When Rape Crisis Centers are underfunded, they can't meet the needs of sexual assault survivors and prevention programs are sidelined.

#### The Need for Funding at Rape Crisis Centers

# Programs are unable to maintain staff

#### 45%

**Almost half** of programs experienced an overall decrease in funding over the past year.



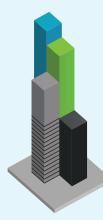
**Over 1/3** experienced a decrease in staffing over the past year.

"Without VOCA funding all survivors of sexual violence will be underserved." - An Advocate from West Virginia

"Now is not the time to be cutting back on funding, forcing us to turn away survivors who are finding their voices for the first time..."

- An Advocate from California

### **Effect on communities**



- ─ 46% of programs have an MOU with campuses
- -■13% of those are funded
- 57% MOU with prison or jail
- 13% MOU military base
- 80% of those with 1 or more MOU—no payment is included in MOUs

MOU - agreement about how the two organizations will partner.

# Victims are unable to access services

**1/3** of programs had to decrease hours of service for individual and/or group counseling.





**Almost half** have a waiting list for general counseling services.<sup>1</sup>

**3 - 100** The number of survivors on waiting lists for counseling.

**2 - 12 Weeks** Wait times for survivors.



1/3 of programs responding have two FTEs<sup>2</sup> or fewer responding to the direct services needs of survivors of sexual assault.

<sup>1</sup>Defined as not being able to make an individual appointment for a survivors within 1 week.

<sup>2</sup>Full time employee

<sup>3</sup>Defined as not being able to set up a program within a month.

### Prevention is side-lined نُهْتَهُ نُهْتَهُ نُهْتَهُ فُتَتَهُ



**Almost half** decreased public awareness and/or prevention services to their communities.



**Over 1/3** have a waiting list for prevention programs.<sup>3</sup>

"So much healing came with every session until I felt strong again." - A Survivor from Florida

"It's noble to provide direct services to victims of sexual violence, but if we don't provide prevention monies, then we are just a band-aid."

- An Advocate from Nebraska

#### It's time to increase funding for survivor



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