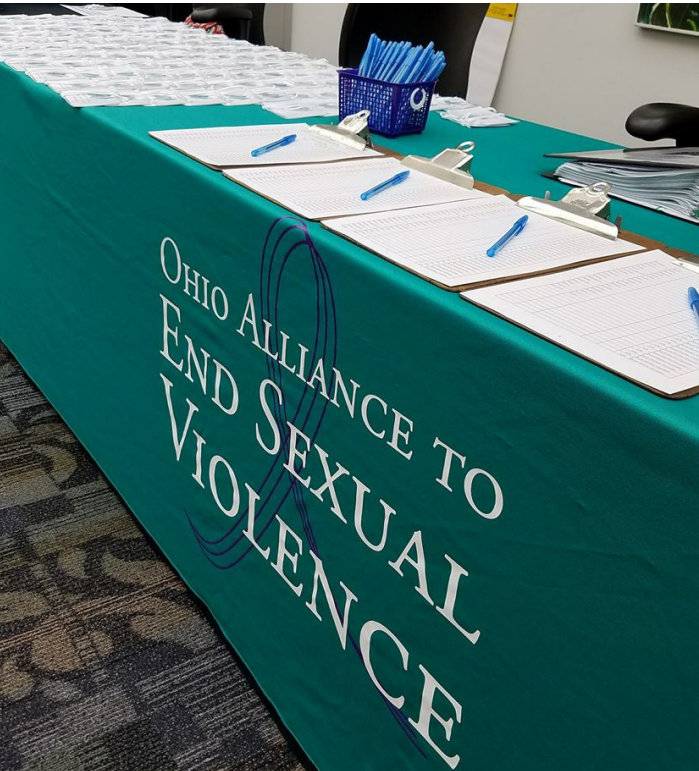


## How can I get involved?

- Support OAESV or your local rape crisis center through a donation of money or supplies, or by volunteering your time
- Invite OAESV or your local rape crisis center to speak in your school, church, workplace, or community group
- Believe survivors and help prevent sexual violence by being an informed, committed, and active bystander
- Share accurate information about sexual violence and confront victim-blaming online
- Call or email your state senator or representative about public policies that OAESV supports



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## The Role of a State Sexual Assault Coalition

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## About OAESV

As the state sexual assault coalition for Ohio, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and empowers communities to prevent sexual violence. Our objectives include:

- End isolation of survivors and agencies working on their behalf
- Improve services and responses to survivors and all those impacted by sexual violence
- Increase public awareness about sexual violence
- Inform and shape public policy
- End sexual violence

## Prioritizing Anti-Oppression

Sexual violence is a form of oppression that is connected to, supports, and is supported by other forms of oppression. These include racism, sexism, homophobia, and xenophobia, among others, as well as the violent and discriminatory behaviors, policies, and practices that define them. OAESV believes that the effort to confront any form of oppression requires a commitment to confronting all forms of oppression. Learn more at [oaesv.org/anti-oppression](https://oaesv.org/anti-oppression).

## What is a state sexual assault coalition?

Every state and U.S. Territory has one sexual assault coalition, a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization designated by the federal government, representing the state's rape crisis centers and advocating for critical public policy change and social justice at the state and national levels. In some states, the sexual assault coalition and the domestic violence coalition are combined into one organization. In other states, including Ohio, those organizations are separate.

## What is the role of a state sexual assault coalition?

State sexual assault coalitions serve as the main training and technical assistance provider for rape crisis centers on best practices in programming and administration, and they advocate on behalf of rape crisis centers and the survivors they serve in public policy advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. State coalitions also lead statewide public awareness efforts, and support local rape crisis centers in engaging with diverse communities, survivors, and service providers in their service areas.

## How is a state coalition different from a rape crisis center?

Rape crisis centers provide a full range of direct advocacy services, public awareness, prevention, and service coordination for survivors and community members in their service areas. While a state sexual assault coalition may provide a limited range of direct services (particularly in areas not served by a rape crisis center), a state coalition works to ensure that rape crisis centers throughout the state have the resources, capacity, and training they require to meet their community's needs.

