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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 (SA)
Hopeful Horizons (DV/SA)
Julie Valentine Center (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)
Tri-County S.P.E.A.K.S. (SA)
Pickens County Advocacy Center (SA)
The Rape Crisis Center (SA)
Safe Harbor, Inc. (DV)
SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition (DV/SA)
Safe Passage, Inc. (DV/SA)
Pathways to Healing (SA)
Sistercare, Inc. (DV)
YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc. (DV)

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

A Call to Action (Oconee)
Aiken County Victim Services
Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center
Domestic Abuse Center
Fourth Circuit Solicitor’s Office
Gemstones Youth Development
Mary’s House
SC Legal Services
Spartanburg Police Department
The Hive Community Circle
Visions of Women

*DV: Domestic Violence, SA: Sexual Abuse
The negative impacts of domestic and sexual violence on our communities hide in plain sight.

Every year, we gasp in horror at statistics that tell us of the numbers of women murdered by their partners, before moving on to the next day’s news. Every year, thousands of South Carolinians are assaulted by someone they love — the impact of their trauma often hidden behind a barrier of shame or fear of telling anyone. And while we can’t place a dollar amount on suffering, the financial impact of domestic violence on this state is estimated at $358 million per year, while the lifetime costs for rape are $122,000 for each victim.

It is easy to get overwhelmed by these numbers, but apathy in the face of this sustained level and legacy of pain and violence would be the worst impact of all.

At SCCADVASA, our work is rooted in the belief that individual and collective action can create a positive impact in building communities that are safer for everyone — not only that we can, but that we must. Collaboration increases impact and our role in support, education, and public policy advocacy helps strengthen the foundation of services provided by our members, ensuring the needs of survivors are met as they find their path to healing and safety.

To attain our vision of a South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault, we need to change the direction of the river of violence that currently runs through our state. We cannot solely focus our efforts on rescuing those who are drowning. We must work to prevent them from falling into danger in the first place. This means reckoning with the systems and policies that cause harm and having honest conversations about what needs to change. It means we must invest in prevention now, and we must do so to build a better society for the next generation, lessening the need for response after trauma. And it means coming together to create a culture that emphasizes the importance of respect and consent to healthy relationships.

We thank you for joining us on our path. Your presence and support are essential in this work.
A great deal of our advocacy work in 2021 was focused on getting the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021 passed by Congress and signed into law. We surveyed our Members and amplified its urgency through media outreach, social media, email, and by encouraging our allies to take action. We were pleased that the U.S. Senate passed H.R. 1652 in July with an extraordinary vote of 100-0. Senator Graham was one of a bi-partisan group of Members of Congress to sponsor the introduction of a stand-alone bill containing the VOCA fix. We thank him and the other Members of SC’s delegation who voted in favor of the bill: Senator Scott, Congressman Clyburn, Congressman Rice, Congressman Timmons and Congresswoman Mace.

Additionally, as we’ve continued our work to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, we cannot emphasize enough how they intersect with so many other important issues. It’s imperative that our advocacy efforts are inclusive of these critical intersections.

Access to health care, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, legal assistance, housing and affordable childcare are just some of the areas to be addressed. We must also continue to work on remedying the flaws and gaps within our existing system responses and the biases that can increase hurdles to accessing meaningful supports for people of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, immigrants, individuals with disabilities, teens and others who may not fit the standard definition of “victim.”

As we continue our efforts, intersectionality remains at the top of our priorities to ensure that we are working towards policies that positively impact the lives and healing of all survivors.
With challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SCCADVASA continued critical efforts to educate and assist members and individuals across S.C.

**2021 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NUMBERS (TAs):**

SCCADVASA responded to **754 REQUESTS** for technical assistance on best practices to member organizations, system partners and members of the community.

**482** survivors were provided language assistance through the LEP program.

**96 TOTAL TRAININGS**

![Circle chart showing training percentage by occupation]

**2021 TRAINING PERCENTAGE BY OCCUPATION**

- **13,237 total hours of training**
- **3,779 people trained**
REVENUES:

- 3% State Appropriations
- <1% Interest Income
- <1% Program Income
- 27% US Dept of Health & Human Services
- 9% State VOCA/VAWA Grants
- 27% US Dept of Justice
- 8% DHEC
- 11% Dept of Social Services
- 8% BAR Foundation
- 5% Contributions
- 1% Dues
- <1% Foundations
- <1% Insurance
- <1% Legal
- <1% Meetings
- <1% Fundraising
- 1% Occupancy
- 6% General Admin
- 6% Contract Attorneys
- 1% Program Expense
- 55% Payroll & Related

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Look closely at the present you are constructing it should look like the future you are dreaming

– Alice Walker
Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

~Langston Hughes