



FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



## GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**ALISON MCCARTHY**  
Board Chair



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Executive Director

2017 was a breakthrough year for CCASA and the issues of sexual assault and harassment. The #MeToo movement shined a light on the experiences of survivors and offender accountability in Colorado and across the US. CCASA has championed safety, justice, and healing for survivors since 1984 and we are heartened by the national spotlight on the issues that drive us every day. We are hopeful the public's engagement in preventing sexual violence and supporting survivors will continue to grow in 2018 and beyond.

As part of our efforts to address sexual assault, we recognize the intersectionality of sexual violence and oppression. Our continued focus on social justice and grappling with the complexities of societal power and privilege prompted us to launch an Aspiring White Allies Group and the Communities of Color Alliance. These groups are in addition to our Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee and the Colorado Latinx Leadership Network.

## TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Provided 41 trainings to 1,451 professionals in order to help ensure a consistent, comprehensive, and victim-centered response to sexual assault.
- Responded to 302 requests for technical assistance on sexual assault related issues.
- Co-hosted the 6th annual Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference with over 300 participants from every region of Colorado as well as other states.
- Distributed 5,858 copies of resource materials, including brochures, handbooks, manuals, reports, and videos, in English and Spanish, regarding sexual assault, available services, and resources for responding to sexual assault.
- Worked with a multi-disciplinary group of stakeholders to create guidelines for responding to each of the sexual assault reporting options available in Colorado.

## POLICY ADVOCACY

- Lead efforts to pass HB17-1035, legislation that enables victims of sexual assault and stalking, who feel unsafe in their home, to terminate their lease without penalty.
- Worked with partners to pass HB17-1302, victim-centered legislation that protects youth who engage in consensual sexting, while holding those who engage in harmful behaviors accountable.
- Advocated for maintaining Title IX protections for sexual assault survivors in educational institutions.

## SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

- Participated on statewide groups to ensure that the needs of survivors and our members are represented, including the:
  - Colorado Human Trafficking Council, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs
  - Colorado SANE/SAFE Project Advisory Committee, UCHealth's Memorial Hospital
  - Colorado Sex Offender Management Board, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice
  - Crime Victim Services Funding Advisory Board, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs
  - Domestic Violence Program Funding Advisory Committee, Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth & Families
  - Ending Violence Against Women Project Advisory Committee, Colorado District Attorneys' Council
  - Sexual Violence Prevention Program Advisory Committee, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Violence and Injury Prevention-Mental Health Promotion Branch

*“CCASA helps guide me and keep me up to date on best practices of sexual assault advocacy.”*



## SPECIAL PROJECTS

Convened the first year-long cohort of the Colorado Latinx Leadership Network, which provides training and support to Latinx Advocates in order to strengthen services for Latinx survivors.

Received a 3-year federal grant for the Colorado Rural Initiative to Strengthen Sexual Assault Services Project, which supports the development and expansion of services to Latinx and Native American survivors in four project sites, the Domestic Safety Resource Center in Lamar, the Hispanic Affairs Project in Montrose, Sexual Assault Response Advocates in Fort Morgan, and Sexual Assault Services Organization in Durango as well as the development of resources, training, and technical assistance for other rural communities interested in building their capacity to serve these populations.

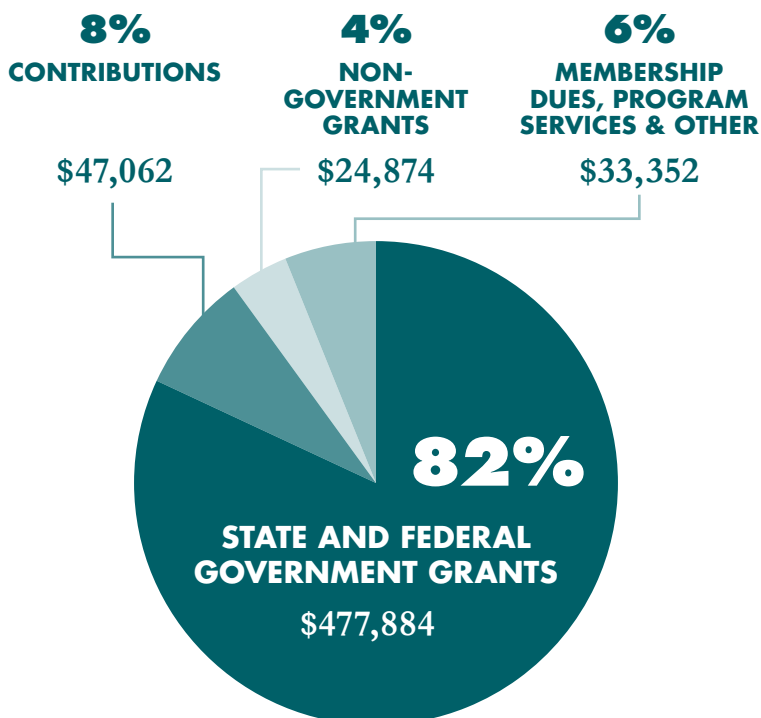
Received a 3-year federal grant for the Colorado Forensic Compliance Evaluation Project, which explores and documents how forensic compliance is currently being implemented, and tracks forensic compliance cases from the medical forensic exam through prosecution in two jurisdictions, the 2nd Judicial District (Denver County) and the 9th Judicial District (Garfield, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco Counties).

Received a 1-year grant from the Verizon Foundation to engage youth throughout the state in developing resources specifically for youth who have experienced sexual violence.

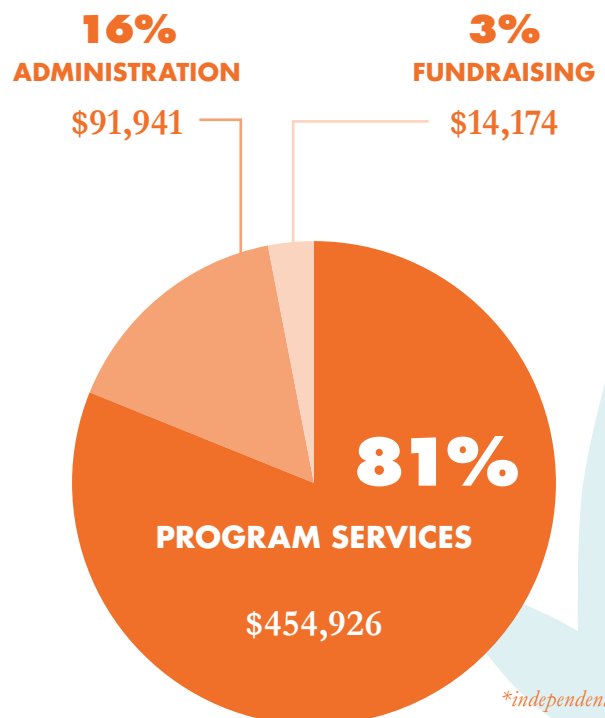


## CCASA 2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

**Revenue: \$583,172**



**Expenses: \$561,041**



*\*independently audited*



*In solidarity with the **#METOO** movement,  
and the platform it has given to the collective  
voice of survivors, we want to make clear  
one very important message...*

**"CCASA STANDS WITH SURVIVORS"**



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*Thank you to our members, donors, partners,  
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