



This April, as we celebrate Sexual Assault Awareness Month and redouble our efforts to support survivors and end sexual violence, we are thrilled to announce an exciting change at the [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence \(NAESV\)](#). Our inspiring leader, Monika Johnson Hostler, will become NAESV's first Chief Executive Officer. In her new role as President and CEO, she will be able to expand her visionary leadership to support NAESV in a time of exciting growth while remaining executive director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault. We're also welcoming three new board members: Rosa Beltré, executive director of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence; Liliana Olvera-Arbon, executive director of the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault; and Carrie Ward, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

There is still time to register for our virtual congressional briefing in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month on Thursday, April 7 at 2pm ET focused on sexual violence prevention. The event is co-sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-3), and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18).

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This has been a tremendous year for survivor-focused legislation with the passage of the VOCA Fix Act; the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act; Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act; American Rescue Plan relief funds for rape crisis centers; and significant increases to federal programs supporting survivor services, culturally specific programs, and prevention.

A note from Monika: *"We're proud of our decades-long track record of staying centered on the needs of survivors and communities; working at the intersections and against oppression; and doing all of that with the highest possible ethics. We're also proud to call you partners, and we couldn't do our work without you. We hope you'll take time this April to reflect not just on the work ahead, but also on what we've built together to support survivors. We know, together, we will one day end sexual violence."*

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A note from NAESV Vice President, Annette Burrhus-Clay, *“The work of NAESV has both evolved and expanded over these past years. Monika’s leadership has provided a strong and constant voice in our movement to end sexual violence. Our new leadership structure allows NAESV to continue on this trajectory with greater efficiency and clarity to our mission. Monika provides the perfect bridge between our organizational roots and the complex issues we will continue to tackle well into the future.”*

We look forward to celebrating, learning, and growing with you this April as we end sexual violence together!