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"Some people can talk change. Some people make change." -Henrie Monteith Treadwell



2019 Annual Report



Our vision of a violence-free South Carolina demands united action. We believe in the value of collaboration to create change, passionate advocacy for survivors, education for prevention and the credibility that emerges from persistence. We ground our work in humility as we learn and grow, leveraging our collective leadership to influence the greater good.

In 2019, SCCADVASA engaged fully with our core values to guide our work with member organizations, systems and the statewide community as we move towards our vision of a South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault. These values are the four guiding points of our compass—*Humility, Collaboration, Leadership and Credibility*—and served to anchor the development of our new Strategic Plan for 2020-2023.

During these next few years, our focus will be on widening pathways to engagement, resources and change. These are the essential elements that will lead to solutions that expand the circles of justice and healing to embrace every survivor. True ideals of justice also focus on prevention; building communities where we focus on healthy relationships, respect and consent before individuals and families are shattered by violence.

At times, it seems that the strides our movement has made are struggling against a severe backlash. Our commitment to you, and to each other, is to keep pushing forward. In these pages you will read about our successes and efforts in 2019. As we begin a new decade, our internal compass will guide us and show the path through whatever storms we face. Thank you for joining us.

Daniel Kadar
SCCADVASA Board Chair

Sara Barber
SCCADVASA Executive Director



Improving Systems and Community Responses

In 2019 our staff provided 22 instances of technical assistance on issues related to coordinated community response, we worked intensively with one Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) as they transitioned to new team leadership, and hosted two conference calls for leaders of the 15 Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) serving 24 counties in the state. In addition, we partnered with the SC Office of the Attorney General to contract the Office for Victims of Crimes, Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC), who facilitated three webinars and one in-person training on sustaining and expanding SARTs. Toward the end of the year, SCCADVASA revitalized our full-time Systems Advocacy Coordinator position. This new staff member has been working intensively to build stronger relationships with DVCCs across the state and will continue in 2020 to expand and improve programming in the fields of criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse, and campus advocacy.

SCCADVASA's College Consortium on Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence is an organizing body for colleges and universities across the state to discuss how they address sexual and intimate partner violence, intervention and prevention on their campuses, as well as for any service providers working with those populations. Throughout 2019 SCCADVASA held three College Consortium meetings on topics including "Hazing Prevention" and "Considerations of Race and Racism in Title IX Matters on Campus."

Connecting Domestic Violence Intervention with Child Welfare Services

SCCADVASA continues to connect the *Department of Social Services (DSS)* with resources to increase safety provisions for survivors of domestic violence whose families are involved with DSS. In 2019 SCCADVASA convened four quarterly roundtable meetings of the DSS Liaisons at domestic violence organizations, as well as providing them training and capacity building assistance to strengthen service provision and relationships with local and statewide DSS representatives. SCCADVASA also created a curriculum and facilitated four regional trainings for a total of 205 staff from Adult Protective Services on the topic of Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence in Later Years. These trainings also provided an opportunity for our DSS Liaisons to meet and build collaborative working relationships with APS staff, Directors, Supervisors and DSS Performance Coaches.



Building Bridges for Underserved Communities

In a recent survey of South Carolinian Native and Indigenous women, almost half reported experiencing intimate partner violence. In 2019 we formed a partnership with the *Indigenous Women's Alliance of South Carolina* to hear about the prevalence of trauma in Native communities and to learn how to address the need for culturally sensitive services. We are working alongside them to expand awareness and understanding of South Carolina's tribal communities and to build capacity for culturally relevant services through our member organizations. Next year, we will increase our efforts as we continue statewide discussions and participate in community meetings. We also hope to host joint trainings to address violence against indigenous women.

During 2019, we continued our work with *ABLE-SC* to reduce the significant barriers survivors with disabilities face in accessing victim services. The Department of Justice reports that the rate of victimization for people with disabilities is more than three times the rate for people without disabilities, making it critical for us to fund ADA assessments of member agencies and support them in making adaptations to their policy and procedures to provide equal access and inclusion. We are also making the Coalition's website and digital messaging 508-compliant. Sara, our Executive Director, was awarded *ABLE-SC's Adaptable Award* this year for her work to promote disability rights and inclusion.

Assisting the Improvement of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

SCCADVASA has been working for many years to create a unified data management system, where agencies can confidentially store client service information, while also making it easier to aggregate and extract de-identified service data for local and statewide funding and tracking purposes. In 2019 we were thrilled that 18 member agencies signed on to participate in the first-ever statewide domestic and sexual violence database system. Starting in 2020, we hope to have year-long data to help track trends in needs and gaps.

SCCADVASA offers interpretation and translation services and resources to member sexual assault and domestic organizations. The demand by membership for telephonic, video, and in-person interpretation and written translation services increased in 2019 by over 76% from the previous year. Additionally, SCCADVASA saw an increase in requests for American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation services for survivors who are Deaf and hard of hearing. We look forward to providing expanded assistance in these areas in 2020.



Advocating for Legislative Change and Development of Public Policy

SCCADVASA's policy team tracked over 60 bills during the 2019 legislative session at the Statehouse. Two of our priority bills made good progress towards passage in the 2020 session. *H. 3309 (Cobb-Hunter)* passed the House unanimously and will be heard early in the Senate calendar this session. It will create a statewide sexual assault tracking kit system which will increase system accountability for the storage of highly personal evidence provided by survivors in the aftermath of an assault. *H. 3370 (Cleary)*, which establishes confidentiality for communications between survivors and sexual assault and domestic violence community-based advocates, was unanimously passed by the House Judiciary Committee. In order to become law this year, the bill will need to be approved by the House and the Senate. We also testified on the potential negative impacts to the self-determination and healthcare needs of survivors of *H.3020*, the six-week abortion ban.

On the federal level, Sara is the current Chair of the *National Network to End Domestic Violence's (NNEDV)* Public Policy Committee, which works on strategy for federal policy advocacy. This year ended without the reauthorization of the *Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)*. We join with our sister organizations and coalitions across the country in advocating for the passage and improvement of this critical piece of legislation as it is a foundation for communities' ability to build effective responses for all survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Championing the Needs of Diverse Communities

In 2019, we published and disseminated *With Black Women in Mind*, a case study centering African American women's experiences with interpersonal violence and sexual assault. This publication elevates the voices of women who participated in focus group discussions with SCCADVASA as we develop resources that address the diverse and intersecting needs of survivors in the state. In addition, our staff conducted six in-service trainings addressing the impact of marginalization on communities of color and hosted a statewide Community Building Conference that discussed with victim service providers, DSS staff, and allied partners how to integrate a race-equity framework into service provision. SCCADVASA is currently developing an additional training focused on prevention efforts within marginalized communities of color. This training will be conducted across the four regions of South Carolina in 2020.



Experts in Service Provision

As a legislatively-mandated member of the *Attorney General's Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force*, SCCADVASA represents the domestic and sexual violence perspective at Task Force meetings and on the Executive Committee. We also served as the leader and convener of the *Task Force's Subcommittee on Adult Direct Services*, where we shared expertise to advance victim services to trafficking victims/survivors. This year the *Subcommittee* crafted minimum standard recommendations for service providers, in an effort to ensure adult victims of trafficking in SC receive safe, consistent, evidence-based services. SCCADVASA also provided 42 instances of technical assistance on issues related to trafficking and trained over 275 people on this topic.

SCCADVASA presented a research poster on *Improving Health Outcomes and Contraceptive Access by Addressing Coercion in Intimate Partner Violence* at the *USC School of Medicine's Women's Health Research Forum*. We also hosted a webinar for over 60 medical providers, advocates, and allies, to release the findings of our reproductive coercion study and to distribute tools for healthcare systems and victim services to increase access of survivors to healthcare services.

Brokers of Legal Access and Support for Victims of Crime

In 2019, SCCADVASA expanded our legal services program in bold new directions. In its first full year of operation, our *Victim Legal Assistance Fund*, which is supported by the *SC Bar Foundation*, engaged over 20 contract attorneys to provide direct legal consultations and services to over 100 survivors and victim services organizations. In collaboration with *The Confidentiality Institute*, *the U.S. District Court of South Carolina*, *the SC Women Lawyers Association*, *the USC School of Law*, *SC Legal Services*, and *the Catawba Indian Nation*, we hosted three free legal seminars. The seminars trained hundreds of attorneys and advocates on protecting victim privacy, the unique needs of Native and Indigenous survivors, and taught a broad range of skills to provide holistic legal representation to survivors.

Trainers for New Victim Service Providers

SCCADVASA is one of a very few agencies in the state granted the ability by the *Attorney General's CVST office* to train new Victim Service Providers (VSP) in South Carolina. VSP certification is required of most victim service providers and sets a standard for service provision. In 2019, SCCADVASA hosted six state-wide certification courses for 183 victim service professionals. Additionally, we trained five agency-based VSP Core Certification Courses, reaching another 140 professionals.



2019 Training Statistics

In 2019,
SCCADVASA
facilitated

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TRAININGS
conferences,
in-service
and panels

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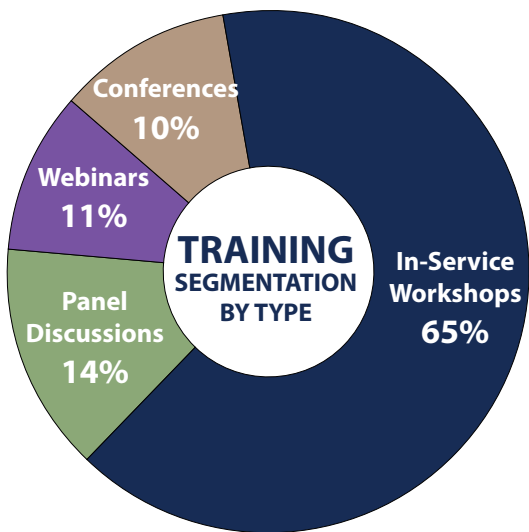
2,314
PEOPLE

2019 TRAINING PERCENTAGE BY OCCUPATION:

Community & System Advocates	28%
Community Volunteers	16%
Multi-Disciplinary	16%
Health Professions (FNE, Mental Health, etc.)	15%
Legal Attorneys and Prosecutors	12%
Social Services & Governmental.....	7%
Law Enforcement & Corrections	4%
Educators	3%
Other.....	1%

2019 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NUMBERS (TAS):

937 total TAs to over 1,000 individuals in SC and 9 other states
 Distributed 4,888 SCCADVASA publications, brochures and manuals
 Over 756 hours of TA



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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 (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)
- People Against Rape (PAR) (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)
- Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (SA)
- Sistercare, Inc. (DV)
- YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc. (DV)

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

Affiliate Members

- Domestic Abuse Center • Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention - USC • Origin SC
- Aiken County Victim Services • Compass of Carolina • Prevent Child Abuse Pickens County DBA The Parenting Place
- Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office • Mary's House • A Call To Action - Oconee • The Hive Community Circle
- South Carolina Legal Services • SWITCH • Darlington County Sheriff's Office • Spartanburg Police Department
- Gemstones Youth Development • Thrive SC



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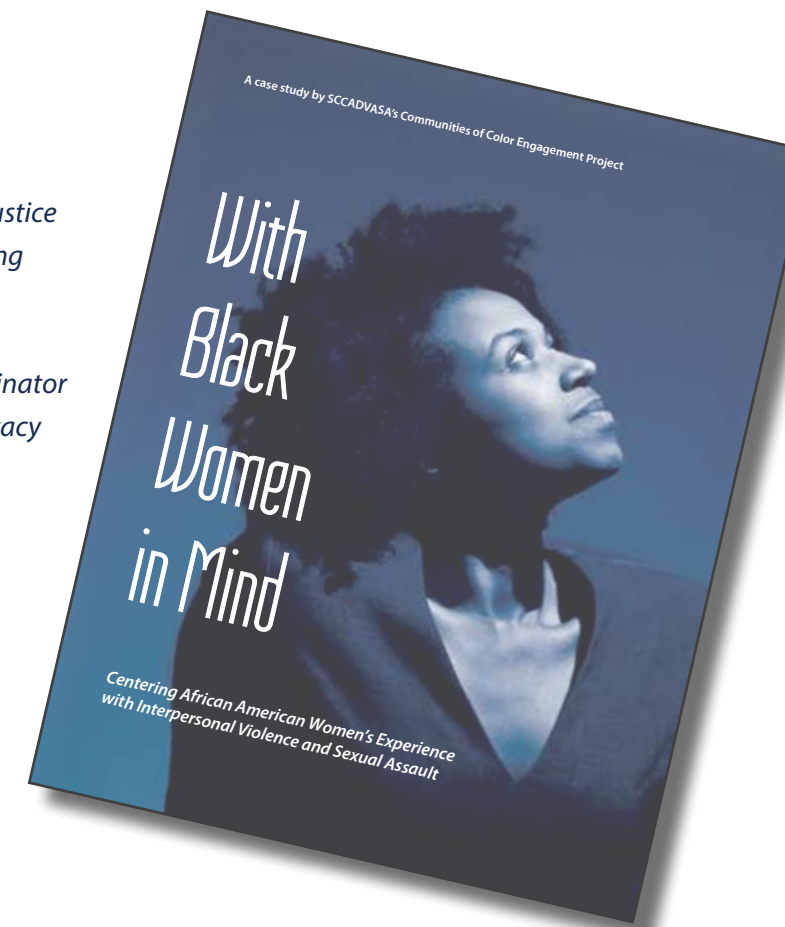
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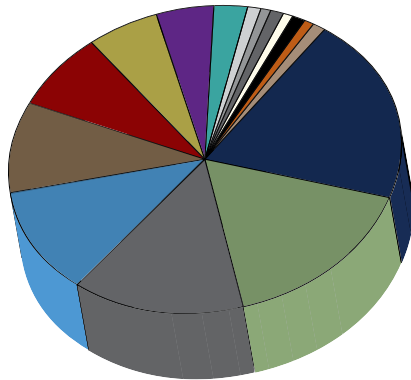


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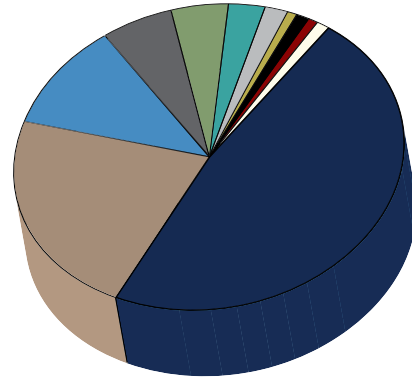
Total Revenues\$1,257,110

Total Expenses\$1,242,594

■ HHS.....	\$261,561
■ OVW VAWA.....	\$214,801
■ BAR Foundation.....	\$190,265
■ VOCA.....	\$148,432
■ Dept of Social Services.....	\$126,603
■ DHEC.....	\$106,236
■ DPS VAWA.....	\$73,058
■ State Appropriations.....	\$63,657
■ Contributions.....	\$39,034
■ Membership Dues.....	\$12,725
■ DABO's Foundation.....	\$6,368
■ Miscellaneous Income.....	\$5,831
■ Choose Well.....	\$4,348
■ Interest Income.....	\$2,221
■ Silent Tears.....	\$1,140
■ OVW LAV.....	\$830



REVENUES



EXPENSES

■ Payroll and Related.....	\$612,024
■ Program Expense.....	\$286,227
■ Contract Labor.....	\$141,039
■ General & Administrative.....	\$75,564
■ Occupancy.....	\$57,192
■ Conferences & Meetings.....	\$31,898
■ Travel.....	\$21,769
■ Insurance.....	\$8,289
■ Legal & Professional.....	\$6,984
■ Fundraising.....	\$1,158
■ Other Expense.....	\$450

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