

### Who We Are

Established in 1981, SCCADVASA is a leader in representing the critical needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and is a pivotal voice in violence prevention.

We advance our work through **advocacy, education, and collaboration.**

### Our Vision & Mission

**Vision:** A South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Mission:** SCCADVASA serves as the collective voice promoting the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault in South Carolina.

### Our Coalition

We are an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, but our approach is **highly collaborative with our 22 member organizations who provide direct services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in communities across the state, affiliates, partners and allies.**

SCCADVASA is an active member of several national domestic and sexual violence networks and we work in partnership with Coalitions in all 50 states and several US territories.

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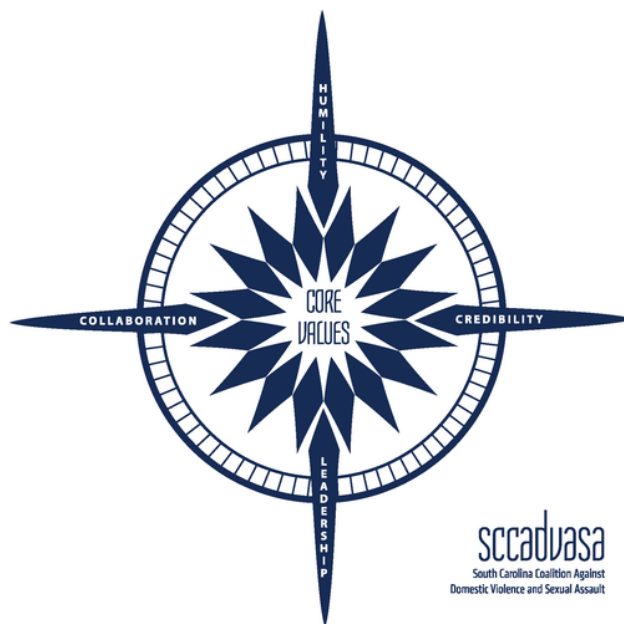
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### Our Work

**Advocacy:** SCCADVASA works to increase the awareness of how laws and policies impact the lives and healing of those survivors. We also play a vital role as a link between direct service providers, state legislators, and policy makers to amplify the voice of all survivors.

**Education:** We provide professional development training to increase knowledge, skills, and capacities for advocacy and direct service for survivors. We also work with community educators and others on violence prevention initiatives in schools and communities across S.C.

**Collaboration:** We proactively work with local programs, legislators, system partners, and the community at large towards our goal of ending domestic & sexual violence in S.C.



### Domestic Violence Statistics | South Carolina

- **42.3% of S.C. women & 29.2% of S.C. men** experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes <sup>1</sup>
- **Ranked 6th nationally** for women murdered by men; **92% murdered by someone they knew** <sup>2</sup>
- **40 Years Old** — The average age of an S.C. DV homicide victim; victims' ages ranged from 18-83 <sup>3</sup>
- **In 79% of S.C. Domestic Violence Fatalities**, the primary cause of death was a gunshot <sup>3</sup>
- South Carolina records an average of **32,563 cases** of intimate partner violence each year <sup>4</sup>
- **27,809 survivors** received supportive services: 20,033 adults & 7,776 children <sup>6</sup>
- **18,000** — number of crisis calls received <sup>6</sup>

### Sexual Assault Statistics | South Carolina <sup>5</sup>

- **7,299 number of new primary survivors of sexual assault**
  - 3171 adults, 2696 children under 18, 1032 age unknown
- **1,160 (16% of total primary victims)** — number of incidents that were reported to law enforcement
- **1,392 survivors provided accompaniment** for support during a hospital forensic exam/rape kit
- **4960** — number of crisis calls received
- **92% knew their offender:** 15% current/former spouse or boyfriend, 47% relative, parent, parent's partner, sibling, 30% friend or acquaintance

### Our Impact | 2019 - 2020 SCCADVASA + Member Statistics

- **40,635 survivors** of domestic violence and sexual assault were served directly by member organizations located throughout South Carolina
- **22,960 survivors** accessed 24-hr hotlines
- **Provided 750+ hours** of professional capacity building assistance to improve victim services
- **Trained 1177** victim service professionals and advocates
- **Responded to 779 requests** for Technical Assistance on best practices to member organizations, system partners, and members of the community

### Sources

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5. *Statistics reported by Rape Crisis Centers to SC DHEC (2018)*
6. *S.C. Department of Social Services (Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019)*