



# sccadvasa

South Carolina Coalition Against  
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

2018 Annual Report

# Statistics are not just numbers.

They tell us the story of lives impacted by domestic and sexual violence.



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If we were ever wondering, 2018 demonstrated that our work to end sexual and domestic violence is a marathon rather than a sprint. The hope that emerged with the explosion of voices in #MeToo crashed into the reality of a culture that still isn't ready to engage in the sustained work needed to create meaningful change. This underlines the importance of our work—of the collective challenge in which we engage to push forward in building the advocacy, collaboration, education, and prevention initiatives that will create a different society. One that values the safety of all its citizens.

How we do our work is critical to its success. In 2018, our staff and board identified the core values of Humility, Collaboration, Leadership, and Credibility as the cornerstones—which both anchor and thread through every aspect of our initiatives. They guide us in finding our way to solutions that reflect the unique and varied needs of each individual survivor and community that, when combined, can create the transformative change of our vision for South Carolina.

In these pages, you will read about our efforts and successes in 2018. We hope that you will join us in 2019 as we take our next steps on this path of justice and healing.



**Sara Barber**  
*Executive Director*



**Our Mission:** 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 and sexual violence.

# ADVOCACY

## Policy Advocacy

SCCADVASA's policy staff tracked 66 bills in the South Carolina Statehouse during the 2018 session. Major legislation that passed included the establishment of the Children's Advocacy Department, which will coordinate the state's response to issues impacting children. Bills that focused on specific concerns relating to domestic and sexual violence did not pass, but a foundation was established for continued advocacy on confidentiality, sexual assault evidence tracking and improved gun safety laws. State appropriations for domestic and sexual violence remained at level recurring funding.

On the federal level, 2018 saw the expiration of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The House passed H.R. 1585 on April 4th, 2019 with a bipartisan vote and the focus will now switch to the Senate where our senior Senator, Lindsay Graham is the Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Our Executive Director traveled to DC in February to testify on a panel for Congressional staff about the importance of the bill to victim services and prevention funding in our state. Reauthorization of the Family Prevention and Services Act almost made it to the finish line but was derailed by political wrangling around the elections. Senator Tim Scott had signed on as a co-sponsor to this bill, which is the foundation for funding of domestic violence shelters. He also co-sponsored the Fix NICS act, which closed a firearms loophole (passed in March 2018), and supported an additional funding stream through HUD for housing victims of domestic violence and trafficking.

## Legal Assistance

Made possible by a grant from the SC Bar Foundation, in 2018 SCCADVASA hired its first in-house legal counsel and launched the ***SCCADVASA Victim Legal Assistance Fund***. The General Counsel provides expert, on-demand legal assistance to strengthen SCCADVASA's advocacy initiatives and addresses the complex legal needs of member organizations and the survivors they serve. The ***Legal Assistance Fund*** provides funding to hire contract attorneys, who provide legal representation to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in legal matters critical for the protection of their safety, privacy, and legal rights. The focus of the past year has been to serve the legal needs of domestic violence survivors in rural areas, to defend the privacy of victim information, and to provide victim's rights representation to sexual assault survivors. In addition, the General Counsel consistently works to enhance SCCADVASA's collaborative relationships with our statewide legal community, to include the SC Bar Association, USC School of Law's Domestic Violence Clinic, and SC Legal Services.

## Human Trafficking

SCCADVASA addresses the intersection and interdependence of the crimes of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking by providing leadership on the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force and chairing the Adult Services Workgroup (formerly the Direct Services Workgroup). In 2018, SCCADVASA provided 25 instances of technical assistance on issues related to trafficking, trained over 300 people on this topic, and produced and distributed a paper on ***Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault: Considerations for SA and DV Agencies***.



*Our credibility is important  
to the level of services we  
provide to our membership.  
We hold ourselves to high  
standards to ensure that  
we are providing our  
best possible service  
to those who seek  
us out.”*

*–Marie McDonald*







*“Being intentional about discovering who we are and where we stand has helped us strengthen our relationship with communities in a compelling and authentic way.”*

*– Cory France*

# EDUCATION & COLLABORATION

## **REALationships 101 Campaign**

In late fall of 2018, SCCADVASA launched its *REAL*ationships101 campaign, educating teens and young adults about the characteristics of a healthy relationship. The digital campaign advocates for transformative social change through messages that promote consent, respect, trust and the value of personal space through a lens of inclusivity, empathy, and purposeful social action. To learn more about the *REAL*ationships101 campaign, visit <http://www.realationships101.org>.

## **SART Project**

SCCADVASA continues to make a strong impact on the formation and strengthening of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across the state. In 2018, SCCADVASA hosted three quarterly conference calls for SART leaders, provided 29 instances of technical assistance around team coordination and improvement, organized a one-day training for 13 SART Coordinators and allies, and facilitated SART trainings for five communities. SCCADVASA reprinted and distributed the South Carolina SART Manual to over 45 team members across the state. By year-end, SC has 19 Sexual Assault Response Teams serving 29 counties in the state—6 of them being newly established in 2018.

## **DSS Liaison Project**

Over the past year, SCCADVASA continued to support the strengthening relationship between domestic violence organizations and the Department of Social Services (DSS). In addition to providing ongoing support through quarterly meetings, SCCADVASA provided the opportunity for DSS Liaisons at DV organizations to attend a national conference at the Safe and Together Institute. Spearheaded by David Mandel, the conference focused on a perpetrator pattern-based approach to child welfare, which can cause a change in language and practice, making advocates more trauma-informed and victim-friendly.

## **Communities of Color Engagement Project**

The Communities of Color Engagement (COC) Project continued to increase equity and access to culturally appropriate services in South Carolina through collaboration with member organizations, community and grassroots partners, faith leaders, and other allies in our state. In 2018, SCCADVASA hosted 5 community-based listening sessions and small focus groups with community members in 4 locations to discuss the barriers faced by people of color when accessing systems of care. Moving forward, the insights gained from this project will provide a foundation of understanding of the historical and contemporary cultural norms that continue to negatively impact victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and inform the steps forward we can take to create positive change.

## **Women's Empowerment Network**

The Women's Empowerment Network (WEN), an empowerment and support system for women of color working at domestic violence and sexual assault organizations in SC, hosted its 2nd Annual WEN Summit in November 2018. The Summit was the culmination of the year-long support provided through and for this group and it convened nearly 100 women of color for a full-day program focusing on wealth acquisition, leadership, creativity, and movement.

# SYSTEMS ADVOCACY & PREVENTION

## College Consortium

SCCADVASA continued expansion and intentional training and engagement with campus advocates, educators, and Title IX representatives across the state through its College Consortium. This included the development and implementation of two statewide primary prevention conferences and regular convenings with the cohort.

## Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Project

In December, SCCADVASA completed an 18-month partnership with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), which supported the development of trauma-informed models of care at DV/SA agencies. In 2018, all 22 SCCADVASA member organizations completed agency- or program-wide assessments to measure proficiency in providing trauma-informed care. Information from the assessment can be used by agencies to create improvement plans.

## Primary Prevention Initiatives

Thanks to funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Rape Prevention Education Funding*, SCCADVASA provided two community-level prevention conferences in 2018, with a goal of creating safe spaces and promoting prevention initiatives that stop first-time occurrence of sexual assault and domestic violence. The first conference, held in May, convened experts from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center to train prevention and leadership staff at domestic and sexual assault centers from across the state. The second conference, held in November, convened national experts for training and discourse on how to create safe spaces in small communities on college campuses (for example, Greek life or athletics). Follow-up discussions and implementation planning has continued with Prevention Educators through SCCADVASA's Community Educator Roundtable and through the circulation of the *Community Educator Toolkit*.

## Reproductive Coercion Prevention and Response Project

With support from the New Morning Foundation's Choose Well Initiative, SCCADVASA explored attitudes and practices of healthcare providers around intimate partner violence, with a focus on reproductive coercion, and attitudes of domestic and sexual violence service providers toward reproductive healthcare services. In 2019, SCCADVASA will release a report highlighting the project's findings and will present a poster and presentations at state and national events.

## Outreach to the Service Industry

Since 2016, when we equipped advocacy agencies with the Bar Outreach Facilitator Training from Our VOICE in North Carolina, many sexual assault centers have continued to increase awareness of assault and train bystander intervention techniques to staff within the food and drink industry. In 2018, SCCADVASA interviewed staff and management at 27 bars and restaurants in 7 locations to better understand their perceptions of their role in creating safe spaces. In addition to publishing a report of the interview findings, SCCADVASA created a guide for young adults on what to do after a sexual assault and published articles in two editions of SC Restaurant and Lodging Association newsletter.



*"I believe that credibility is competency plus character. We need both of these things in order to consistently hold and manage the trust and confidence of our communities across the state. As a Coalition that focuses on credibility, we are continually centering ourselves to put our words into action for the betterment of survivors and holistic survivor care."*

*– Katie Reid*



# TRAININGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

## SCCADVASA In-House Training

SCCADVASA's knowledgeable and experienced staff provides intensive, interactive in-person and online learning experiences on issues impacting victim service provision and intersecting issues. We also partner with national and local experts to advance our vision of highly trained, victim-centered professionals who exercise quality, effective, and trauma-informed services to all survivors of domestic and sexual violence across the state of South Carolina. In 2018, our staff hosted and facilitated 84 in-person trainings, in-services, or conferences for over 3600 professionals. In addition, over 630 individuals participated in online learning via eight webinars and three online training modules.

SCCADVASA's *Basic Training Course for Victim Service Providers* is one-of-a-kind in the state and provides a blended learning experience where participants complete the majority of the course via small online lessons and activities. The last portion of the course is conducted in-person through classroom learning and interactive simulations. After completing the 15 total hours of content, participants are able to apply for certification through the Attorney General's Office to be a Victim Service Provider. In the latter part of the year, SCCADVASA revamped the online training and upgraded to a new platform, which allows participants to experience a more interactive, user-friendly training.

## Alliances and Networks

SCCADVASA staff participates in numerous state and national partnerships to help advance a collective vision of a safer South Carolina. Some of the networks in which SCCADVASA staff participated in 2018 include the Public Policy Committee of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, United Way of the Midland's Resilient Richland, the SC Race Equity and Inclusion Learning Collaborative, the Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative, the SC Infant Mortality and Morbidity Committee, the Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, and Business Network International.

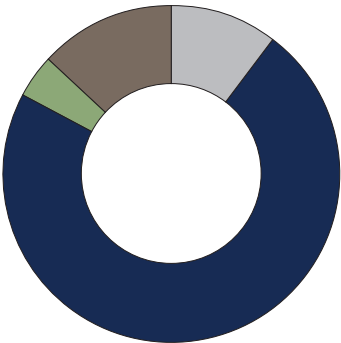
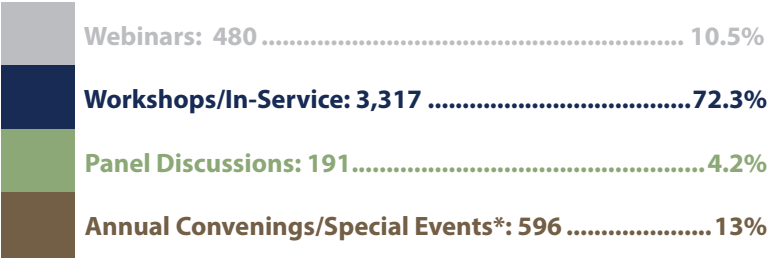
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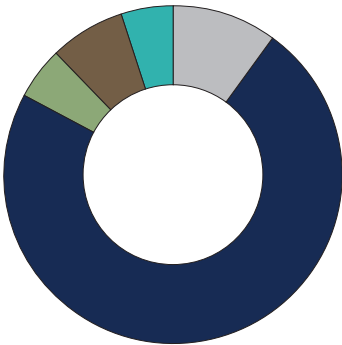
## Victim Service Provider Training Statistics:

In 2018, SCCADVASA facilitated 6 certified victim service provider trainings through the SC Office of the Attorney General - Department of Crime Victims Services Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis (CVST). At the close of 2018, we successfully trained 201 victim service providers and advocates across the state.

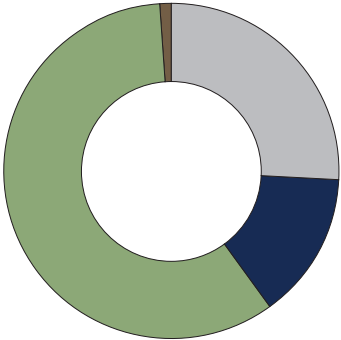
Participants Impacted (By Percentage):



Training & Event Segmentation (By Type):



Training & Event Location Segmentation:





# NEW MEMBER BENEFITS

In December 2018, SCCADVASA activated two new membership tools to improve and streamline our internal communication and resource-sharing efforts for our membership. This process included (1) creating a statewide **Membership Staff Listserv** forum for employees at member organizations to share experiences and gain insight from other staff at DV/SA member organizations across the state; and (2) launching our bi-monthly **Peer Resource Sharing Calls**—a teleconference for staff at membership organizations to discuss topic-specific issues related to prevention and the provision of services to domestic and sexual violence survivors.

## Bi Monthly Peer Resource Sharing Calls

SCCADVASA's bi-monthly **Peer Resource Sharing Calls** were developed to give our membership network an opportunity to engage in critical and philosophical dialogue about topics that impact the prevention efforts and service provisions of those supporting and serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Upon registration, participants receive an agenda in advance of the call that may include educational or creative resources, content regarding current or new trends, or highlights of a promising approach to service from an organization in our network.



## SCCADVASA Membership Staff Listserv

Our SCCADVASA-sponsored membership listserv is a forum for membership agency staff and leadership to share their unique experiences or challenges, gain in-depth insight from other programs around the state, and share helpful resources. The platform is only accessible to members and is updated annually to accommodate our growing membership.

## Roundtables:

- Community Educators
- SC SART Coordinators
- College Consortium
- DSS Liaisons
- Executive Directors
- WEN Roundtable





*When I think of taking an intersectional approach to centering the voices of marginalized survivors in our state, I am reminded of this quote by Audre Lorde.*

*"When we speak, we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak."*  
–Audre Lorde

–Dr. Valerie Ekue







*“Serving our statewide community with compassion and empathy stems from our ability to do so with one another. In that sense, we’re truly lucky.”*

*– Natalie Sonek*

# STAFF, BOARD, MEMBER & AFFILIATE INFORMATION

## 2018 Membership Organizations

Beyond Abuse  
CASA Family Systems  
Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons  
Family Justice Center  
Family Resource Center  
Foothills Alliance  
Hopeful Horizons  
Julie Valentine Center  
Laurens County SAFE Home  
Meg's House  
My Sister's House, Inc.  
Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault  
Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic  
Violence and Sexual Assault  
People Against Rape

Pickens County Advocacy Center  
Safe Harbor, Inc.  
Safe Homes - Rape Crisis Center  
Safe Passage  
Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands  
Sistercare, Inc.  
Rape Crisis Center  
YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

## 2018 Affiliate Organizations

Mental Health America Aiken -  
Nurture Home  
A Call to Action Oconee  
Aiken County Victim Services  
Alice/Alexis Woman to Women Transitional  
House Ministry  
Bamberg County Sheriff's Office\*

Compass of Carolina  
Domestic Abuse Center  
Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office  
Gemstones Youth Development, Inc.  
Origin SC  
Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention  
& Prevention - USC  
South Carolina Legal Services  
Spartanburg Police Department  
SWITCH  
Synergy eTherapy  
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The Parenting Place: Prevent Child Abuse  
Thrive SC  
Winthrop University Office  
of Victims Assistance

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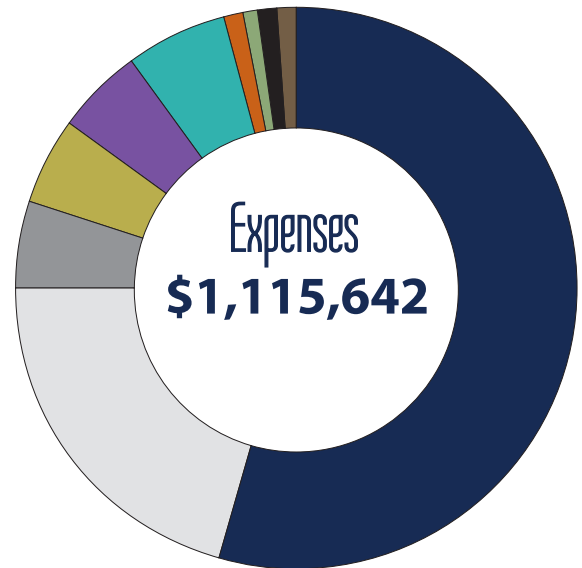
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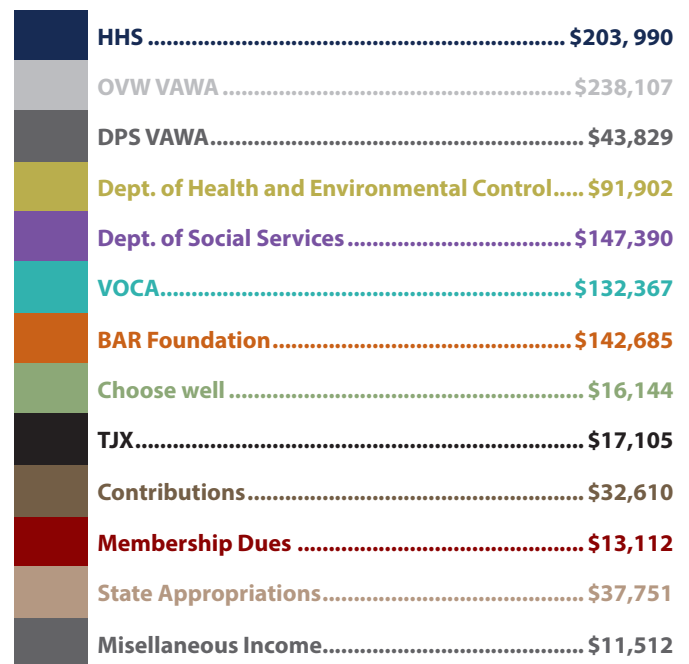
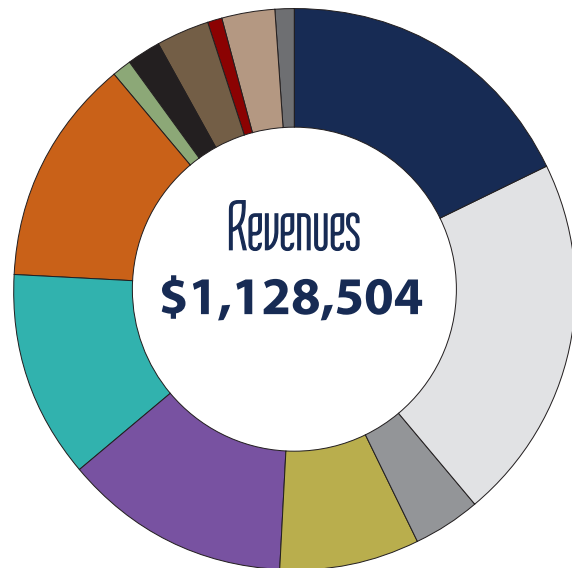
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## Expenses



## Revenues



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*“Our way forward has  
always been recognizing  
the importance of  
building collaborations  
within the community.”*

*– Courtney-Christie Paul*





A portrait of Patricia Ravenhorst, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top with a brown and white geometric pattern and a gold necklace with a circular pendant. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

*“The tireless effort  
of South Carolina’s  
victim advocates  
is an inspirational  
example of what  
we can achieve  
together when no  
one worries who  
gets the credit.”*

*– Patricia Ravenhorst,  
General Counsel*

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*Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds?  
Lay first the foundation of humility. –Saint Augustine*