



## National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

The **National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV)** works to support people who have been raped and sexually assaulted, and to prevent those crimes from occurring. We represent more than 1,000 community-based rape crisis centers that help survivors put their lives back together after violence. We also serve 50+ sexual assault coalitions in U.S. states and territories.

NAESV pushes for strong federal policies that deliver **real solutions for survivors of rape, assault, and other forms of sexual violence**. We ensure that community programs in every part of the country can effectively use federal funding to **provide critical support to survivors** —and **increase safety in all our communities**.

NAESV utilizes a comprehensive grassroots advocacy network to shape national policy related to sexual violence and survivors' needs, ensure funding for rape crisis programs and sexual assault coalitions, and providing expertise to governments, businesses and non-profit organizations addressing sexual violence in all of its forms. NAESV educates the policy community about federal laws, legislation and appropriations impacting the fight to end sexual violence. Its team of experts and advocates publish written analyses, track legislation, provide media interviews, and advise members of Congress and the executive branch.

### **The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence has:**

- Successfully advocated for relief funds for rape crisis centers in the American Rescue Plan as well as the creation of the Sexual Assault Services Program, the first federal funding designated specifically for services for sexual assault survivors, and has secured consistent increases to this program even in tough budget years.
- Played a key role in shaping the federal response to campus and military sexual assault.
- Partnered with the NFL to develop a comprehensive response to sexual assault.
- Negotiated successfully for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, especially strengthened responses to sexual assault.
- Secured funding increases for the Rape Prevention & Education Program at the CDC.

- Assisted federal agencies to develop policies that are trauma-informed and survivor focused.
- Spoke out on high profile sexual assault cases emphasizing that offenders must be held accountable.

Through our Sexual Assault Services Capacity Building Center, NAESV responds to the needs of local programs, sexual assault coalitions, funders, administrators, and allied professionals to help meet survivors' comprehensive needs. Technical assistance includes:

- OFVPS funded Sexual Assault Capacity Building Center, in partnership with NSVRC;
- Implementation of federal funding including American Rescue Plan (ARP) SA relief funds administered by the Office on Family Violence Prevention and Services at HHS;
- Collaboration with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence (ATCEV), and The VOCA Center related to Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds administered by the Office on Victims of Crime at the Department of Justice;
- Housing Collaborative to address supports for survivors of sexual violence;
- Relationship-building between administrators and sexual assault coalitions;
- Identification of gaps, needs, barriers, and best practices for establishing and maintaining sexual assault services across the life span;
- Technical assistance and training on specific sexual assault issues;
- Opportunities for administrators and coalitions to learn from each other;
- Assisting in state/territory planning around sexual assault services;
- Webinars, 1:1 calls, in-person site visits, in-person trainings, publications, and TA calls;
- Engagement and collaboration with Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Capacity Building Resource Centers (CSSACs) including: Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Mujeres Latinas en Acción, National Organization of Asians & Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence, and the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA), as well as Ujima.

The NAESV Board of Directors, led by Monika Johnson Hostler, NAESV President and CEO and Executive Director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, consists of leaders of state sexual assault coalitions who promote the organization's mission to advance and strengthen public policy on behalf of state coalitions, rape crisis programs, individuals, and other entities working to end sexual violence. Most importantly, the NAESV advocates on behalf of all survivors who have needlessly suffered the serious trauma of sexual violence and envisions a world free from sexual violence.

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