

Who We Are

Established in 1981, SCCADVSA 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: SCCADVSA 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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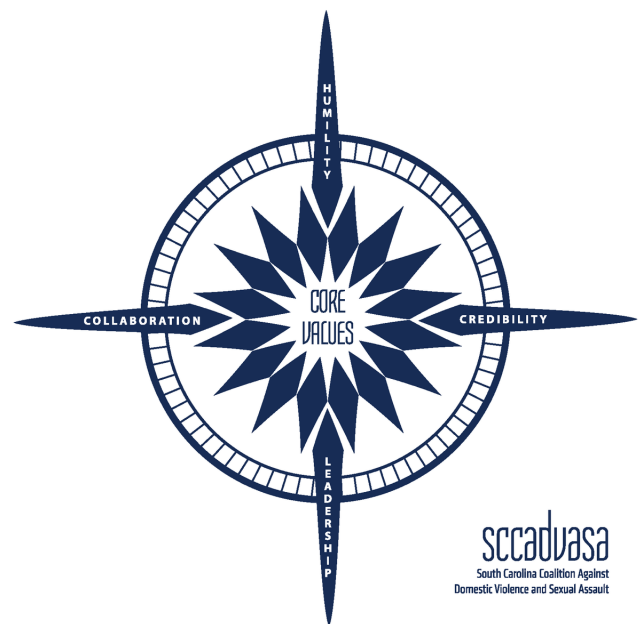
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Our Work

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 ¹
- **57 Domestic Violence Homicides** in S.C. in 2021 ²
- **40 Years Old** — The average age of an S.C. DV homicide victim; victims' ages ranged from 18-83 ³
- **In 79% of S.C. Domestic Violence Fatalities**, the primary cause of death was a gunshot ³
- South Carolina records an average of **32,563 cases** of intimate partner violence each year ⁴
- **20,993** accessed shelter or supportive services: 1,908 adults & 1,480 children received shelter ⁶
- **13,586** — number of crisis calls received ⁶

Sexual Assault Statistics | South Carolina ⁵

- **3,536** number of new primary survivors of sexual assault who sought services from a rape crisis center
 - 2,037 adults, 1,499 children under 18
- **427** of these said they reported the incident to law enforcement (12% of total primary victims)
- **506 survivors provided accompaniment** for support during a hospital forensic exam/rape kit
- **2,967** — 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 | 2022 SCCADVASA + 2022 Member Statistics*

- **38,621 survivors** of domestic violence and sexual assault were served directly by member organizations located throughout South Carolina
- **16,553 survivors** accessed 24-hr hotlines
- **Provided 10,702 hours** of professional capacity building assistance to improve victim services
- **Provided 95 trainings to 3,708** victim service professionals, advocates, and others
- **Responded to 944 requests** for Technical Assistance on best practices to member organizations, system partners, and members of the community
- **Provided direct legal services to 261 individual survivors** through our Legal Program

**Only includes 18 of 22 Members with only 11 out of 15 Sexual Assault Member Organizations reporting*

Sources

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2. *Crime in South Carolina Annual Report, S.C. State Law Enforcement Division (2022)*
3. *South Carolina Domestic Violence Fatality Report (2020)*
4. *South Carolina State Data, 2008-2018*
5. *Statistics reported by 11 of 15 Member Rape Crisis Centers to SCCADVASA (2022)*
6. *S.C. Department of Social Services (Fiscal Year October 2022)*