and as a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In her current role as a clinical social worker, she provides psychotherapy to veterans with a broad range of mental health needs, including healing from trauma. Emily was motivated to serve on the OAESV Board of Directors, recognizing the inherent connection between direct service and working collectively to influence public policy and contribute to cultural changes that will lead to an end to sexual violence. Emily lives in Cincinnati with her partner Andrew and their two cats, enjoying cooking, concerts, kayaking, and teaching meditation.

*Ryn Farmer, Vice President*



Kathryn "Ryn" Farmer received a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Taylor University and a Master of Social Work degree from Baylor University. She is the Rape Crisis and Anti-Human Trafficking Director at Day One of Crime Victim Services, the Chair of the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition, a member of the Ohio Amber Alert Advisory Committee, and the Vice President for the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence's Board of Directors. Ryn's first interactions with OAESV were in the capacity as a Rape Crisis Director in Northwest Ohio. "One of the aspects I value most about OAESV is that they provide critical leadership in how sexual violence intersects with race, gender, class, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, ability, age and so much more." She is committed to working alongside OAESV to help provide a comprehensive response to survivors who are impacted by sexual violence.

*Courtney Walton, Secretary*



Courtney is passionate about helping women who often feel muted, overlooked or misrepresented. She has a strong desire to serve those who have been exploited and abused by helping to walk alongside them during times of struggle and pain, and reminding them of the light ahead. "It is an honor to be on the Board and work with others who share the same passion and vision of ending sexual violence in our region."

*Sonya Holland, Treasurer*



Sonya joined OAESV's Board because the organization understands the impact sexual violence has on all, regardless of race, sexual orientation, age, and economic status. She brings value to the Board by sharing her knowledge of human resource management, training, and instructional design. "The prevention of sexual assault is realistic and obtainable by compassionately sharing information throughout communities and consistently uplifting those adversely impacted."

*Dr. Tyffani Monford Dent*



Dr. Tyffani Monford Dent is a licensed psychologist and national presenter on issues of Title IX, gender-responsive treatment, social activism through an intersectional/anti-oppression lens, culturally-informed treatment, and faith-based work with survivors. Dr. Dent serves on several state, national, and international boards addressing issues of mental health, sexual violence prevention and intervention, and human trafficking. Dr. Dent was led to join the OAESV board because "I am passionate about addressing the need for sexual violence prevention and intervention to include the acknowledgement of the intersectionality of Black and Brown women and their needs. OAESV has demonstrated a commitment to assisting rape crisis centers in advocating for the needs of all survivors and making sure legislation fully views sexual violence as anti-oppression work".





# OAESV Board Update



*Anne Luecke*



Anne works as a consultant in the greater Cincinnati area assisting nonprofit organizations, political and issue-based campaigns with creating cohesive strategies to maximize impact. Her work is driven by a desire to promote social justice and level the playing field, with a particular focus on women and other underrepresented populations. Anne is pleased to join the OAESV Board and support the important work of the organization, "because we all deserve to live lives without fear and intimidation. We're in it together."

THANK  
YOU

*Sonya Ogletree*



Sonya is a Management Consultant and Author focusing on helping others heal through her writing and speaking about surviving sexual violence. "As a survivor of Military Sexual Trauma (MST) in the U.S. Air Force my goal is to bring attention to the institutional barriers that prevent victims from speaking up and getting help when they need it. Through policy and legislation OAESV can move these conversations into schools and workplaces to end the stigma victims face when reporting instances of sexual violence."

*Sharetta T. Smith*



Sharetta is an attorney and currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the City of Lima. She first became an advocate for sexual assault victims while working as a student intern at the University of Toledo's Catherine S. Eberly Center for Women, and has carried that passion for connecting survivors, their families, and communities with resources, support and education for prevention and survival. "I am honored to join the OAESV Board and committed to working with OAESV to end sexual violence."

*Danielle P. Tong*



Danielle is a licensed social worker and non-profit consultant that specializes in improvement science. She was initially introduced to OAESV through positive conversation from colleagues, and then experienced for herself the strength and competence of leadership within the organization. "I am honored and excited to be a part of an unwavering organization that is unapologetic in their advocacy on behalf of people who have survived the trauma of sexual violence."

*Shannon Conrad Wokojanec*



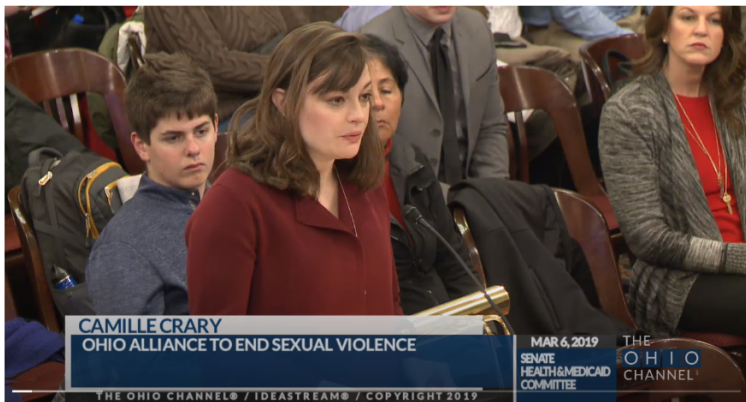
Shannon is a progressive and dedicated Summit County community leader and City Council Representative for the City of Barberton. She joined the OAESV Board of Directors in 2017 and is proud to serve as the co-chair for the Human Resource/Board Recruitment Committee. Shannon is a passionate advocate for survivors of all crime and trauma, recognizing sexual violence as unique among violent crimes due to criminal justice systems punishing victims and justifying the actions of perpetrators. "I hope to provide guidance and support to OAESV on legislative issues and stand with my sisters and brothers in the fight against sexual violence."

# What We've Been Up To

Kelly, Chanda, Olivia, and Taylr gather for a photo at the OAESV resource table during Human Trafficking Awareness Day at the Ohio Statehouse.



Participants at the Working with Volunteers training hear from our amazing panelists: Olivia Montgomery, OAESV (Moderator); Betty Kasubski, Volunteer, YWCA NW Ohio; Sheena Barnes, Former Volunteer, YWCA NW Ohio; Keri Black, YWCA NW Ohio; Anissa Glaser-Bacon, DVPI (Stark Co).



Camille testifies in opposition of SB 23, which would create abortion restrictions in Ohio without exemptions for survivors of rape and incest.



Kelly Becker presents on volunteer management and retention at the Working with Volunteers training.

*...and much more!*

# What's Coming Up



## **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 hope to see you there!

## *OAESV Monthly Webinar*

Reminder: our monthly webinars are held at noon on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark these times on your calendar and watch for the topic & registration link to be sent two weeks before the webinar. As a member benefit, these training opportunities cover a variety of content areas and can be accessed from your office!

## *OVWA Empowered Resiliency Trainings*

The training for the NW region will take place at the Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center in Sandusky, OH on April 18th and 19th.

Please visit the OVWA Events page on their website for registration information.



## Open Positions Around the State

### U.S. Center for SafeSport (SafeSport or the Center)

- Chief Executive Officer
- Visit <http://bit.ly/2F5bdKb> for more information

### Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

- Manager of Education and Outreach
- Client Services Specialist
- Prevention Specialist
- Campus Outreach Specialist
- Lake County Trauma Therapist
- Manager of Victim Services
- Lake County Client Services Specialist ... and more!
- Visit the CRCC website for more info!

## VAWA Update

As of the writing of this newsletter, from NAESV: "Mark up of VAWA reauthorization (HR1585) is completed and the bill passed through the House Judiciary Committee on a party-line vote (Democrats supporting and Republicans opposing). A number of amendments were proposed but ultimately failed or were withdrawn, including rollbacks/religious exemptions to the non-discrimination provisions, firearms access for survivors, female genital mutilation (withdrawn), and an amendment banning VAWA funded entities from providing abortions (which is covered by the Hyde amendment) (withdrawn). It is likely that these and other amendments will resurface further along in the process.

HR 1585 must still go through the House Rules Committee committee before the full House has an opportunity to vote on the bill."



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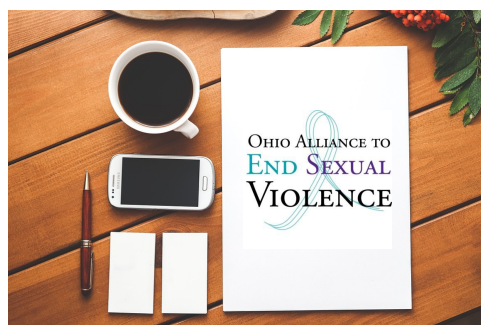
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*Will you join  
us?  
Visit the link in our  
Instagram profile to  
become a member!*



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!

*Thank you for reading!*