

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

From the President & CEO

Dear stakeholders, community partners, colleagues, survivors, funders, and friends,

We are excited and grateful to leave so many things behind us in 2022, but this new year has not shunned away from disheartening news of excess use of power, abuse, oppression, racism, neglect of needs, and the intent to invisibilize those we love, serve, and work with.

As we reflect on the work accomplished in 2022, as a leader, I continue to be in admiration of our staff: their passion, resiliency, drive, and commitment to show up in the midst of it all. We are unapologetically doing this hard and heart work. I honor you!

Our issues are complex, our history as a movement continues to be overshadowed, and funding for this work dwindles, but our resolve is unwavering. As the statewide sexual assault coalition, OAESV is a respected leader organization that has consistently valued its primary asset, the staff, and demonstrated: sound governance; an ability to work collaboratively; the ability to have difficult conversations; innovation in all its approaches; and success and sustainability in meeting the demands of the state.

As we share with you the programmatic and financial 2022 annual report, giving you a glimpse of the perseverance, excellence, passion, and professionalism of each member of our team within the pillars of our organization, the numbers might not be impressive, nor will it probably do their work justice. We cannot truly tabulate the countless hours behind the scenes to truly capture all the work done to meet deliverables, close a case, find a solution, serve our members, and advocate for survivors in all 88 counties, with the limited unrestricted funds we have. I do assure you that it will humbly describe the things that matter to our core, which are intentionality, transparency, consistency, collaboration, heart, and drive.

I hope that through this report you can also envision a brighter future for our state, our coalition, our members, and survivors. A future that continues to flourish, that is diverse, anti-oppressive, equitable, fully funded, intersectional, and accessible to all. A future that looks like me, like you, like us!! The future of our work is radical, transformative, unapologetic, visible, representative, inclusive, evolving, fluid, fearless, liberated, interconnected, free, and without room for hatred. I forever will believe that this future is worth fighting for, worth elevating, showcasing, and celebrating. #WeAreOAESV.

My sincerest gratitude,



Rosa Beltré
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President & CEO



Our Mission

As Ohio's statewide coalition, OAESV uses an anti-oppression lens to advocate for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and to empower communities to prevent sexual violence.

Our Objectives

- 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

2022

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Please consider visiting www.oaesv.org/staff to learn more about our staff members, including their backgrounds and technical assistance specialties.

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to OAESV's passionate and dedicated interns:

Cait Steiner, Annette Asare, Emily Wagner, Jordan Okoye, Julia Barragate, Michaela Medich, Pontea Afzalirad, Eren Crebs, Alexandra Wright

570
volunteer
hours

Anti-Oppression Work & Coalition-Building

OAESV continued to lead, co-chair, or participate in several statewide taskforces, caucuses, or working groups comprised of representatives of the sexual violence and allied fields in Ohio.

We embrace our ongoing commitment to advocate for systems change to better serve sexual violence survivors and empower communities to prevent sexual violence. Additionally, we continue to partner with organizations that fund important survivors' services, prevention, and systems advocacy to strengthen anti-sexual violence work statewide. Through these working groups, meetings, and conversations we continue to confront oppression and transform the anti-violence field through collaborative accountability work.

Anti-Oppression Committee*

The Statewide Anti-Oppression Committee advocates for leaders and people of color in anti-violence work through actively addressing individual and institutional oppression.

Women of Color Caucus*

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 and improve the lives of all women.

Men of Color Caucus*

The Men of Color Caucus is a statewide network to provide on-going support to advance the recruitment and retention of men of color who volunteer or work professionally in crisis intervention, prevention, and/or emergency response to intimate partner and sexual violence(s).

Co-Conspirators in Ending Oppression*

The Ohio Co-Conspirators in Ending Oppression (CIEO) is comprised of beneficiaries of white privilege. Members strive to honor their responsibility to dismantle racism and intersecting forms of oppression through self-examination, relationship-building, and sustainable actions.

LGBTQIA+ Taskforce*

The LGBTQI Task Force is a multidisciplinary collaborative of professionals and individuals dedicated to developing resources and best practices addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning communities.

Sexual Assault Advisory Board of Ohio (SAABO)*

The mission of the Sexual Assault Advisory Board of Ohio (SAABO) is to ensure that all victims of sexual assault or sexual abuse have consistent access to quality medical care in the collection of evidence that meets the standards set forth in the Ohio Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical and Forensic Examination.

Family Violence Prevention Council

SVAA Advisory Board

Ohio Council on Victims of Justice

DELTA Leadership Team of Human Trafficking Task Force

Sexual Assault Tracking Kit Advisory Committee

Preventive Health and Health Service Block Grant Advisory Board

Ohio Human Trafficking Commission

Human Trafficking Victim Services Committee

Human Trafficking Public Awareness Committee

Victims' Rights Education and Enforcement Collaboration Board

Linking Systems of Care

*OAESV either Leads or Co-chairs the statewide taskforces, caucuses, or statewide working groups.

"I am just so thankful to have the opportunity to learn from you all and be working in this field. It is really hard, but having these moments (the conference in general, and our prevention meetings during the year) makes it feel less lonely."

COMPASS Staff Member

Regular Meetings & Events that OAESV hosted in 2022:

Thirsty Thursdays – for Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) coordinators

Advocate Roundtables – for direct service advocates

Ohio Campus Coalition for Advocates and Preventionists – for campus staff

Prevention Pop-in – for preventionists

Themes: community-level prevention barriers, successes, and support; burnout; social media strategizing/social marketing/media literacy; barriers to school-based prevention education due to the socio-political climate; struggles with prevention not being prioritized at agencies; interest in more practical resources

Regional Meetings – for staff at rape crisis centers



386 meetings focused on multidisciplinary projects, systems advocacy, and coordinated community response

Including: multidisciplinary working groups; community, regional, or statewide task force/caucus; state-appointed commissions; and additional types of systems advocacy meetings

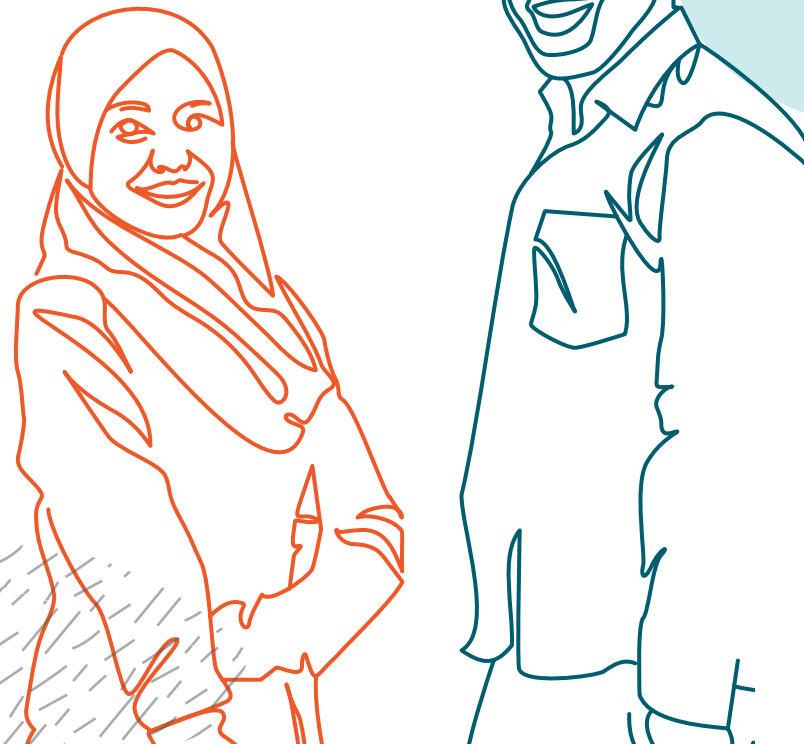
With: Sexual Assault Programs, Dual Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Programs, Domestic Violence Programs, Healthcare and Mental Health Organizations, Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners, Social Service Agencies, Advocacy Organizations, Organizations representing underserved populations, Elected Officials or Legislators*, Government Agencies, University and Schools, State Coalitions, National Coalitions or Advocacy Organizations, Multi-disciplinary groups, and more

**learn more about meetings with Elected Officials and Legislators on Public Policy and Advocacy Day pages*

Anti-Oppression Online Training

An online training curriculum for rape crisis programs, domestic violence organizations, and allied organizations in understanding and cultivating anti-oppression frameworks and practices within their organizations.

In 2022, 167 started the training and 100 participants completed the training, which includes 8 online modules and activities. Here's the snapshot of participation and completion based on each module:



Responses from participants:

"I really appreciate that OAESV asks us to acknowledge the indigenous peoples who lived on the land before me. Using the website provided, I was able to find out that in my neighborhood (43229) the indigenous peoples who resided on this land were the Kaskaskia and the Myaamia. This information is something I will take the time to research more on my own to understand their individual cultures and to understand the harm that has been done to them by colonialization."

"I did not do this with staff, but I was shocked about how unaware I was on violence against Black women. Being a Black woman myself, I recognized my own attention being drawn to men in the media and that I was super uneducated about the rates among women like myself."

"What I have learned is acceptance is key to growth, and that will influence the direction I take when interacting with clients as well as the public in general. This has also allowed me to read deeper into some of the overall levels of injustices against marginalized populations, where they originated, and how they have been perpetuated despite educational opportunities."

"I really liked how this activity really made you think about yourself on a deeper level and think about things you feel or experience every day but never acknowledge. I think it has broadened me to the idea that I need to do more self-reflections in order to come into and accept myself."

COVID-19 Response

In 2021, OAESV distributed several items to rape crisis centers around the state, ranging from PPE to tablets, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, rape crisis centers and hospitals that received tablets, reported continual utilization of these items as tele-advocacy services have seen a steady increase. The five rural programs who received laptops to continue rape prevention education services reported being able to continue providing programming virtually during school closures due to COVID-19 surges throughout the academic year.

OAESV has continued to update our COVID-19 webpage, adding relevant resources and updates as needed.

34

RCC programs received care packages

8

culturally-specific programs received care packages

Packages included:

- Masks
- Lysol
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizers

To use at the centers or distribute to staff.

Products & Resources

In 2022, we created resources that can be used by advocates, prevention educators, and members of the public who wish to support survivors and who are working to end sexual violence. We published monthly newsletters, including a new section for prevention resources, as well as a number of different brochures, reports, fact sheets, manuals, blogs, training materials and curricula, web pages, toolkits, press statements and interviews, and more.

Public awareness products & resources by the numbers:

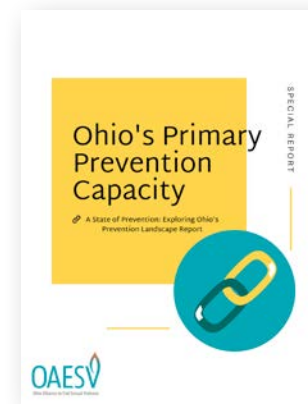
1 BROCHURE	11 TRAINING CURRICULA
7 FACT SHEETS	13 TRAINING MATERIALS
5 MANUALS	43 FLYERS
37 NEWSLETTERS	2 TOOLKITS
4 WEBPAGES	5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS
13 VIDEOS	9 TIP SHEETS
12 BLOGS with 1,080 views	2 REPORTS

"I really appreciate the newsletters and that they actually have resources that are truly worth investigating!"



Top-read blog posts in 2022:

- The State of Prevention: Tools to Address School-Based Programming Barriers
- A Letter to Survivors from YWCA of Northwest Ohio
- Armani Faison and a System That is Not Preventing Sexual Violence
- The State of Prevention: International Whore's Day and the Fight for Decriminalization as Primary Prevention
- #CCRTalk: What is Rainbow-Washing and Is My Team Doing it?



Ohio's Primary Prevention Capacity Assessment Report

This special report explores the statewide capacity to provide high-quality, comprehensive prevention programming. 11 of 17 invited local programs participated in semi-structured interviews conducted by OAESV's Director of Prevention & Public Health, Caitlin Burke, that explored the strengths that local centers have in providing comprehensive prevention programming, as well as the barriers inhibiting progress. Topics explored included leadership, structures, staffing, partnerships, resources, and climate.

Resources for Engaging Men

In the fight to end gender-based violence, it is vital that we support men as survivors. Part of our 2022 SAAM Toolkit was a resource booklet of books, organizations, and programs that are great for engaging men in the movement and for practitioners, as well.

Core Standards

Building upon the original published in 2013, and on the revised edition published in 2016, the 2022 changes to the Ohio Core Standards for Rape Crisis Programs incorporate updated language, more clearly defined terms, streamlined standards, and improvements in the document's ease of use. The Core Standards serve as the authoritative document on the delivery of rape crisis program services in Ohio.



Prevention Roadmap

Preventionists in direct service positions have been experiencing a range of pushback on prevention education in the classroom from curricula surveillance to tenuous community partnerships. As a response, Mónica García Vega at Florida Council Against Sexual Violence and Sarah Ferrato at OAESV collaborated on a roadmap, with crucial input from Sarah Curley and Ian Henderson at Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault to navigate legislative restrictions while holding true to anti-oppressive frameworks.



Growing Our Collective Responses Resource Guide

This guide by Nicole Kass-Colvin, OAESV's Manager of Coordinated Community Responses, serves as a tool to aid in development of a SART or CCRT through reflection questions and sample resources.



Media Mentions & Public Awareness

At OAESV, we believe communicating is central to our work. As the expert voice on sexual violence in Ohio, we understand the complex dynamics of this social problem. Our communicating to the public through all the various channels available is key to addressing this issue, imparting our knowledge, creating awareness, shaping attitudes, and effecting change. We continued to provide timely information to the public as well as to our members, the press, and other stakeholders regarding sexual violence as it affects the state of Ohio.

114,018

oaesv.org pageviews

over **5 million** PNS audience & circulation size

85,514

social media post reach

over **450**

social media posts

over **3,800** reel views

BeTheOne

Be the One Ohio is an initiative led by OAESV and is focused on preventing sexual violence and relationship violence among pre-teens and teens in Ohio.

40.1%

increase in followers from September to December



OAESV



"This issue of sexual violence, especially around male survivorship and male victimization, we don't culturally think that it's real, that it's something that ever happens, and men feel that for themselves as well, or about other men"

Jayvon Howard, Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives
Public News Service interview



"People aren't being served in the ways they need. So, we need for folks to listen to survivors, listen to their actual needs, believe them, make it where we can have these transparent conversations"

Taylr Ucker-Lauderman, Chief Officer of Communications & Engagement
WKYC interview

50 NEWS MEDIA MENTIONS

Public News Service (PNS): 6

- Ohio Rape Crisis Centers Share Successes, Challenges
- 'Engaging Men' Brings New Voices into Sexual Violence Dialogue
- Burnout, Inadequate Pay Plague Ohio's Victim Services Workforce
- The Power of a Collective Voice to End Sexual Violence
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Education is Prevention
- Human Trafficking Happens in Our Backyard

The White House: 1

The Ohio Star: 2

The Oberlin Review: 1

WOWK13: 1

The Review: 1

Columbus Dispatch: 5

Stick to Change: 1

The Daily Jeffersonian: 1

WTOL 11: 2

WKYC: 5

CNN: 1

News5Cleveland: 3

Ohio Capital Journal: 2

The Kenyon Collegian: 1

Newsweek: 2

PR Newswire: 1

REdCon: 1

HerCampus: 1

Kent State University School of Journalism: 1

Los Angeles Blade: 1

Yahoo!: 1

NBC4: 5

Springfield News-Sun: 1

Chillicothe Gazette: 1

The Cincinnati Enquirer: 1

The Guardian: 1

TOP TOPICS

- Roe v. Wade reversal and abortion access in the state
- Deshaun Watson signing with the Cleveland Browns
- Erin's Law (HB 105)

Featured as podcast guests: 4 shows

• Prevention Nation podcast

Discussed Sexual Assault Awareness Month with President & CEO, Rosa Beltré and Vice President of Operations, Shandra Ingram

• PreventConnect Podcast

Discussed the current national landscape and how it's impacting prevention practitioners with Manager of Prevention and Public Health Initiatives Sarah Ferrato

• That's a Hard No Podcast

Discussed creating boundaries and managing consent with Chief Officer of Communications & Engagement Taylr Ucker-Lauderman and Director of Prevention & Public Health Caitlin Burke

• What They Don't Tell You About Survivors Podcast

Discussed adult male victimization and childhood sexual abuse with Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives Jayvon Howard

Engaging Men Q&A-Instagram Lives

In 2022, our Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives, Jayvon Howard, went live on Instagram to answer audience questions about working with men who are survivors or including men in violence prevention.

6 Instagram lives **141** live listeners

Some questions discussed:

What is a specific barrier to engaging men that isn't discussed enough?

What strategies can crisis centers do to serve more male survivors?

What are good resources for learning more about working with men?

How can we reimagine expanding services to male survivors?

Is it important to rebrand agency names to be inclusive of male survivors?

Technical Assistance

As Ohio's only anti-sexual violence coalition, OAESV is in a unique position to provide many services, including training for advocates and preventionists; technical assistance for local programs; systems advocacy; public policy work; resources for community members, providers, and campuses; and prevention work. This includes, and is not limited to, best practices and program standards, grant writing and reporting, administrative policies and sample MOUs, research, public policy advocacy, and self-care.

Technical Assistance topics:

Program and Organizational Issues • Program Services • Hotline/Crisis Intervention • Hospital/Medical Advocacy • Transitional Housing • Immigration Services • Accessible Services • Anti-Oppression Work • Systems Change • Advocacy • Legal Issues • Statistics • Grant Reporting • Equitable Outreach • Coordinated Community Response • Media • Legislation • Training Curricula • Technology and Confidentiality • Victims' Rights • Statutes and Codes • Orders of Protection • Forensic Evidence Collection and Documentation • Court Response • Information and Referral • Funding/Grants • FVSPA-SA • VOCA Fix • Impact Evaluation • Mandated Reporting • Role of Faith-Based Communities • Cultural Humility • Latiné Population

221

instances of assistance provided to rape crisis program advocates, prevention specialists, program administrators, and allied professionals throughout Ohio

Survivor Advocacy Services

OAESV provides survivor advocacy to survivors in areas of the state that do not have a rape crisis center. OAESV operates a resource line for survivors, co-survivors, community members, and professionals to call and learn more about sexual violence resources in Ohio. We also partner with the Ohio Sexual Violence Helpline and local rape crisis centers to connect survivors throughout Ohio to supportive services or resources. Survivor advocacy can include free, confidential sexual assault advocacy and support, including: information about sexual assault, referral to other community service providers, crisis intervention and on-going support, medical and legal advocacy, community awareness, outreach, and more.

Types of Services

Information and Referral

- Information about the criminal justice process
- Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.
- Referral to another victim service program
- Referral to other services, supports, and resources. This can include legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, and more.

Personal Advocacy or Accompaniment

- Individual advocacy
- Accompaniment to medical care, emergency room, or to report to law enforcement

Emotional Support or Safety Services

- Crisis intervention in person, virtual, or over the phone

Criminal or Civil Justice System Assistance

- Notice of criminal justice events
- Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order
- Civil legal assistance with family law issues
- Criminal advocacy or accompaniment

Shelter/Housing Services

Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)

102

survivors served

Training & Events

OAESV strives to provide timely, relevant trainings and events for victim service professionals, allied professionals, and the public on a variety of topics related to the prevention of and response to sexual violence.

96

trainings

57

trainers

over
1,776

total people
in attendance

Two-Day Free Media Training

OAESV's Resource & Communications team offered a two-day media training for journalists and rape crisis centers!

Day 1 - Trauma-Informed Interviewing & Reporting on Sexual Violence: A Training for Journalists

This was designed for reporters to learn trauma-informed and survivor-centered practices of journalism, including terminology and interviewing strategies, and how to navigate breaking news while developing relationships with survivors and those who work with them.

Speakers included: Tamara Cherry; Rachel Dissell; Sophia Fifner; Rachel Lovell, Ph.D



Day 2 - Media Engagement Training: An Opportunity for Rape Crisis Centers

This training, led by nationally-recognized communications strategist *Shanelle Matthews*, was designed for OAESV-recognized rape crisis centers to advance the effectiveness of their relationships with the media and with the narratives shared about their work and sexual violence in their community.

"This training encouraged me to start thinking and considering things in a way that is more proactive instead of waiting until there is an experience to react to."



Training topics:

Advocate Response · Campus Sexual Assault · Drug Facilitated SA · Housing · Identifying Legal Issues · Representation/Advocacy for Survivors Within the Educational System · Representation/Advocacy for Survivors Within the Criminal Justice System · Collaboration · Primary Prevention · Anti-Oppression/Anti-Racism · Community Response to Sexual Assault · Coordinated Community Response (CCR) · Outreach to Diverse/Underserved Populations · SART · SA Forensic Examinations · People of Color · LGBTQIA or Inter-Sex · SA statutes/Codes · Confidentiality · Forensic Evidence Collection and Documentation · Mandatory Reporting · SA Dynamics/Services · Safety Planning · Stalking/Dynamics/Services · Civil Court Procedures · Criminal Court Procedures · Judicial Response · Law Enforcement Response · Protection Orders · Male Survivors · Rural Residents · Discrimination and Oppression Issues · Program Accessibility · Technology Safety Issues · Trauma Informed · Prosecution Response · Dating Violence Laws · Domestic Violence Law · Prevention Programming · Hospital · Response to Victims/Survivors Who Have Disabilities/are Deaf/HOH · Emergency Preparedness · Victim Service Admin and Operations · Evidence Informed Practice · Teens

"The information presented on Ohio's legal system and legal advocacy were very beneficial and provided information that is new to me and will be critical to my work as a new advocate."

Forum Title IX

This day and a half of training presented by our Legal Team focused on the ins and outs of Title IX investigations, hearings, and other processes at institutions of higher education. Topics included: the current state of Title IX; trauma-informed assistance; role of an advisor from beginning to end; and alcohol-facilitated sexual assault.

40-Hour Sexual Violence Advocate Training

OAESV offers this training opportunity biannually to fulfill the Core Standards' requirement of 40 hours of introductory training for new advocates. Attendees receive fundamental information necessary for providing effective services to sexual violence survivors in a variety of contexts, with a focus on medical and legal advocacy.

Creating Community—LGBTQ Cultural Humility in Practice

OAESV's Training Team and EckCo joined forces during Pride month to offer a 12-hour training that covered: offering culturally humble care for LGBTQ+ communities; how unearned privilege and oppression impacts safety for LGBTQ+ communities; ways to become an aspiring ally to LGBTQ+ communities; and how to identify gaps in services, unique safety concerns, and organizational solutions related to LGBTQ+ survivors of violence.

"This was so valuable and eye-opening. I want to hear more!"

Transformative Justice Keynote – Central Ohio SAAM Conference

Our Manager of Engaging Men Initiatives, Jayvon Howard, was the opening keynote address for Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio's (SARNCO) 14th Annual Central Ohio SAAM Conference. He discussed transformative justice, theories of justice, and caring for communities.

Creative Strategies for Supporting Male Survivors and Engaging Men in Violence Prevention

This two-day, 8-hour training provided by OAESV's Jayvon Howard and Dr. Jocelyn Lehrer from the Men's Story Project discussed: social ideas about masculinity; how harmful notions of masculinity can contribute to health and social justice challenges; supporting male survivors of sexual violence on their healing journeys; and how to support men and masculine-identifying folks in crafting and publicly sharing personal stories that support healing. There was a panel discussion and a Q&A with two male survivors.

OAESV's Three-Part Seasonal Training Series (Winter): The Intersection of Sexual Violence & Disability

Part 1 of our new seasonal training series provided a foundation regarding the epidemic of sexual violence against persons with disabilities.

"The presenter's lived experience really helped to give a good voice and perspective to things, along with the allowing other members of the training to share theirs to show the wide range of challenges faced by those living with disabilities."



Presenting Data Effectively

In this virtual two-day session presented by OAESV's Prevention Team, Dr. Stephanie Evergreen walked participants through how audiences engage with visuals, which chart type will best tell the story in a dataset, and how they can use easy-to-learn design skills to sharpen up the point in a visual.



Ready Set Go! Foundations for Prevention

Primary prevention strategies are imperative in order to shift toward a culture that no longer tolerates any form of sexual violence. OAESV offers an annual full-day training to introduce new prevention professionals to violence prevention foundations, such as anti-oppression, public health, and best practices. Our goal is to empower local programs to provide comprehensive prevention that moves beyond individual education and towards community-led culture change.



Supporting Sex Workers: Best Practices for Outreach and Advocacy

Sex workers, who are especially vulnerable to sexual violence, have been left out of the #MeToo Movement for far too long. This training discussed ways in which we can best support sex workers, and challenge traditional norms to better amplify their voices and lived experiences.

Expert Witness Training Academy

This training helped maximize professional expertise to become an expert witness in the courtroom. Participants learned the art of delivering persuasive, direct testimony; how to withstand grueling cross-examination; and the neurobiology of trauma.

Laugh, Dance, Rest: A Collective Healing Experience

A collective healing experience for victim service advocates to take a break from the vicarious trauma they experience daily. This day-long retreat covered the impact of secondary traumatic stress and exploring different types of self and collective care practices.

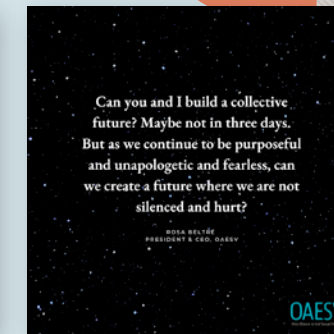
Annual Conference

Growing Our Collective Future

Over the last two years, the conference theme Restoring Our Roots: Cultivating Community has focused on a return to the past to inform our future, to root ourselves in accountability, inclusion, and equity.

In 2022, we propelled forward into the infinite possibilities that come with the ongoing intentional care given to our roots. The conference theme, Growing Our Collective Future, allowed us to cultivate radical imaginations to shape the world around us. While roots ground us, support us, nourish us, the stars allow us to imagine our interconnectedness to everyone– and everything.

"The best part about conference was the diversity of sessions. The amount of BIPOC and queer and disabled voices that were able to be heard and allowed to have space was beautiful."



Awards

- Excellence in Advocacy: Kate Abruzzino, advocate at OneEighty
- Excellence in Legal Services: Jeanne Charles, Managing Attorney of LAV Team at Community Legal Aid Services
- Progressive Prevention: COMPASS (Sexual Assault Education, Prevention & Support)
- Excellence in Community Response: Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program
- Visionary Voice Award: Ryn Farmer, Deputy Director, Crime Victim Services

Networking

- 7 virtual meet-ups were created by participants
- 64 people participated (31% of participants)
- 1204 messages sent among participants, 54 discussion topics, 56 articles shared

209

attendees

June 28-30
2022

HELD VIRTUALLY

Growing our collective future means making space for what has existed, what currently exists, what's forming, and what's possible. It means cultivating radical imaginations to shape another kind of future – one that departs from the terrible cataclysm of violence, of hateful divisions, and suffering. If all oppression is connected, then so must be our liberation.

Let us look up to the sky and begin to imagine the world we would like to inhabit, and rise toward a collective constellation of change

10 affinity groups & learning sessions

- Masc People of Color
- Aspiring White Allies
- Femme People of Color
- LGBTQI+ People of Color
- LGBTQI+ White People
- People with Disabilities/Disabled People
- Serving Queer and Transgender Survivors
- Serving Survivors with Disabilities
- Serving Immigrant Survivors
- Masc People in the Field

10 workshops

- Survivor-Driven Advocacy: Working with Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse
- Growing our Community Responses
- Ensuring Language Access and Advancing Racial Justice: The Interconnectedness of Race and Language
- Self-Care: Dropping the (Bath) Bomb
- Language Justice in Action: Supporting Bilingual and Bicultural Advocates
- Should I Stay or Should I Go: Navigating Burnout as Advocates
- People with Disabilities and Human Trafficking: A Deeper Look at Best Practices
- Connecting the Parts: Promoting Embodied Practices for Dissociation
- Incest Abuse Prevention: Strategies for Stopping the Cycle of Family Sexual Abuse and Centering Survivor Voices
- Pause. Breathe. Rest.



3 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Habeebah Grimes

"Many of the intentions of systemic oppression are to pull us apart so that we are so preoccupied that we are not even thinking of each other."



Mira Yusef

"The question that we need to keep asking when we are on the path to transforming our work is, 'How do we create, transform, and shift our services so they not only include the individual but the community?'"



"The more we interconnect ourselves and agencies together, the more powerful, effective, and independent our communities become. Employing people with disabilities is good for everyone. Employing people without disabilities is good for everyone. Diverse communities are better for everyone."

Legal Services

OAESV provides legal services, free of charge to sexual violence survivors throughout the state of Ohio, under two different programs. Survivors can apply for legal representation and OAESV can match them with staff attorneys or panel attorneys depending on their needs and eligibility. Learn more about our two legal services programs below:

1,000.5

hours of legal representation to survivors

Ohio Survivor Legal Assistance Clinic

The Ohio Survivors Legal Assistance Clinic (OSLAC), a project of OAESV, is Ohio's only legal services provider dedicated solely to sexual violence survivors. Through Office of Violence Against Women, Legal Access for Victims (LAV) funding, OSLAC is provides free of cost legal representation and advocacy to sexual violence survivors who are often left out of other legal programs. We bridge the gap in services for survivors of sexual violence, including survivors of sexual violence perpetrated by non-intimate partners, non-family or household members, strangers, acquaintances, dating relationships, coworkers or classmates.

OSLAC provides direct representation of survivors of sexual violence in matters including:

- Civil Stalking and Sexually-Oriented Offense Protection Orders
- Title IX and Campus Sexual Assault matters in K-12 and Post-Secondary Institutions
- Office of Civil Rights Complaints
- Employment and Sexual Harassment
- Survivor Privacy Rights
- Landlord-Tenant and Housing Protections



Ohio Survivor Legal Assistance Clinic represented

53 clients

62

virtual and in-person office hours for brief legal advice to general public

Legal Assistance Program

OAESV contracts with private attorneys throughout the state of Ohio to provide legal assistance to survivors of sexual violence. This program allows OAESV to partner with private attorneys with a range of legal expertise to ensure sexual violence survivors can receive representation to meet their needs as possible. OAESV pays private attorneys directly through Victims of Crime Administration (VOCA) funding, and ensures that survivors are able to access legal representation free of cost.

Legal Assistance Program can support with the following topics if connected to sexual violence:

- Protection orders • Divorce • Contempt Actions • Custody and Visitation Actions • Economic relief • Educational issues
- Immigration issues • Civil Legal Assistance and advocacy regarding criminal prosecution

panel attorneys provided

337.7 hours of direct

legal representation to sexual violence survivors



Public Policy

OAESV's Public Policy team works closely with local rape crisis programs; other national, statewide, and local advocacy groups; survivors; and elected officials to develop long-and short-term public policy objectives and advocate for policy change.

OAESV educates legislators and other decision-makers about the impact of existing and proposed policies that affect survivors of sexual violence and Ohio's rape crisis centers.

230
campaign
actions taken

9

trainings

Title IX, systems & policy
advocacy, legislative
updates

Public Policy Strategies (Testimonies, Calls to Action, Campaigns)

- HB 276 Testimony, Feb 2022
- HB 403 Testimony, Feb 2022
- HB 403 partner testimony, Feb 2022
- HB 343 Testimony (Crime Victim Services/Rights), March 2022
- HB 427 Testimony, May 2022
- HB 508 Testimony, May 2022
- Erin's Law Call to Action – June 2022 (Over 85 actions – calls and emails)
- Anti-LGBTQ Policy State Board of Education Testimony, October 2022
- Anti-LGBTQ Policy State Board of Education Testimony, November 2022
- Erin's Law Call to Action (120 actions – calls and emails)
- Erin's Law Call to Action (25 actions – calls and emails)
- Erin's Law Testimony, Dec 2022
- Erin's Law partner testimony (6 pieces), Dec 2022

Public Policy Wins/Metrics in 2022:

Last year, OAESV advocated for survivor-centered policies to improve systems, mandate prevention education, and protect victims' rights. We saw some promising policy changes for survivors in Ohio – a direct result of our strength in collective advocacy as a coalition. Some of our major successes include:

Erin's Law passed in December 2022 after several years of tireless advocacy by OAESV, survivors, legislators, rape crisis centers, and more partners.

- OAESV has led efforts in Ohio for several years to pass Erin's Law and create a statewide mandate for sexual violence prevention education.
- Purpose: Erin's Law will mandate developmentally-appropriate sexual abuse and sexual violence education in Ohio's public K-12 schools.

House Bill 343 (Crime Victims' Rights Bill) passed in December 2022.

- Purpose: Expanded crime victims' rights under "Marsy's Law".

Passed legislation in April 2022 to Declare April as **Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month**

- Purpose: To increase public awareness about preventing sexual assault.

In February 2022, Representative Abrams and Representative Hicks-Hudson introduced House Bill 571, a bill to designate April as Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month. As Senate Bill 25 was moving through the committee process Representative Abrams amended House Bill 571 into the Senate Bill. Throughout this process, OAESV took a lead role in helping push the legislation toward the finish line.

Advocacy Day

OAESV's 2022 Advocacy Day was held virtually, with record attendance and engagement from rape crisis centers, survivors, and members of the public. Our signature event provided advocates, preventionists, survivors, and interested members of the public with the opportunity to express the importance of sexual violence advocacy and prevention to members of the Ohio Legislature.

Advocacy Day Topics:

- House Bill 121 – Eliminate Marital Rape Exemption Loophole
- House Bill 266 – Eliminate Statute of Limitations for Rape
- House Bill 105 – Erin's Law (Prevention Education)

Advocacy Day Speakers:

OAESV welcomed speakers across branches of local, state, and the federal government and leaders in the anti-violence field to participate in our morning session for Advocacy Day.

Rosie Hidalgo, Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence and Special Assistant to the President

Indira Henard, Executive Director of the DC Rape Crisis Center

Sharetta Smith, Mayor of Lima, OH

Representative Jessica Miranda, Ohio State Representative

Terri Poore, Policy Director of National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Lynn Rosenthal, President of The Center for Family Safety and Healing

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, U.S. Senator for Ohio

Representative Tavia Galonski, Ohio State Representative

Representative Cindy Abrams, Ohio State Representative



over **700**
participants

32 meetings
with legislators

519
Facebook
streams



t-shirt sales
\$624.66



Used **StreamYard** for the first time, greatly expanding the reach of OAESV's Advocacy Day to youth, college students, members of the public, and survivors who otherwise would not have been able to participate in Advocacy Day.

Financial Report

Each year, we carefully track our income and spending. This helps us to continuously improve the effectiveness of our financial decisions, which ensures that we continue to increase the amount of funds going directly to improving survivor services in Ohio and beyond. We find that it's important to share this information with all of our supporters and stakeholders



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INCOME \$2,695,976

Government Grants	\$2,334,355
Foundations	\$175,000
Contracts	\$53,444
In-Kind	\$74,006
Donations	\$21,265
Memberships	\$18,575
Registrations	\$17,804
Other	\$1,527

88¢
of each dollar
goes to program
services

EXPENSES \$2,641,699


Program Services	\$2,377,163
Management & General	\$199,210
Development	\$65,326

*these are rounded, unofficial, external, and unaudited numbers



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