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FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

# GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**ALISON MCCARTHY**  
Board Chair



**BRIE FRANKLIN**  
Executive Director

2018 was an unprecedented year for the issues of sexual assault and harassment, both in Colorado and nationally. At the State Capitol, numerous reports of sexual misconduct against several elected officials came to light, which resulted in the first expulsion of a Colorado House member in over 100 years. Nationally, survivors continued to come forward and share their experiences, leading to some measure of accountability for offenders in several prominent cases.

In addition to responding to current events, we took some time to prepare for the future. After a multi-year process of engaging with our members and key stakeholders, CCASA refined our vision, mission, and values to better represent our organization at this time and guide our work moving forward. We also continued to focus our work on supporting services for survivors who are Latinx and Indigenous as well as promoting an anti-oppression framework to strengthen services for all survivors.

Though we continue to make strides to fulfil our vision and mission, we know our work is not done. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our members, partners, survivors, funders, and donors. Thank you.

## TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Provided 35 trainings to 1,039 professionals in order to help ensure a consistent, comprehensive, and victim-centered response to sexual assault.
- Responded to 206 requests for technical assistance on sexual assault related issues.
- Co-hosted the 7th annual Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference with over 350 participants from every region of Colorado as well as other states.
- Commenced the second year-long cohort of the Colorado Latinx Leadership Network for bicultural/bilingual Latinx advocates.
- Distributed 5,115 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.
- Developed a new Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Toolkit that explains PREA and how community-based advocates can respond to victims who are incarcerated.
- Developed a new Youth Survivor Handbook with information and resources for teens.
- Developed 3 online training modules for advocates who work with sexual assault survivors, including one in Spanish.

## POLICY EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

- Successfully lobbied the Governor's Office to veto a bill that would have eliminated critical treatment provider expertise on the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board.
- Led efforts to create legislation that would have protected survivors of sexual misconduct on college campuses in Colorado.
- Advocated for maintaining existing federal Title IX protections for survivors of sex-based discrimination in educational institutions, including educating various community groups on how to provide public comment through the U.S. Department of Education's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Process.
- Informed state lawmakers about best practices and participated in efforts to update the Legislature's policies and practices for addressing sexual misconduct at the State Capitol, including providing input through a focus group of experts and the Legislative Workplace Interim Study Committee.
- Advocated against harmful immigration policies that separate children and parents, and gut asylum laws that protect victims fleeing violence.
- Advocated for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which provides critical funding for victim services.
- Advocated for accountability of public figures and policymakers who committed acts of sexual violence and harassment.
- Worked with national partners to send survivors from Colorado to talk with elected officials in Washington D.C. about the impact of Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.



## SYSTEMS ADVOCACY

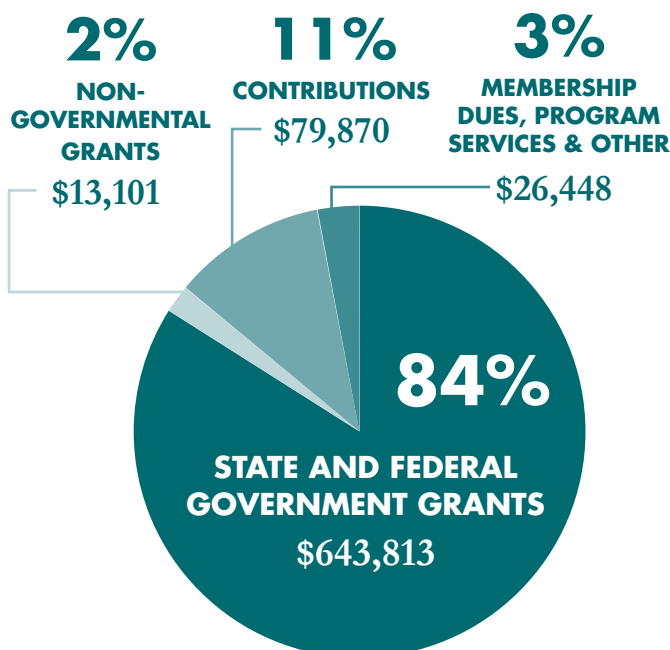
- Participated on statewide groups to ensure that the needs of survivors and our members are represented, including:
  - o Colorado Human Trafficking Council, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs
  - o Colorado SANE/SAFE Project Advisory Committee,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

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

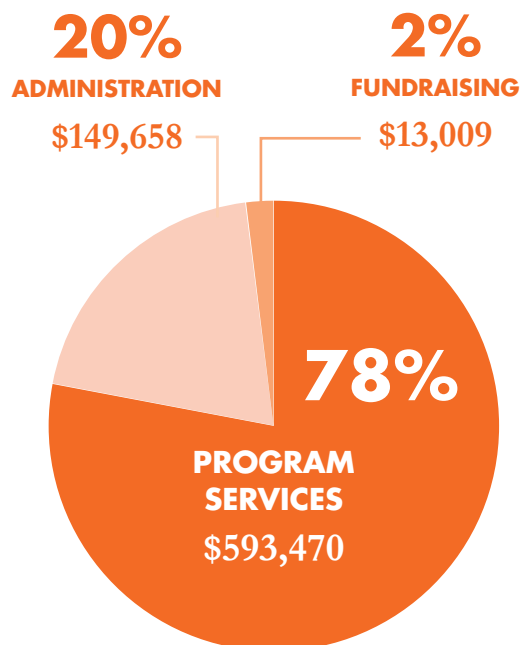
- Continued the Colorado Rural Initiative to Strengthen Sexual Assault Services (CRISSAS) Project, which funds four project sites: the Domestic Safety Resource Center in Lamar, the Hispanic Affairs Project in Montrose, Sexual Assault Response Advocates in Fort Morgan, and Sexual Assault Services Organization in Durango to develop and expand services to Latinx and Indigenous survivors. As part of this project, we have also developed resources, training, and technical assistance for other rural communities interested in building their capacity to serve rural survivors.
- Continued 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 funding from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs to provide training and develop resources on the Prison Rape Elimination Act and best practices for serving survivors of sexual violence who are incarcerated.

## CCASA 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT\*

### REVENUE: \$763,232



### EXPENSES: \$756,137



## MISSION

CCASA provides leadership, advocacy, and support to address and prevent sexual violence.

## VISION

Colorado communities promote safety, justice, and healing for survivors and foster healthy, respectful, consensual interactions.

## VALUES

### ANTI-OPPRESSION

- Grapple with the complexities of societal power and privilege
- Dismantle systems of oppression to create a more just and equitable society
- Create inclusive and anti-oppressive policy and practices
- Intentionally build an organization that reflects multiple identities and lived experiences within board, staff, members, partners, and donors

### SOCIAL CHANGE

- Address root causes of sexual violence
- Work to create a culture of consent and safety
- Amplify the voices and work of individuals and communities that have been historically excluded from the anti-sexual violence movement

### SURVIVOR-CENTERED

- Elevate survivor voices and needs
- Promote survivor-centered policies and practices
- Recognize that “justice” has a unique meaning for each survivor of sexual violence

### ACCOUNTABILITY

- Recognize that sexual violence is never the fault of survivors
- Hold offenders accountable
- Be accountable to members and the community by being dependable, transparent, ethical, and acting with integrity

### COLLABORATION

- Seek out and engage diverse community and stakeholder perspectives
- Support peer learning and collaboration among member agencies
- Value and actively participate in intersectional social justice movements

### RESPECT

- Cultivate an organizational environment that is genuine, safe, welcoming, and values each person's contributions
- Treat everyone with respect, consideration, sensitivity, and dignity by honoring all identities and lived experiences
- Foster the ability to recognize and address personal biases proactively
- Promote open and honest communication
- Challenge opposing views respectfully

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*Thank you to our members,  
donors, partners, and all those who  
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