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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Ohio Anti-Sexual Assault Coalition to Host 12th Annual Advocacy Day at Statehouse, Survivors, Lawmakers, and Advocates to Join

Columbus, Ohio – The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) will host an advocacy day at the Statehouse where the state’s sexual violence survivor advocates will speak directly with lawmakers to ask for improved legislative support. In the morning session (9:30am to 11:30am), several speakers will address the audience regarding important legislation and current needs of survivors and rape crisis centers in Ohio. **Members of the press are invited to join to hear speakers and interview participants.**

WHAT: There will be an event with speakers in the morning, and attendees will meet in groups with lawmakers in the afternoon.

- Subjects
 - Importance of Advocacy Day
 - Legislators share the importance of survivor-centered legislation
 - HB 143: Enact the Ohio Safe Homes Act
 - HB 89: Regards intimate examination of anesthetized, unconscious patient
 - Survivor experiences
 - Awards (National Awards from National Sexual Violence Resource Center)
 - Thank You to Legislators
 - Celebrating “Ending Spousal Rape Loophole” Passage in Ohio (HB 161)

WHO: coalition staff, state lawmakers, rape crisis survivor advocates, rape crisis center directors, survivors

- Speakers
 - Rosa Beltré, President & CEO of the OAESV
 - OAESV Survivor Empowerment & Advisory Council
 - Michael Sheline, Ohio Attorney General’s Office
 - Erin Froehlich, Ohio Governor’s Office
 - Rep. Brett Hillyer
 - Rep. Michele Grim
 - Angela Boykin, StoryCenter

- Hamilton County Auditor Jessica Miranda
- Minority Leader Nickie Antonio

WHEN: April 30, 2024; 9:30am to 11:30 am

WHERE: Ohio Statehouse Atrium at 1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 43215

Find our [press kit](#) here.

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*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. **Find our [press kit](#) here.***