

# WHAT WE DO

## HOW OUR WORK IMPACTS SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE



**sccadvasa**

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

### OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

#### *When survivors of domestic & sexual violence need help dealing with violence and abuse and moving forward in their lives:*

SCCADVASA provides our member organizations with information, training and technical assistance on providing quality services, systems and policy advocacy to improve outcomes in the well being and safety of survivors, and works to secure federal and state funding to support their ability to provide services.

Our member organizations provide hotlines, free and confidential advocacy, safety planning, emergency shelter, counseling, and other services for survivors, their children and families.

#### *When survivors need legal protections and options:*

SCCADVASA advocates for improvements to laws, policies and procedures that will be helpful to survivor well-being and provides legal assistance through our contract attorney program and connections to other legal services providers.

Our Member Organizations assist survivors in navigating all aspects of the criminal legal and family court system, support them during sexual assault exams at the hospital, accompany them to court hearings, connect them with legal representation and other supportive systems.

#### *When survivors need the intervention of police, prosecutors and judges:*

SCCADVASA collects information from our member organizations on what is working well and what problems exist to inform statewide efforts and committees working to effectively coordinate improvements to South Carolina's response to domestic and sexual violence across the criminal legal system.

Our Member Organizations assist survivors in working with these professionals, collaborate with local offices and departments to build trauma-informed responses to survivors and to promote a coordinated community response model to domestic and sexual violence. Member organization staff participate in community-level domestic violence, fatality review & sexual assault coordinated response teams (DVCC & SARTs).

#### *When survivors need a safe place to live:*

SCCADVASA advocates for housing laws and policies that protect victims, works with other state and federal organizations to advocate for affordable housing options in every community, provides information and resources on safe housing options and accessing rental or other forms of available assistance.

Our Member Organizations offer emergency shelter and assistance in securing transitional or long-term housing.

#### ***Because we all want to live in a state free from domestic and sexual violence:***

SCCADVASA advocates for systems and policy changes, creates statewide informational and targeted prevention campaigns, supports the work of our member organizations and holds the vision of a South Carolina free from domestic violence and sexual assault.

Our Member Organizations deliver community and school-based presentations on the prevention of sexual, domestic and dating violence, build community-based prevention teams, provide trauma-informed healing services for survivors, offer opportunities for volunteers and host events to build understanding of what people can do to prevent violence and create safer communities for everyone.