

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

Survivor Advocacy
Outreach Program



Educate to empower. Empower to enact.

Welcome...

to the first annual report for the Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP). Last year was a whirlwind. We received our nonprofit standing in March and continue to lay the foundation for organizational longevity. Our existence as an organization was greatly aided by the support of the Edna Brooks Foundation (d.b.a., My Sister's Place) Executive Director, Board of Directors and staff who served as our fiscal agent. Although we said goodbye to our founding director, Kat Wargo, and staff members who filled important early roles, Charlie Chadwick and Alyssa Ensminger, we have expanded and welcomed several new staff and board members. As a result of this expansion, we have extended our reach and service coordination into outlying counties, especially Gallia and Hocking Counties, achieving a level of saturation unprecedented for our organization.

Yet, this growth is not without its challenges. The deeper we reach into our communities, the more we see the complexities of preventing and responding to relational violence in rural Appalachia. The needs are greater than the resources of the (sometimes too-few) social service agencies trying to address our clients' acute and compound traumas.

In this report, we celebrate the work we have done and the organizations that have made this work possible. We also chart a path toward more fully meeting the challenge of sustaining our organization and our culturally-humble, trauma-competent services. Ample evidence in our community shows that there is much to be done to combat sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking. The stakes are high - we fight for the figurative and sometimes literal lives of our community members. Everyone deserves a life free of sexual violence. We welcome your support and implore you to join us in this fight.

Jennifer Seifert
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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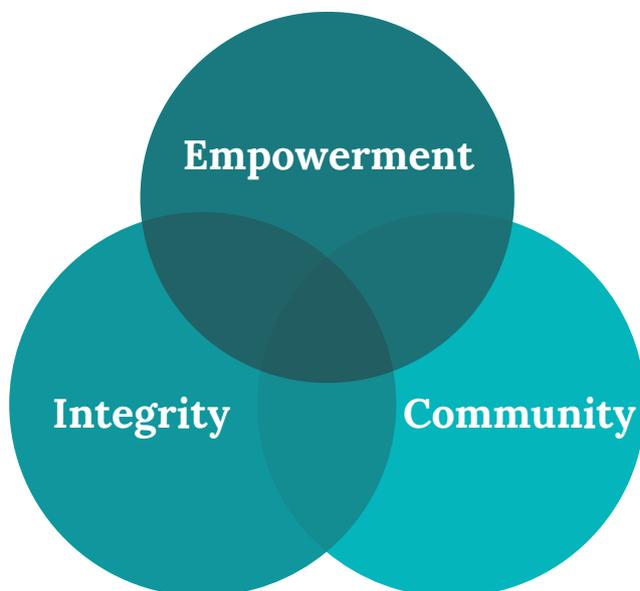
INTRODUCTION

The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program is a confidential rape crisis center that serves the Southeast Ohio counties of Athens, Hocking, Perry, Morgan, Meigs, Vinton, and Gallia. The organization has existed in some form since 2012 but obtained 501(c)(3) status in March 2018.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

SAOP empowers the community and all survivors to live free of sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking. We envision a world where everyone has the support and right to live a safe life free of sexual violence.

We value empowerment, integrity, and community. Survivors are the masters of their own story and healing process. Because of this, we strive to empower survivors to make the choices they see as pivotal to their own path to healing. Individuals who experience interpersonal violence do not exist in a vacuum. Rather, survivors are situated in relationships and communities. As such, we value community and recognize how a supportive community, or lack thereof, can affect a survivors' healing and/or create environments that support interpersonal violence. Finally, through our work with survivors, we are entrusted with extremely personal and sensitive information. Because of this, we operate under stringent practices to keep such information secure and confidential on behalf of our clients.



OUR BOARD



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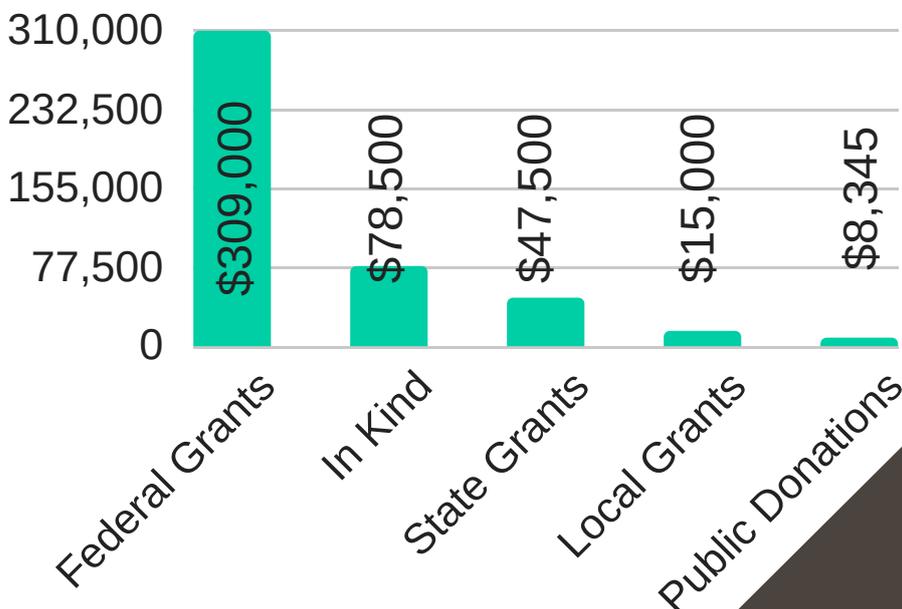


Hanan Al-Shadadi
Board Member

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Savings	6,936.76
Checking	<u>41,521.57</u>
Total Checking/Savings	48,458.33
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	35,807.06
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>35,807.06</u>
Total Current Assets	84,265.39
Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	8,100.13
Total Fixed Assets	<u>8,100.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>92,365.52</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Fringe Benefits Payable	23,039.34
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>7,730.95</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>30,770.29</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>30,770.29</u>
Total Liabilities	30,770.29
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	47,207.11
Net Income	7,451.36
Total Equity	<u>54,658.47</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>85,428.76</u>



**SAOP INCOME
BY SOURCE**

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designed for your lifestyle



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WILD WINGS.**



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Thanks to the Edna Brooks Foundation (a.k.a., My Sister's Place) for being our fiscal agent. The support from your Board, Executive Director and Administrative Specialist made the birth of our organization possible.

CLIENT STATISTICS*

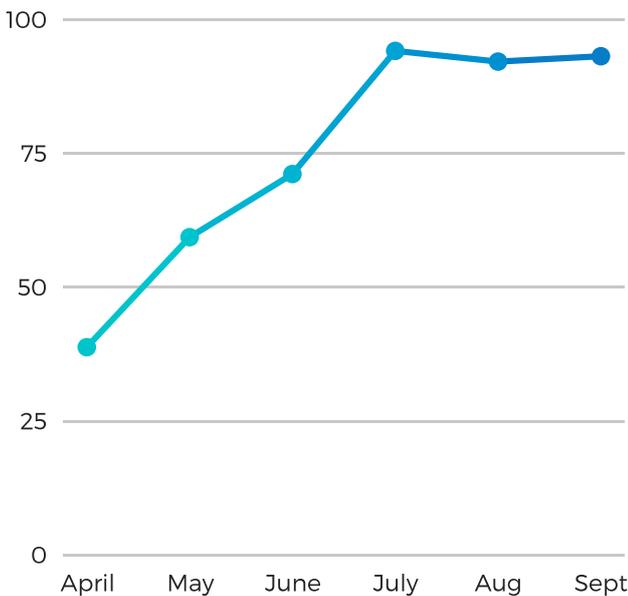
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NEW CLIENTS

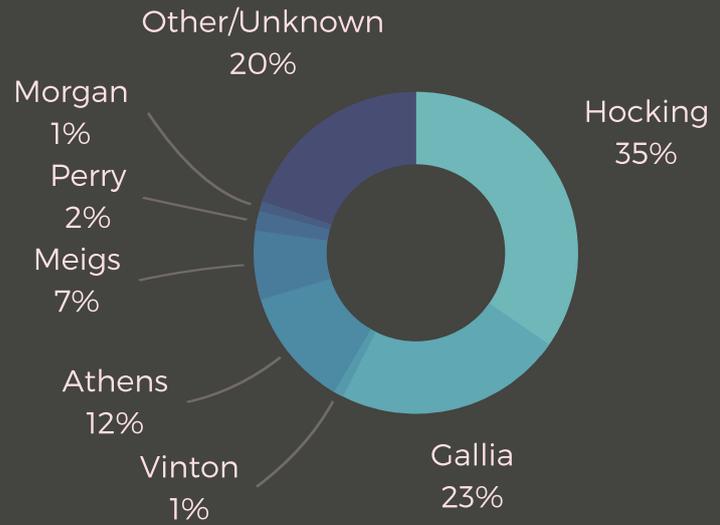


HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE BY MONTH

Since April, our hours of providing individual advocacy and accompaniment with clients have been on the incline.



*All figures represent client statistics for only the six months since SAOP received non-profit status (i.e., April - September).



SERVICES BY COUNTY

Clients in all of our seven county service area have received services. Sometimes our clients reside in counties outside our service area and/or their county of residence is not tracked or provided. In such cases, clients are categorized as other/unknown.

830

UNIQUE CLIENT INTERACTIONS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4553

DONATED
VOLUNTEER/
INTERN
HOURS

268

HOURS OF
TRAINING
CONDUCTED

6

K-12 SCHOOLS
RECEIVING
PREVENTION
PROGRAMMING

FUTURE DIRECTIONS



STRATEGIC PLAN

The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program identified five goals and respective objectives that will be addressed during the next five fiscal years. These goals and objectives were developed as a result of feedback from community members, social service agencies, and individual observations of the gaps of service within our service areas. Completion of these goals will work to address gaps in resources, address risk factors of abuse perpetration, and implement and improve protective factors and abuse response in the community.

LEADERS IN TRAUMA COMPETENCE

Be a model for trauma competence within our community and our own organization.

DIRECT SERVICE/ADVOCACY SATURATION

Build and maintain direct service/advocacy in the entire seven county service area

PREVENTION PROGRAM SATURATION

Conduct presentations in all school districts and colleges in our seven-county service area

COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSES

Promote collaboration among agencies providing direct service/advocacy and primary prevention programming

SUPPORT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Engage in abuse response training with local businesses



Closing Remarks

BY PATRICIA STOKES - BOARD PRESIDENT

Public awareness of sexual assault has grown rapidly over the past few years – not just nationally, but also locally. Much of the spotlight has been on sexual assault as a problem on college campuses, including Ohio University, where anti-rape activism has drawn national attention. However, the need for community for education and prevention efforts, as well as advocacy and support for survivors, is even greater in our communities. For instance, national statistics show that women aged 18 to 24 who are not enrolled in college are actually one-third more likely to experience sexual assault. The attitudes that enable sexual violence – including misogyny, homophobia, and racism – are endemic throughout our society. Locally, poverty and substance use disorder create conditions ripe for human trafficking. We've got a lot of work to do.

This Annual Report is thus our very first, even though the Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program has been operating under other umbrellas for over five years. From its inception in 2013, SAOP has sought to empower and support those harmed by sexual violence in our beloved corner of Appalachia. Initially housed on Ohio University, SAOP moved off campus in Fall 2015 and struck out on a path toward becoming an independent entity. After much effort and red tape, SAOP became an independent 501(c)(3) organization in April 2018. My enduring gratitude goes to Kat Wargo (founder of SAOP) and Jen Seifert (Executive Director) for ushering us safely through this complex and slightly nerve-wracking process. Thanks, also, to the Edna Brooks Foundation, which served as our fiscal entity until SAOP was ready to strike out on our own, and to the early board members who've since moved on but helped in creating bylaws and other crucial, foundational work: Ellenore Holbrook, Shannon Slavin, Melissa Greenlee, and Michelle Stobart – as well as Crystal Trout, who left the board in order to become our Program Director.

During the past year, this foundational work has continued with the current board supporting Jen and Crystal in creating an employee handbook, internal controls, and other policies. While fine-tuning in these areas will continue, the board and leadership of SAOP are now excited to be in a position to think strategically.

SAOP is now fully staffed under our present grants, but we still see great unmet needs in our seven-county service area. Toward that end, we hope to expand and grow in a sustainable way. Support from local donors has been existentially crucial: SAOP is now on a sound enough financial basis that we were able to sustain services during the recent government shutdown, which throttled reimbursements from the federal grant that funds direct client services (e.g., most of our budget). Future fundraising and grants will, we hope, allow us to expand prevention work. This has already begun with prevention programming in a number of local schools and libraries.

I hope you will support the work of SAOP in whatever way you're able. Donate financially. Give of your time – we offer volunteer roles that range from answering the hotline to serving on the board. Respond empathetically to the survivors you encounter. Learn about how rape culture functions, and educate others. Together, we can create communities where survivors are empowered to take back their lives in spite of trauma – and where sexual violence is diminishingly rare.

SAOP DONATION COUPON

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ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

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PLEASE SEND A RECEIPT FOR MY DONATION VIA:

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MAIL OR DELIVER DONATION TO MAIN OFFICE:

SURVIVOR ADVOCACY OUTREACH PROGRAM

ATTN: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

77 E. STATE STREET

ATHENS, OHIO 45701



HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION?



DONATE GOODS

SAOP accepts NEW (still in packaging) items including:

- Journals and pens
- Sheets and bedding
- Items for hospital care bags (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks)
- \$10 Gas cards
- \$10 Food/restaurant gift cards



DONATE TIME

We have many volunteer and intern opportunities including hotline & hospital advocacy and organizing fundraisers and awareness events. Go to saopseoh.org to find out more and to sign up to become a volunteer or intern!



DONATE MONEY

There are 3 easy ways to make a monetary donation

1. Go to saopseoh.org to make a donation using major credit card
2. Deliver cash or checks in person to main office
3. Detach and complete donation coupon and mail

