

# Annual Report 2016





## Our Mission

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Abuse (SCCADVASA) is the collective voice promoting the prevention of domestic violence and Sexual Assault in South Carolina.

## Our Vision

A South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault.

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# From the Executive Director

In 2016, we changed how SCCADVASA presents itself to the world. Our new starburst logo represents the light, visibility and hope our collective voice brings to subjects hidden from view for too long. The blue and white of the South Carolina flag is now a part of our visual identity, proudly showing our identification with our state and its communities. Our new website streamlines information for easy accessibility and our increased social media presence aims to inform and inspire action.

Changes in our public image are rooted in the guidance and direction provided by our new strategic plan. We have refocused our vision and mission to address the social change needed to end domestic and sexual violence in South Carolina. **Advocacy, Collaboration** and **Education** are the compass by which we will work to keep our movement at the forefront during uncertain political times. **Prevention** of domestic and sexual violence assault is our goal. SCCADVASA is committed to building a society in which respect and trust form the core of relationships and fear has no place to thrive.

It is an enormous task, as evidenced by the statistics contained in this report. That fact becomes even more troubling when you consider that statistics are not cold numbers. They are, rather, people in our communities, our children, friends, neighbors, sisters, brothers and possibly even you, the person reading this annual report.

By raising our collective voice to full volume, we can – and will – make change in our state. We thank you for joining with us in this movement.

Sara Barber, *Executive Director*  
Ashley Cole Story, *Chair*



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# Member Organizations

Our 22 full **member organizations** provide **direct services** to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Our coalition's strength is rooted in the life-saving work their staff and volunteers provide every day.

Beyond Abuse (SA)

CASA/Family Systems (DV/SA)

Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons (DV/SA)

Family Justice Center (DV)

Family Resource Center (SA)

Foothills Alliance Center (SA)

Hopeful Horizons (DV/SA)

Julie Valentine Center (Greenville Rape Crisis) (SA)

Laurens County SAFE Home (DV)

MEG's House (DV)

My Sister's House, Inc. (DV)

Palmetto CASA (SA)

Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic  
and Sexual Assault (DV/SA)

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Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (SA)

Sistercare, Inc. (DV)

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*\*DV: Domestic Violence, SA: Sexual Abuse*



# Affiliate Members

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# Statistics are more than numbers; they represent individual lives

We all know someone who has been sexually assaulted or who is the victim of domestic violence. Figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that 41% of South Carolina women and 18% of men have been raped, suffered severe physical violence or been stalked. That's around a million people in our state.

Many of these victims do not choose or do not feel able to report to law enforcement, but are still able to access critical wrap-around services at the rape crisis centers and domestic violence organizations that form SCCADVASA's membership. People tend to think of "shelter" as merely a noun, as in the physical safe house used to provide emergency shelter for victims and their children. Over the years, that term has evolved to become an action – a verb – to encompass a multi-dimensional effort that includes a temporary refuge, transitional housing, crisis lines, legal advocacy, counseling, children's services, medical care and employment help. Individual victims need many different types of support along their path to healing. Our member agencies respond accordingly as their limited financial resources permit.

In FY 2015-2016, the fifteen rape crisis centers provided over 25,000 units of service, including hotline response, hospital accompaniment, counseling, referrals and multiple avenues of advocacy. These essential services were provided to more than 5,500 individual victims and survivors who were seeking assistance for the first time.

The total number of individuals who received domestic violence services during this past financial year, was over 21,000, with 5,372 adults and children being provided shelter, or emergency refuge.

**In 2016, we carried out our first service census of sexual assault centers.**

From **September 1–8, 2016**,  
a span of only **ONE** week...

**ONE  
WEEK** → **900**

These organizations provided services to  
nearly **900 primary** and **secondary** survivors.

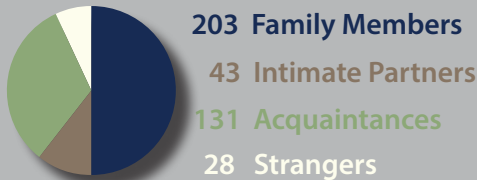


Our member organizations offer Hotline/crisis hotline, face-to-face crisis intervention, case management, support groups, individual therapy, legal advocacy, hospital accompaniment/medical advocacy, and services to incarcerated survivors

Most people still think of  
**“STRANGER DANGER”**  
when they hear about RAPE.

These numbers show that **93% of survivors**  
who identified the perpetrator, **knew the person that assaulted them.**

**93%**



“A 14 year old girl told her story for the first time of her uncle sexually abusing her. She shared her story with her father and the love and support was overwhelming. Healing was happening right in front of my eyes.”

“During the teen SA survivor’s group, members were able to identify how their acceptance of slurs against other young girls perpetrates an environment that accepts sexual assault as the norm & blames victims. These young women are choosing to change their language to benefit themselves as well as others.”

“Indirect victims of sexual assault experience significant levels of trauma as well as the direct victim. Parents, for example, receive multiple services (crisis management, counseling, court advocacy and other supportive services) in order to ensure a home environment conducive to healing.”

**141 Crisis Calls** were received  
by the **24-Hour Hotlines**



On **10** occasions, services could  
not be provided due to  
lack of staff, limited accessibility,  
restrictions on or lack of funding





# advocacy

*noun* | ad•vo•ca•cy | /'advəkəsē'/

The act or process of supporting a cause or proposal.

SCCADVASA's policy team works to increase understanding of how laws and agency policies impact the lives and healing of **victims and survivors** of domestic and sexual violence. Our **policy focus** areas and legislative agenda are determined by the **emerging** and **ongoing** needs of the communities served by our member agencies.

During 2016, we built the foundations for H.3724, introduced this year by Rep. Clary that provides state-level **confidentiality** protections for communications between clients and staff at domestic and sexual violence organizations. The Senate passed S. 524 (Hembree) which clarified the indecent exposure codes to include behaviors in corrections and detention facilities. This bill did not receive a hearing in the House, but was reintroduced this year. We also testified against S.1203, a so-called "bathroom bill" which would have prohibited transgender persons from using the bathroom of the gender with which they identify. Our testimony focused on correcting inaccurate fears and information on sexual assault that were being used to try to advance the bill. The bill did not advance out of judiciary committee.

**Federal and state funding** is crucial in sustaining and building our communities' **capacity** to fully meet the needs of survivors. We work at the Statehouse and with our national partners to strongly advocate for the importance of these funding streams.





# collaboration

*noun* | col • lab • o • ra • tion | /kəˌlabəˈrāSH(ə)n/

**Two or more people working together to create or achieve the same thing.**

In order to **eliminate** domestic and sexual violence from our communities, we must facilitate multiple layers of collaboration throughout the state. Only then will our collective voice have the sustaining strength and resolve to take on the many challenges we face.

We work to support the direct services and community work of our member organizations by developing and sharing **best practices**. We represent the voice of our members and survivors of violence as we work to build successful **coordinated community responses** such as Sexual Assault Response Teams, Domestic Violence Coordinating Councils and Fatality Review Teams. SCCADVASA provides technical assistance, educational programs, interest group meetings, round-tables, list serves and publications. **During 2016, we responded to 747 such requests for technical assistance.**

The implementation of the initial recommendations of Governor Haley's Task Force on Domestic Violence continued during 2016. There is increased recognition of the critical need for **ongoing efforts** to improve the state's response to the complex web of issues associated the ongoing struggle with high levels of intimate violence. Although this task force may have ended, the work it began must continue. Although this Task Force may have ended, the work it began must continue if our state is going to continue to improve its response to this issue.



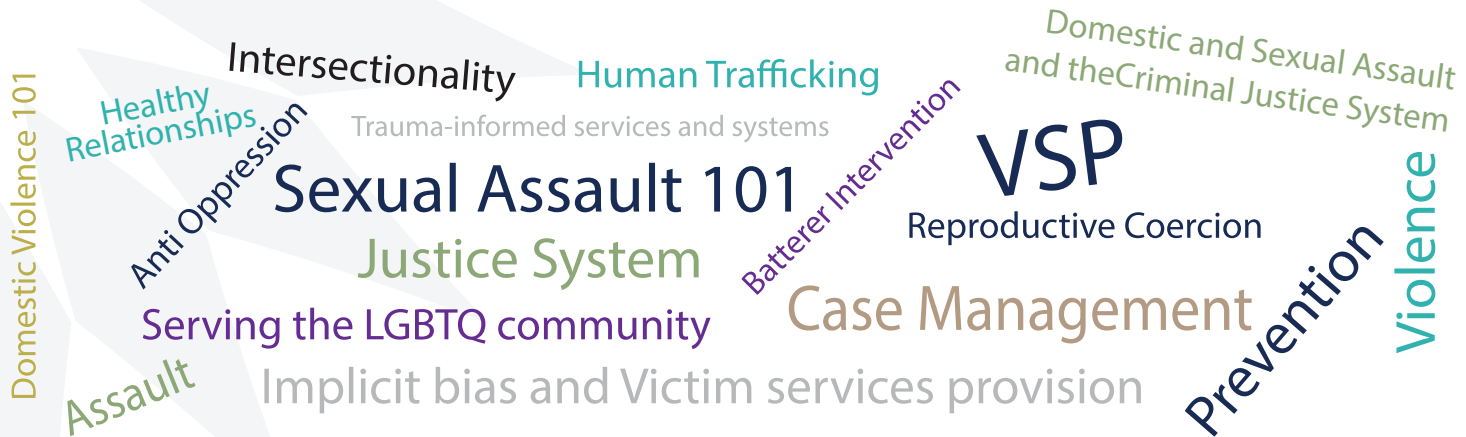
# education

*noun* | ed • u • ca • tion | /e-jə-'kā-shən/

Information about or training in a particular area; an enlightening experience.

In 2016, SCCADVASA provided education to more than 4,200 attendees in statewide conferences, regional trainings, webinars and other presentations. We trained a diverse group of professionals and community members including member organization staff, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, DSS and child protection staff, faith communities, medical professionals, state employees and even bartenders.

Our core certification training for Victim Service Providers was reimagined and redesigned to provide a mixture of web-based and in-person sessions that could better meet the needs of busy professionals unable to attend a multi-day training event.





# prevention

*noun* | pre • ven • tion | /pri-ˈven(t)-shən/

**The act of stopping something from happening or arising.**

Our new mission speaks to SCCADVASA's role in promoting the **prevention** of domestic and sexual violence in South Carolina, an expansive revisioning of all aspects of our work, and descriptive of the progress we hope to make in **promoting cultural change**.

Prevention is typically divided into three timeframes – Before perpetration ever occurs (**primary prevention**), immediately after violence has occurred to address short-term consequences (**secondary prevention**), ongoing and long-term after violence has occurred to deal with lasting consequences and to prevent further harm (**tertiary prevention**). At present, we may be engaged most in the secondary and tertiary levels. If we are to realize our vision, we must change the lens through which we approach our work. Our efforts must be centered in the building of healthy relationship practices rather than on the aftermath of violence.

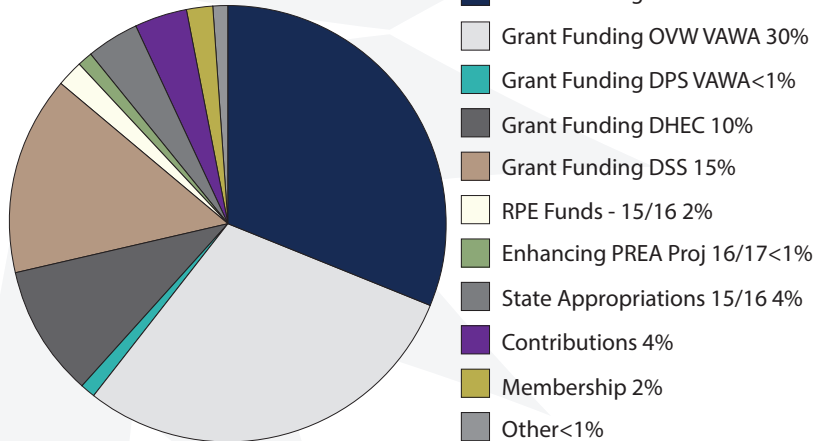
In 2016, we hired our first full-time Prevention team members, began to build a strategic plan to expand the capacity of our coalition's capacity to engage in evidence-informed programming, and funded four **seed projects** to further explore the multiple paths to weave prevention into the **diverse communities** we serve.

# SCCADVASA Financials

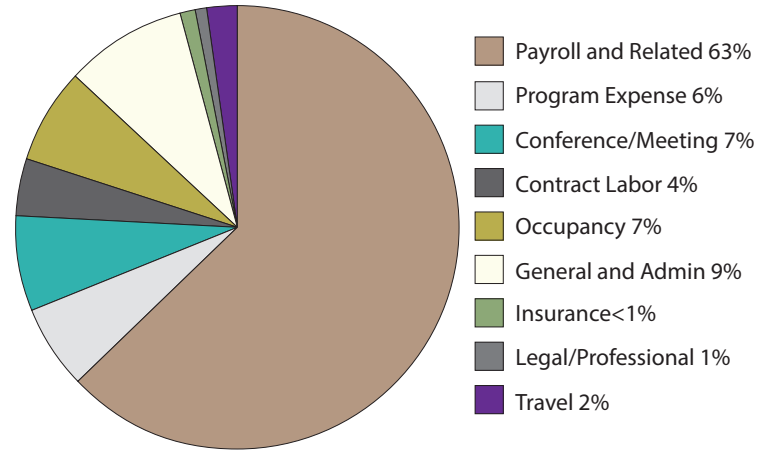
Total Income.....\$711,127

Total Expenses .....\$696,687

Net Income.....\$ 14,440



**INCOME**



**EXPENSES**

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*If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.*

**Part One: Life**  
**Emily Dickinson (1830–1886)**