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# **South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Annual Report 2014**

# About SCCADVASA

## Who We Are

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA) is a statewide coalition made up of the 23 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 the capacity of member programs, allied organizations and communities across the state.

## Our Vision

SCCADVASA is the leader in directing efforts to eradicate domestic violence and sexual assault in South Carolina.

## Our Staff

Sara Barber, Executive Director  
Rebecca Williams-Agee, Director of Prevention and Education  
Portronda Lowery, Financial Coordinator  
Donna Thompson, Training Coordinator  
Courtney-Christie Paul, Training and Administrative Assistant  
Damond Ford, Communications and Prevention Coordinator

# Services Provided by SCCADVASA

## Training and Technical assistance regarding the following topics:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Primary Prevention for Intimate Partner Violence
- Community Collaboration such as SARTs (Sexual Assault Response Teams), CCRs (Collaborative Community Response) and DVCCs (Domestic Violence Collaborative Community)
- Social Change
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Offender Accountability
- Human Trafficking
- Underserved/Marginalized Communities
- College/University Prevention and Intervention Initiatives

**Legislative advocacy surrounding domestic and sexual violence at the state and federal levels.**

**Statewide systemic advocacy on behalf of sexual and domestic violence survivors.**

2013-2014 Board of Directors	2014-2015 Board of Directors
Kristin Dubrowski, <i>Chair</i>	Ethel Weinberg, <i>Chair</i>
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	Eugene Rugala
	Neil Sondov
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# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2014 was a year filled with change, growth and optimism about SCCADVASA's future. Our new mission statement gave us a clear path to follow. With a new Board of Directors and new additions to our staff, we began the work of building strong community partnerships that will translate our goals into reality and improve outcomes for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The Post and Courier's investigative series, *Till Death Us Do Part*, published in August, shone an essential spotlight on the tangled web of cultural and legal factors that contribute to South Carolina's high levels of violence against women. Survivors' stories and grim statistics were woven into a compelling narrative that provided the needed impetus to meaningful change. Broad legislation that will restructure the way domestic violence is prosecuted and prohibit convicted domestic violence offenders from purchasing or possessing firearms is pending in the Senate and the House. Governor Haley has established a task force to examine what cultural changes need to be made to interrupt the generational cycles of violence that seem to thrive in our communities. Our participation in these efforts presents us with amazing opportunities to develop connections and partnerships with other agencies that will result in improved responses and a safer place to live for all our citizens.

The national focus on sexual violence on campus has galvanized our efforts in this area and we are building extensive relationships with institutions of higher education to assist in prevention and intervention efforts. Increased efforts identifying the importance of engaging men and boys in our work continue to be a focus of our community outreach. We strive to ensure that traditionally underserved communities are able to access services. During 2014 we produced best practice guides for working with immigrant survivors and for survivors from the LGBT communities. We continue to provide education and training on these and many other facets of the work to end intimate partner violence in South Carolina.

2015 promises to be a year in which we can take major steps forward as we build on the momentum in the state and on the work SCCADVASA and its member organizations have done in previous years. We invite you to join us in our efforts. It is time for South Carolina to say "No More" and to recognize that it's on us to create a community where violence is not tolerated.

Sara Barber  
Executive Director





## 2014 Legislative Summary

The SC General Assembly reconvened for the 120<sup>th</sup> legislative session in January 2014. SCCADVASA actively supported the passage of Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter's bill allowing judges to award possession of animals to a Petitioner in an Order of Protection. After being introduced a number of times, the bill was signed into law as **Act No. 251** in June of 2014. We also supported the passage of Erin's Law, a bill requiring the selection or development of instructional units in sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention in grades K-12.

SCCADVASA was involved with a number of other pieces of legislation that did not pass by the end of 2014, including but not limited to:

- Omnibus domestic violence bills introduced by Sen. Shealy and Rep. Sellers
- Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Act introduced by Sen. Lourie and Rep. Cobb-Hunter.
- A bill providing that mutual orders of protection must not be granted unless both parties file a petition and the court makes detailed findings of fact indicating that both parties acted as aggressors- Representative Quinn
- A bill providing protection for dating partners not currently covered by domestic violence laws (Representatives McLeod and Alexander, and Senator Jackson)
- A bill to expand Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree under certain circumstances when the actor is in a position of familial, custodial or official authority to coerce the victim to consent, with an exception for when the actor engages in a non-coerced consensual encounter with another person who is over the age of 14 (Representative Cobb-Hunter)

Advocacy surrounding these and other pieces of legislation that will positively address the continued high levels of intimate partner violence will continue into the 121<sup>st</sup> South Carolina General Assembly.

# 2014 Programs and Initiatives Highlights

## LGBT Manual

At the beginning of 2014, SCCADVASA began a dialogue with member programs around their needs in regards to providing culturally-sensitive services to survivors who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender. Based on these conversations, SCCADVASA began the process of developing a LGBT Best Practices Manual for Service Providers in collaboration with SC Equality Coalition, TransAction, and other organizations that focuses on the specific needs of the LGBT community and to enhance the services provided by sexual and domestic violence providers across the state. Topics in the manual included choices in language around gender identity and sexual orientation, organizational competency and creation of an inclusive environment, the effects of oppression and discrimination, and general advocacy. The manual also includes a specific section relating to the unique needs of survivors who identify as Transgender.



As a part of this project, SCCADVASA has also partnered with the SC Equality Coalition to provide in-service trainings directed towards domestic and sexual assault service providers in different areas across the state. The first of these trainings was held in December 2014, and trainings will continue into 2015.

LGBT Manual and Training in North Charleston 2014

## Risk/Lethality Assessments and Fatality Review Initiatives

In 2014 focus was placed on the development and implementation of training on Risk/Lethality Assessments and Fatality Review Initiatives. Staff researched, developed and conducted trainings on risk/lethality assessments for law enforcement, victim advocates, and other community partners at statewide trainings, including the Victim's Rights Week Conference, and the Criminal Justice Conference. SCCADVASA's staff also provided training to local domestic violence organizations on conducting risk/lethality assessments during crisis line calls, intake assessments, safety planning, and throughout their continued contact with survivors.

SCCADVASA has also received technical assistance from the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative from Northern Arizona University during the past year. We are currently planning an intensive one-day training to be given by their team that will increase the knowledge and capacity of our member programs and their community partners to pilot the fatality review process in their communities.

One of the most meaningful responses that SCCADVASA has seen arise across the state from the discussion of fatality reviews and lethality assessments is that community partners are becoming fully committed to coordinating their response to domestic violence. Through this commitment as a team, communities will improve their response to all victims of domestic violence and improve accountability for batterers and the overall response of systems to these crimes.

### Engaging Men and Boys

SCCADVASA has made an ongoing effort to increase the organization's primary prevention activities over the last few years, and as a part of that effort, has recognized the increasing need to support efforts to engage men and boys in the work to end intimate partner and sexual violence. In 2014, SCCADVASA organized 3 Engaging Men and Boys trainings in different parts of the state as a way to bring allied men to the table to begin the conversation about how to increase their involvement in the work. Simultaneously, local efforts continued to develop in communities across the state, led by member organizations, in addition to projects led by allied community partners. As the requests for opportunities to get involved increased, SCCADVASA realized the importance of guiding these efforts in a direction that would help strengthen existing programs, and help develop fledgling groups interested in beginning community collaborations in their areas.

Concentrated efforts to organize a Statewide Engaging Men and Boys Task Force began in earnest, and SCCADVASA looks forward to the first meeting of this group in January 2015, and the work that will be a result of this task force.



Engaging Men and Boys training in Georgetown, SC

### College/University Engagement

In the summer of 2013, SCCADVASA began relationship-building efforts with institutions of higher learning across the state by hosting a training on the intersections of Title IX and the Clery Act. The training, given by the Victim Rights Law Center and the Clery Center provided information on how the provisions of these laws improve services on campus to survivors of interpersonal violence. On October 20, 2014, the United States Department of Education published the final regulations for the VAWA amendments to the Clery Act, and SCCADVASA began to receive increased contacts from institutions and educators working in the communities around these schools requesting training and guidance around the full implementation of Title IX, Clery, and the amendments. As we recognized the growing technical assistance need in this area, SCCADVASA began a concentrated effort to support these institutions, service providers in local organizations across the state, and the development of relationships between them. We have worked to bring the Victim Rights Law Center and Clery Center back to SC to provide two trainings in different regions of the state in 2015. Additionally staff members have begun training in collaboration with local member organizations at institutions around the state. At the end of 2014, SCCADVASA organized a college workgroup from members of the Community Educator roundtable, which will begin its work in 2015 to address the growing need for training and guidance

around Department of Education efforts to comprehensively address sexual and intimate partner violence on college campuses.

### **Sexual Assault Response Team Development (SART)**

There are currently twelve SART teams in communities across South Carolina. During 2014, SCCADVASA actively participated with ten SART teams and provided technical assistance to improve team coordination as well as their response to survivors. SCCADVASA staff also trained members of community-wide SARTs on topics such as trauma response, stalking, PREA compliance, and anonymous reporting. A specific example is the guidance provided to the Richland County SART subcommittee on the collection and evaluation of data from core disciplines working with victims and survivors in their community. Within this project, we received technical assistance from EVAWI's research expert, Kim Lonsway, and we plan to share the outcome(s) from RCSART, as well as implement the collection of sexual assault response data with other SARTs in 2015.

SCCADVASA also worked alongside SCVAN's Statewide Forensic Nurse Coordinator to distribute SLED collection kit information regarding the change made to the kits, and emphasized the importance of SANE-Advocate relationships.

<b>Active SART</b>	<b>Associated Member Organization</b>
Anderson SART	Foothills Alliance Center
Barnwell SART	Cumbee Center to Assist Abused People
Charleston/Berkley/Dorchester SART	People Against Rape
Greenville SART	Julie Valentine Center
Kershaw SART	Family Resource Center
Lexington SART	Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Myrtle Beach SART	The Rape Crisis Center
Newberry SART	Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Richland County SART	Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
Spartanburg SART	SAFE Homes- Rape Crisis Coalition
Sumter SART	Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands
York County SART	Safe Passage, Inc.



# 2014 Training & Events

SCCADVASA's knowledgeable and experienced staff provides extensive in-person and online trainings on issues impacting survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Most of these training opportunities provide credit hours for victim service providers, attorneys, law enforcement, or social workers. We believe that education is crucial to our efforts to eradicate sexual and domestic violence across South Carolina. In 2014, SCCADVASA's training team made available 69 opportunities reaching the entire state. These trainings included *Engaging Men in the Conversation to End Domestic Violence*, *Confidentiality and Ethical Communication* and *Victim Service Provider Core Certification Training*. The training year was anchored by our webinar series which included *Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting* and *Trauma-Informed Care*.

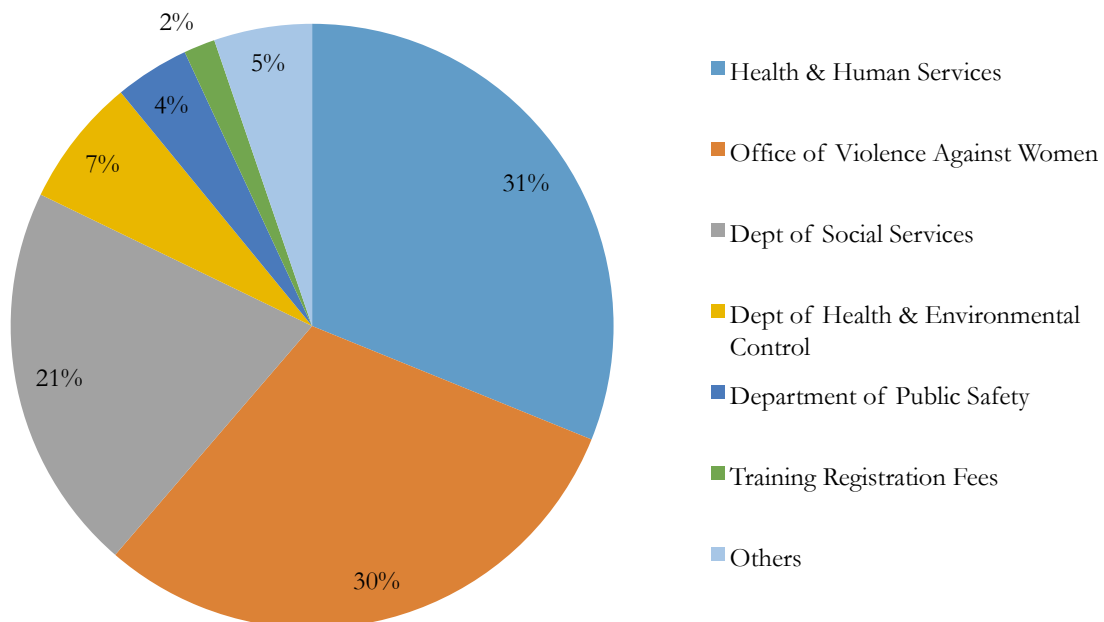
## *List of 2014 Training & Events*

WEBINAR SERIES: Reproductive Coercion in Teen and Young Adult Relationships
Trauma-Informed Care for Children Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence
Integrated Child Support Services Domestic Violence Training
WEBINAR SERIES: Working with Immigrant Survivors: U and T Visas
Educate, Engage, Empower! (2014 Sexual Assault Conference)
Trauma-Informed Care for Children Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence
WEBINAR SERIES: Providing Relevant and Sensitive Services to Transgender Clients
WEBINAR SERIES: Serving LEP Clients Competently, Ethically, and Uniformly
Victim Safety and Offender Accountability: Guiding Principles of a Batterer Intervention Program
WEBINAR SERIES: Campus SAVE Act: The Intersections of Sexual Violence and Dating Violence on College Campuses
Recognizing and Responding to the Needs of Vulnerable Adults
WEBINAR SERIES: Upstander Intervention
Advocating for the Needs and Safety of Children
WEBINAR SERIES: LGBTQ Model Protocol: Providing Comprehensive, Competent Services
WEBINAR SERIES: Self Care and Awareness
Webinar Series: Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting
Webinar Series: Pregnancy and Domestic Violence
U Visas and VAWA Self-Petitions: The Advocate's Role
Raising OUR Collective Voices: Improved Skill Sets for Diverse Professions (2014 Domestic Violence Conference)
LGBT Manual Training

# 2014 Financial Report

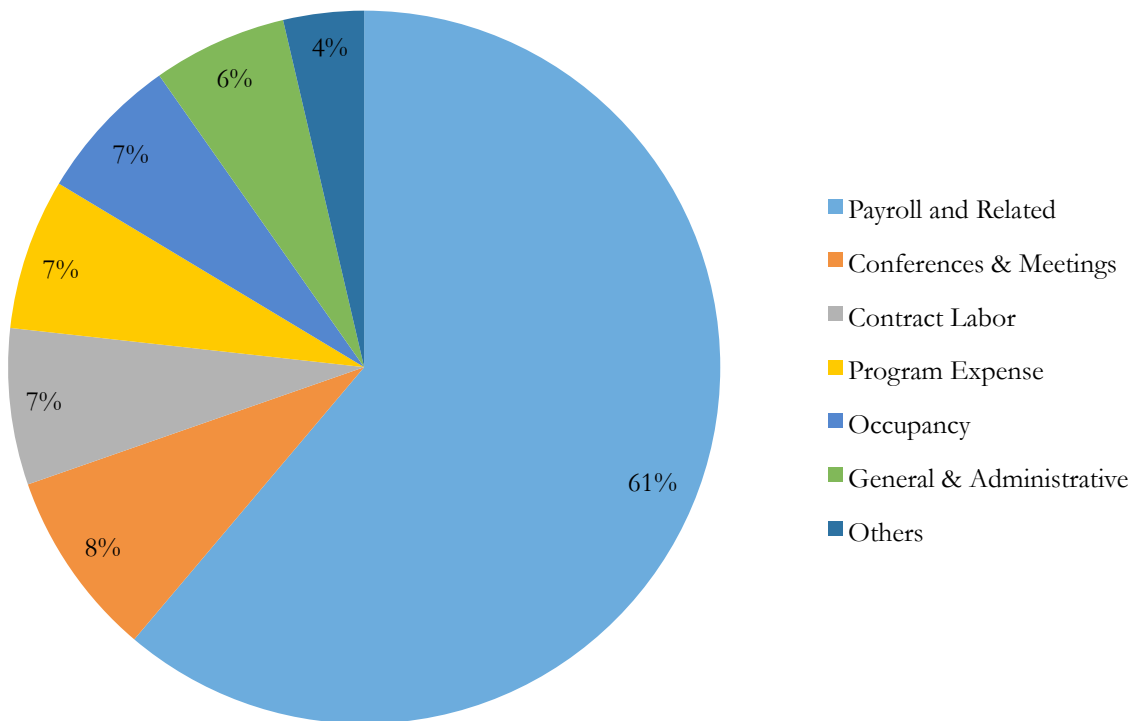
## REVENUES

Health & Human Services	\$204,901
Office of Violence Against Women	\$199,481
Dept. of Social Services	\$136,488
Dept. of Health & Environmental Control	\$45,418
Dept. of Public Safety	\$26,297
Training Registration Fees	\$11,316
Contributions	\$10,317
Sponsorship	\$10,000
Membership Dues	\$7,500
NFL Pass Through Funding	\$6,595
Miscellaneous Income	\$237
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$658,551</b>



## EXPENSES

Payroll and Related	\$402,694
Conferences and Meetings	\$55,923
Contract Labor	\$46,669
Program Expense	\$45,115
Occupancy	\$43,685
General and Administrative	\$40,146
Travel	\$11,736
Legal and Professional	\$7,255
Insurance	\$5,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$658,313</b>



# 2014 Affiliate Members and Donors

Aiken County (*Affiliate Membership*)  
Mary's House (*Affiliate Membership*)  
New Directions of Horry County, Inc (*Affiliate Membership*)  
Stepping Forward, LLC (*Affiliate Membership*)  
The Parenting Place (*Affiliate Membership*)  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
Betty M Parks  
David Yon  
Estate of Joyce Durant  
Ethel E. Weinberg  
First Citizens Bank  
Friendship AME Church  
GFW C/SC  
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Ginny Waller  
Halie Nowell  
HBC Foundation  
Janell Smith  
Jim & Ann Chambers  
Kay T Mixon  
Kimberly D Lucia  
Kristin Dubrowski  
Legal Staff Professionals  
Lynn Hawkins  
Pam Belkevitz  
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Sarah Hood  
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Susan L Olmstead  
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Trinity Housing Corporation  
Jamila S. Griffy  
Kimberly D Lucia



# #SCSaysNoMore

#SCSaysNoMore is a public awareness campaign SCCADVASA has used previously with a focus on television and radio media outlets. This year, we introduced a stronger social media component and #SCSaysNoMore melded the traditional media and social media efforts of the Coalition together. The campaign engaged all major social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. The #SCSaysNoMore link on the social media platforms channeled all visitors to the SCCADVASA website, which has specific pages on the dynamics and prevalence of domestic violence and sexual violence including intervention and prevention strategies. Within one month of September's launch date visits to the SCCADVASA website had almost doubled. SCCADVASA plans to continue the use of this campaign throughout Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month activities in April and the rest of the 2015.

Join SCCADVASA in the #SCSaysNoMore conversation on all these social media platforms:



[facebook.com/SCCADVASA](https://facebook.com/SCCADVASA)



[pinterest.com/sccadvasa](https://pinterest.com/sccadvasa)



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[sccadvasa.org](https://sccadvasa.org)

# 2014 Member Organizations

## **CASA/Family Systems**

Hotline Phone: 800-298-7228

Counties Served: Orangeburg, Calhoun, Bamberg

## **Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse**

Hotline Phone: 843-770-1070

and 800-868-CODA (2632)

Counties Served: Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton

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

Hotline Phone: 803-641-4162

Counties Served: (SA)-Aiken, Barnwell, Allendale,  
Edgefield, Saluda, McCormick (DV) -Aiken, Barnwell, Allendale

## **Family Justice Center**

Hotline Phone: 843-546-3926

Counties Served: Horry, Georgetown

## **Family Resource Center**

Hotline Phone: 800-585-4455

Counties Served: Kershaw, Lee

## **Foothills Alliance Center**

Hotline Phone: 800-585-8952

Counties Served: Anderson, Oconee

## **Julie Valentine Center**

Hotline Phone: 864-467-3633

County Served: Greenville

## **Hope Haven**

Hotline Phone: 800-637-7273

Counties Served: Beaufort, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper

## **Laurens County SAFE Home**

Hotline Phone: 866-598-5932

Counties Served: Laurens, Saluda, Abbeville

## **MEG's House**

Hotline Phone: 800-447-7992

Counties Served: McCormick, Edgefield, Greenwood

## **My Sister's House, Inc.**

Hotline Phone: 843-744-3242 and 800-273-4673

Counties Served: Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester

## **Palmetto CASA**

Hotline Phone: 888-790-8532 and 888-790-8537

Counties Served: Lancaster, Chester, Fairfield

**Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault**

Hotline Phone: 800-273-1820 and 843-669-4600

Counties Served: (DV)-Florence, Darlington, Marion, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon,  
Williamsburg (SA)-Clarendon

**People Against Rape**

Hotline Phone: 800-241-7273

Counties Served: Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester

**Pickens County Advocacy Center**

Hotline Phone: 864-442-5500

County Served: Pickens

**Safe Harbor, Inc.**

Hotline Phone: 800-291-2139

Counties Served: Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Anderson

**SAFE Homes - Rape Crisis Coalition**

Hotline Phone: 800-273-5066

Counties Served: Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union

**Safe Passage, Inc.**

Hotline Phone: 800-659-0977

Counties Served:(DV)- York, Chester, Lancaster (SA)-York & Union

**Beyond Abuse**

Hotline Phone: 888-297-4546

Counties Served: Greenwood, Laurens, Abbeville

**Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands**

Hotline Phone: 800-491- RAPE (7273) and 803-771-7273

Counties Served: Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Sumter

**Sistercare, Inc.**

Hotline Phone: 803-765-9428 and 800-637-7606

Counties Served: Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, Kershaw

**The Rape Crisis Center**

Hotline Phone: 843-448-7273

Counties Served: Horry, Georgetown

**YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.**

Hotline Phone: 803-775-2763

Counties Served: Sumter, Clarendon, Lee

