



We the People - a July 4th Commentary

"What to the slaves is your 4th of July?" - Fredrick Douglas

*"I raise up my voice-not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back."
- Malala Yousafzai*

"The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion." - Albert Camus

For many Americans, the Fourth of July is another excuse to fire up the grill, get together with friends, and shoot off some fireworks. However, just as many Americans remember the 243 years of American history and how we got here. Today, we not only remember the bravery to stand up to oppressors, we also remember the question at the heart of our nation: "Who is 'We the People'?" Today, we remember the voices that spoke out for America, but we also remember the silenced voices of those that history has cruelly left behind. Our nation was built on the backs of the poor, of Native Americans, of the enslaved, of women, of immigrants, and of so many others. Those possessing inalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, were born into the privilege of such possessions. It is hard to feel proud



THIS IS YOUR HOME
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN SAFE HERE

Art by Ruby Jones, @undefined

*"Nobody's free until everybody's free."
- Fannie Lou Hamer*

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." - Nelson Mandela

"Some of the worst racist tragedies in history have been perfectly legal." - Kimberle Williams Crenshaw

"I am not free while any woman is unfree." - Audre Lorde

of a country that has repressed the ugly parts of our history for so long. We cannot forget the acts our nation has committed against its own people to build us into the nation we celebrate today. And yet, we cannot change them. We hope that through re-education and the acknowledgement of privilege and oppression, we can work together to become a nation we can truly be proud of. We are America. Even if it was founded by those with privilege, this is our country now. We cannot change what has happened, but we will determine our future. That is why we are committed to making our communities just a little bit better than they were yesterday, one step at a time, every day. **We hope you will join us as we remember everything that happened to create America and how each day is an opportunity to make things better.**

What We've Been Up To



Thank you for making the 2019 OAESV Annual Conference a Success!

We want to say thank you to all of our keynote speakers, our workshop leaders, our partners, our moderators, our staff, and you for making this conference possible and for continuing to support our community!



Over

160

to listen to

40

People came from all over Ohio and nearby states

Presenters representing various RCCs and partner organizations

We engaged in

21



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Workshops

Keynote speeches

about topics and trainings concerning community accountability, empowering incarcerated women, safety planning and technology, victims with disabilities, climate change, sexual assault prevention, domestic violence, building inclusive programs, barriers to reporting, Marsy's Law, wage equity, and more!



What's Coming Up

OAESV Monthly Webinar

This month's member webinar, **"When Sexual Assault & Human Trafficking Overlap: Guidance for Rape Crisis Advocates"** will take place on 7/10 from 12-1pm.

Check your email for the registration link--or email info@oaesv.org.

Campus Advocacy Training

Our Campus Advocacy Training is on July 16th in Columbus! Registration closes 7/15--head to our social media for the registration link.

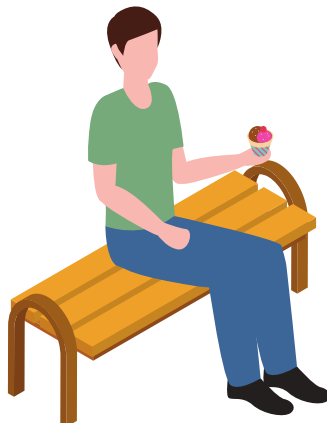
Regional Meetings

OAESV will be hosting five regional meetings August 5-9. Details coming soon!

July is All About Safety and Self-Care!

While May might have been Mental Health Awareness Month, we like to practice self-care all year round! Summers can get packed with so many things to do that you start wondering if you're really enjoying the season. And July might be especially stressful for all the grant writers out there, so make sure you are checking in.

We want to know: what is your favorite way to practice self-care? Send us a picture of something you (or your organization) do(es) to promote self-care, and we will feature it on our social media. Stay in touch for other ways you can de-stress!



What's Coming Up

ELEVATE

2019 Leadership Summit



“**Elevate**” can be defined in many ways and it is our hope that this summit will help to advance leadership opportunities for women of color who are actively working to end sexual, domestic violence and child abuse, as well as those caring for others who have been affected by violence.

Aug
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2019

12PM - 5PM

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9AM - 4PM

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What's Coming Up



SHINE THE LIGHT TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE

EMBRACE
YOUR VOICE,
OHIO!



SEPT 21 2019

11AM TO 2PM
the Sanctuary in Cincinnati

Keynote Speaker:
Kenyette Tisha Barnes

*National Co-Founder #MuteRKelly;
Legislative and Lobbyist/Operative, Nia Vizyon, LLC*

Scan to register or visit
our Facebook page!



Join the Community

Open Positions in the Field

Appleseed Community Mental Health Center

- Program Director for the Save Haven Domestic Violence Shelter

Day One of Crime Victim Services

- Survivor Advocate - Allen County (2 positions)

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

- Bilingual Trauma Therapist - Contract Position
- Trauma Therapist - Child and Adolescent Focus - Westlake Office
- Victim Specialist
- Client Access Specialist (full-time and part-time hours available)
- Ashtabula Client Services Specialist (part-time)
- Regional Victim Specialist

Visit our Medium account for more details on open positions!

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

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!

