# South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault



# 2013 Annual Report



#### About SCCADVASA

#### Who We Are

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) is a statewide coalition made up of the 22 sexual assault and domestic violence advocacy programs in South Carolina. Since 1981, SCCADVASA has been a leader in representing the critical needs of survivors and their families. Our dedicated staff works to make the community aware of issues, problems, policy and legislation regarding sexual assault and domestic violence.

#### **Our Mission**

The mission of SCCADVASA is to end domestic violence and sexual assault in South Carolina by influencing public policy, advocating for social change and building capacity of member programs, organizations, and communities across the state.

#### **Our Vision**

To eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault in South Carolina.

#### **Our Staff**

Colleen Campbell Bozard, Interim Executive Director
Portronda Lowery, Financial Coordinator
Courtney-Christie Paul, Training and Administrative Assistant
Rebecca Williams-Agee, Director of Prevention and Education
Amanda Wozniak-Woodruff, Director of Advocacy and Collaboration
Nancy Duke, Program Services Coordinator
Donna Thompson, Training Coordinator
Heidi Anderson, Communications Coordinator
Emmie Craig, Immigrant Survivor Advocacy Coordinator

#### **Our Board**

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#### Message from Our Interim Executive Director and Board Chair

2013 has been a year of real change and growth for SCCADVASA. With the resignation of Executive Director Pam Jacobs effective May 31, 2013, the Board of Directors made the decision to conduct a thorough and deliberate executive search and hired an Interim Executive Director to allow them the time to do this. Numerous stakeholders and community partners were surveyed to gather input to help determine the future of the organization and the qualifications and characteristics needed for SCCADVASA's next leader. We currently are using this information to guide our search and anticipate that a new leader will be identified in 2014.

Leadership transitions provide numerous opportunities and creative possibilities. To take full advantage of this, a comprehensive organizational assessment was conducted and steps taken to build on strengths while addressing challenges. The result has been revised vision and mission statements, updated bylaws and policies, the development of a community-based Board of Directors, renewed commitment, and a short-term plan to guide activities throughout the coming year.

In the meantime, SCCADVASA's incredibly talented and committed staff continues to provide exceptional services throughout South Carolina. We hosted 61 training events in 2013, providing education to more than 1,900 professionals. A full range of topics were presented, including examining the impact of domestic violence in underserved communities, the use of technology to perpetrate violence, trauma informed services and responding to teen dating violence, as well as our very popular Sexual Assault conference in April and our Domestic Violence conference in October.

SCCADVASA tirelessly works to address interpersonal violence through public policy at the legislative level. One of the highlights of our work was securing recurring state funding for sexual assault programs.

Unfortunately South Carolina once again ranked number one in the nation for the rate of women murdered by men and with sexual assault rates that continue to surpass the national average. This has lead to a focus on lethality assessments and safety planning, as well as improving the coordinated response at the community level. We understand the value of working with our statewide partners to make a significant difference in this state. Collaborations with the Department of Social Services, The Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Victim Services Coordinating Council and so many others help enhance our ability to increase the state's capacity to respond to these crimes.

SCCADVASA has increased its focus on primary prevention work in the last year, and as a result, it's work to train educators, parents and service providers in effectively responding to sexual and intimate partner violence among teens and young adults, while at the same time teaching healthy relationship behaviors, responsible communication, respecting boundaries, and other important topics for young people grew. We've also begun building capacity around the state to expand the involvement of men and boys in our work.

Our state has incredible advocates, organizations and individuals all across South Carolina who are committed to ending domestic violence and sexual assault. Together we can make a difference! We look forward to the coming year and hope you will join us.

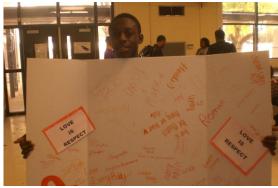
Colleen Campbell Bozard, Interim Executive Director and Ginny Waller, SCCADVASA Board President.



### 2013 Program and Legislative Report

#### **Program Highlights**

- SCCADVASA staff provided a number of technical assistance services, to include 18 site visits to direct service programs, government agencies, healthcare settings, colleges/universities and youth programs across the state, 172 technical assistance consultations to those mentioned above, in addition to batterer intervention programs, attorneys and legal services, media, statewide partners and media outlet, and created and distributed 8 e-newsletters to direct service advocates.
- Director of Prevention and Education Rebecca Williams-Agee welcomed 42 youth from different parts of the state to two Youth Leadership Summits, in February and September. Youth attendees of the conference had conversations surrounding media and pop culture, how these things are related to sexual and dating violence, an overview of what sexual and intimate partner violence actually are, and eventual training in how to be an active bystander, or "upstander", when you recognize unhealthy relationship behaviors. A School Climate Research summary was also developed.



Darlington High School student with Love is Respect Project, created by attendees of our Youth Leadership Summit.

- Immigrant Survivor Advocacy Coordinator Emmie
   Craig headed the "Strengthening Services for Immigrant Survivors" project in collaboration with
   the SC Immigrant Victim Network and PASOs Program. One outcome of this project was a set of
   best practices for providing effective advocacy and services to immigrant survivors in South Carolina
- Director of Advocacy and Programs Amanda Wozniak-Woodruff has been actively working with SARTs across the state to enhance collaborative relationships with Law Enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Solicitors and any other identified allied community partners working with victims of sexual assault. She has also built upon a successful relationship with the SCVAN's Statewide Forensic Nurse Examiner Coordinator, Anne McKibbin. This partnership has proven to be very helpful to address gaps within hospital systems especially pertaining to Anonymous Reporting.
- SCCADVASA's additional partnerships include: LGBTQ IPV Task Force, Victim Services Coordinating
  Council, Human Trafficking Task Force, DSS Liaison Project, Abuse in Later Life project teamed with
  Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, and a partnership with DHEC to include the Intersection of
  HIV and Domestic Violence.
- In an effort to meet the needs of direct service sexual and domestic violence programs across the state, SCCADVASA has made free, hour-long webinars recorded for VSP credit through OVSEC available for member program staff through the new updated SCCADVASA website.
- SCCADVASA hosted a Title IX and Clery Act Training for South Carolina College and University personnel to engage them, connect them with local direct service programs, and ensure that they are following the specific requirements for reporting and responding to on-campus sexual assaults. 42 attendees from colleges and universities across the state were trained, with instructions on how to utilize information upon returning to campuses.



- SCCADVASA staff facilitated 6 General Membership, Sexual Assault Interest Group and Domestic
  Violence Interest group meetings in 2013. These meetings focused on supporting the direct service
  provider member programs around the state. Topics of discussion and collaboration included the
  connection between our issues and teen pregnancy, emergency shelters food programs, funding
  changes and other topics of interest.
- SCCADVASA staff also facilitated quarterly or bi-monthly meetings of 6 issue-specific roundtables comprised of direct service program staff:
  - \* The Community Educators roundtable focused on issues relating to providing healthy relationship and primary prevention education within communities around the state.
  - \* The Shelter Managers Roundtable focused on a number of topics related to services direct service DV programs provide, including the provision of trauma-informed, victim-centered services.
  - \* The Clinicians Roundtable discussed issues specific to the provision of clinical services by programs, to include the connection between substance abuse and DV and SA.
  - \* The Child Advocates Roundtable has discussed how to collaborate with Guardian Ad Litems n their communities, and how their roles may complement one another.
  - \* The Court Advocate Roundtable has focused a good deal of attention on how to work within the court and criminal justice system when multiple barriers to collaboration may exist.
  - \* The Volunteer Coordinators Roundtable has examined the best ways to utilize volunteers within the agency, how to increase their volunteer roster numbers, and how to attract non-traditional professions and skill sets to offer their talents to the agency.

#### **Legislative Highlights**

The SC General Assembly was called to order for the beginning of a new two-year legislative session in January 2013. SCCADVASA successfully supported a number of critical legislative activities, including a reinstatement of funding for rape crisis centers in recurring funds at the highest rate since 2008. SCCADVASA also assisted in the passage of a bill allowing Criminal Domestic Violence charges to be issued on a uniform traffic ticket. SCCADVASA supported the passage of Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter's legislation which would have allowed Judges to award possession of pets to a Petitioner in an Order of Protection. This legislation passed the House, and came very close to passing the Senate as well.

SCCADVASA was also involved with a number of other pieces of legislation that did not pass by the end of 2013, including but not limited to:

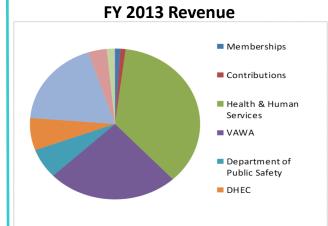
- Permanent No Contact Orders for survivors of sexual and domestic violence and stalking
- A number of legislative pieces addressing the requirement that those who are convicted of CDV or are subject to an Order of Protection surrender their firearms
- Amending the definition of "moderate bodily injury" as it relates to assault crimes
- Sex offenders in long term care facilities
- The addition of strangulation and smothering to the CDVHAN statute.

Advocacy surrounding these and other pieces of pertinent legislation will continue in 2014.



# 2013 Financial Report

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Membership Dues	\$7,225	Salaries	\$317,060
Contributions	\$6,980	Payroll Taxes	\$27,368
Health & Human Services	\$254,946	Employee Benefits	\$51,653
Office on Violence Against Women	\$175,843	403B Employer Match	\$4,575
Department of Public Safety Dept. of Health and Environmental Con- trol	\$45,137	Worker's Compensation	\$7,713
	\$48,945	Unemployment Insurance	\$4,971
Dept. of Social Services	\$131,610	Public Awareness	\$3,518
Verizon Grant	\$25,000	Victim Assistance	\$535
Training Registration Fees	\$10,334	Trainings	\$79,678
Miscellaneous Income	\$700	Staff Development	\$11,931
TOTAL	\$706,720	Program Assistance	\$3,642
		DV Awareness Month	\$5,821
		Conferences and meetings Contract Labor	\$12,991 \$54,166
		Occupancy General & Administrative	\$39,040 \$30,277
		Insurance	\$4,705
		Legal and Professional	\$20,181
		Travel	\$19,839
		TOTAL	\$700,216







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# 2013 Trainings



Rousing plenary, "Collaboration Strategies to Achieve Social Justice in Marginalized Communities," to start off our second day at the SCCADVASA Annual Domestic Violence Conference by Sheila Hankins of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community.

In 2013, SCCADVASA hosted 61 training events, and provided training to more than 1,900 professionals. The trainings included:

- •Trauma Stewardship, Self-care, and Wellness: from Theory to Practice. Greenville
- Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking within the United States, Columbia
- •Trauma Stewardship, Self-care, and Wellness: from Theory to Practice, Columbia
- •Victim Service Provider Core Certification Training, Florence
- •WEBINAR Series The Importance

of Youth Leadership in Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence

- •Strengthening Military-Civilian Community Partnerships to Respond to Sexual Assault, Columbia
- •WEBINAR Series Advocacy with LGBTQ Survivors
- •The Impact of Domestic Violence in Underserved Communities, North Charleston

•It's Time to Talk About It – Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Conference, Columbia, SC

- WEBINAR SERIES Understanding Rape Culture and How to Change It
- Responding to Teen Dating Violence,
   Spartanburg
- Victim Service Provider Core Certification Training, Columbia
- WEBINAR SERIES Neurobiology of Sexual Assault: Impact of Trauma
- WEBINAR SERIES Community Collaborations to Respond to Sexual Assault



Attendees of our 2013 Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Conference discuss privilege.

•The Impact of Domestic Violence in Underserved Communities, Aiken

- Program Innovations in Batterer Intervention, Columbia
- •The Practical Implementation of Title IX and Clergy for Sexual Violence Prevention and Response, Columbia
- WEBINAR Series The Use of Technology to Perpetrate Violence
- Responding to Teen Dating Violence, Beaufort
- Responding to Teen Dating Violence,
   Florence





Rebecca Williams-Agee, Director of Prevention Services for SCCADVASA, opens up our training at USC Upstate in Spartanburg on Teen Dating Violence.

- •WEBINAR Series Understanding Confidentiality
- •The Impact of Domestic Violence in Underserved Communities, Greenville
- •WEBINAR Series Trauma Informed Services for Survivors
- •Responding to Teen Dating Violence, Greenwood
- WEBINAR Series Sexual and Domestic Violence and STIs/HIV
- •Prevention, Intervention, and Collaboration: Effective Strategies to End Domestic Violence, Columbia
- •The Impact of Domestic Violence in Underserved Communities, Myrtle Beach
- WEBINAR Series The Role of Advocacy



Byron Hurt - Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes

- •Victim Service Provider Core Certification Training, Columbia
- •WEBINAR Series Advocacy with Immigrant Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence



## **South Carolina Sexual Assault Programs**

#### **CASA/Family Systems**

Orangeburg, Calhoun & Bamberg Labrena Aiken-Furtick, Executive Director Phone: 803-534-2448 Hotline: 1-800-298-7228

#### **Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons**

Aiken, Barnwell, Allendale, Edgefield, Saluda & McCormick

Kay Mixon, Executive Director www.cumbeecenter.org

Phone: 803-649-0480 Hotline: 803-641-4162

#### **Family Resource Center**

Kershaw & Lee

Rosalyn Moses, Executive Director

www.frccounseling.com

Phone: 803-425-4357 Hotline: 1-800-585-4455

#### **Foothills Alliance**

Anderson & Oconee Tracie Bowie, Executive Director www.foothillsalliance.org

Phone: 864-231-7273 Hotline: 1-800-585-8952

#### Julie Valentine Center

Greenville

Shauna Galloway-Williams, Executive Director

ww.julievalentinecenter.org

Phone: 864-331-0560 Hotline: 864-467-3633

#### Hope Haven of the Lowcountry

Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton & Jasper Shauw Chin Capps, Executive Director Phone: 843-524-2256 Hotline: 1-800-637-7273

#### Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault

Lancaster, Chester & Fairfield Charlene McGriff, Executive Director

Phone: 803-286-5232 Hotline: 1-888-790-8532

# Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual

Florence, Darlington, Marion, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Clarendon & Williamsburg

Ellen Hamilton, Executive Director

www.peedeecoalition.org

Phone: 843-669-4694 Hotline: 1-800-273-1820

#### **People Against Rape**

Charleston, Berkeley, & Dorchester Stacey Tunstill, Executive Director www.peopleagainstrape.org

Phone: 843-745-0144/Hotline: 1-800-241-7273

#### **Rape Crisis Center**

Horry & Georgetown Joyce Hart, Executive Director www.victimtosurvivor.org/

Phone: 843-448-3180 Hotline: 843-448-7273

# Rape Crisis Council of Pickens County Pickens

Shannon Lambert, Executive Director Phone: 864-442-5500 Hotline: 864-442-5500

#### **SAFE Homes - Rape Crisis Coalition**

Spartanburg & Cherokee Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director

www.shrcc.org

Phone: 864-583-9803 Hotline: 1-800-273-5066

#### Safe Passage Inc.

York & Union

Jada Charley, Executive Director

www.safepassagesc.org

Phone: 803-329-3336 Hotline: 1-800-659-0977

# Beyond Abuse (Formerly Sexual Trauma & Counseling Center)

Greenwood, Laurens & Abbeville Charlotte Ehney, Interim Executive Director www.sexualtraumacenter.org

Phone: 864-227-1623 Hotline: 864-227-1623

#### Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

Richland, Lexington, Newberry & Sumter Ginny Waller, Executive Director

www.stsm.org

Phone: 803-790-8208 Hotline: 1-800-771-7273

#### National Sexual Assault Hotline:

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

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#### **Laurens County Safe Home**

Saluda, Abbeville, & Laurens Dawn Ardlet, Executive Director www.thesafehome.org

Phone: 864-682-7270 Hotline: 866-598-5932

#### Meg's House

McCormick, Edgefield, & Greenwood Alice Hodges, Executive Director www.megshouse.org

Phone: 864-227-1421 Hotline: 800-447-7992

#### My Sister's House

Charleston, Berkely, & Dorchester Elmire Raven, Executive Director www.mysistershouse.org

Phone: 843-747-4069 Hotline: 800-273-4673

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#### Safe Harbor

Greenville, Oconee, Anderson, & Pickens Becky Callaham, Executive Director www.safeharborsc.org

Phone: 864-467-1177 Hotline: 800-291-2139

#### **SAFE Homes - Rape Crisis Coalition**

Spartanburg & Cherokee Lynn Hawkins, Executive Director www.shrcc.ora

Phone: 864-583-9803 Hotline: 1-800-273-5066

#### Safe Passage Inc.

York & Union Jada Charley, Executive Director www.safepassagesc.org

Phone: 803-329-3336 Hotline: 1-800-659-0977

#### Sistercare

Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, & Kershaw

Nancy Barton, Executive Director

www.sistercare.com Phone: 803-926-0505 Hotline: 800-637-7606

#### YWCA of the Upper Lowlands

Sumter, Lee, & Clarendon Debra Wilson, Executive Director www.ywcaupperlowlands.org

Phone: 803-773-7158 Hotline: 803-775-2763

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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