

# FUNDING IS VITAL FOR RAPE CRISIS CENTERS



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38% of programs have a waiting list for support groups



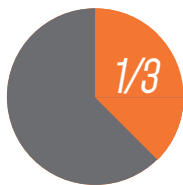
39% of programs have a waiting list for prevention education



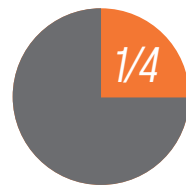
*Survivors are waiting many weeks or even months for counseling.*

*"HAVING TO TELL A RAPE SURVIVOR THAT THEY HAVE TO WAIT TO RECEIVE TRAUMA INFORMED THERAPY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND HAS A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE TIME IT TAKES FOR RECOVERY."*

*Funding is critical for employing and retaining staff.*



1/3 of programs have employees earning \$30k or less; one program has been paying advocates with a bachelor's degree \$11/hour.



Almost a quarter of centers saw an overall decrease in funds and an overall decrease in staffing.



Over 100 advocate positions were either laid off or left unfilled due to funding.

## FUNDING FOR SERVICES IMPACTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

"Survivors who need rape exams often have to wait extended amounts of time for those exams because the number of SANE nurses has gone way down due to the decrease in training and availability for that training."

"The increase in VOCA funds has greatly increased our direct service capacity but we are still seriously underfunded to meet the needs in our diverse and highly populated service area."

"In addition to keeping up with current demand, we are working hard to assist survivors who were harmed years / decades ago."

"By providing for survivors and helping them heal we reduce trauma and dependency on drugs/alcohol, homelessness, unemployment. The dividends of supporting these services prevent people from needing costly interventions..."

Based on a NAESV 2016 internet survey of rape crisis centers  
Quotes are from rape crisis center staff



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