

WCADVSA Annual Report

2015



Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Mission



Through a collective voice, the WCADVSA is committed to provide leadership, education, and systems advocacy to advance social change and end violence.

What We Do

Our Efforts Support . . .

What survivors need to overcome abuse.

What systems need to support survivors.

What communities need to move beyond raising awareness to ending violence before it occurs.

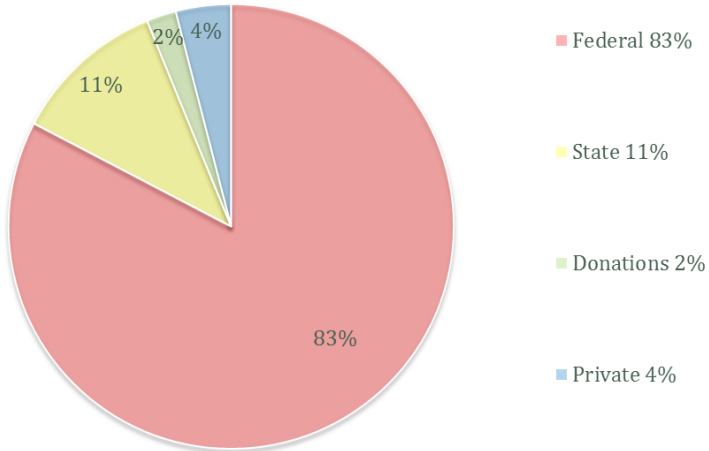
The work of the WCADVSA centers around social justice and grassroots efforts, the analysis of the oppression of women and other disenfranchised groups, the values of peer support and policy change, and in expanding leadership roles.

We focus on system change and reform, we engage in anti-oppression work, and we work to improve laws at the state and national levels.

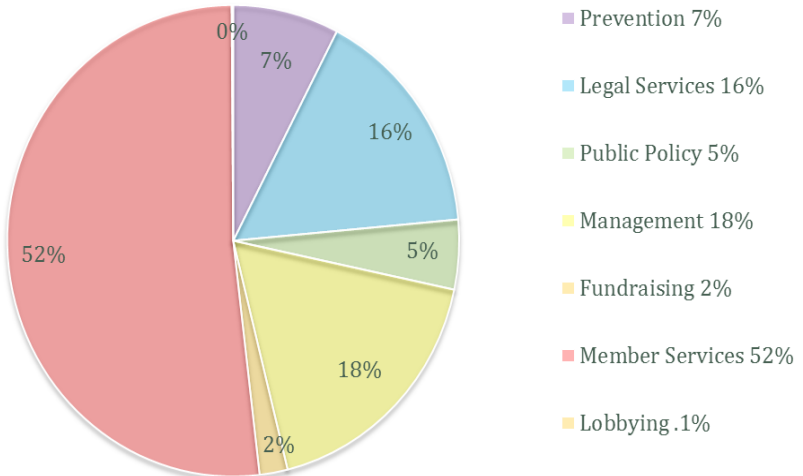
The goal of our work is to amplify the voices of survivors.

Financial Report

Revenue: \$2,119,562



Expenses: \$2,096,919



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Office on Violence Against Women—Equal Justice Wyoming—Verizon HopeLine
The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention/Wyoming Department of Health
Department of Health & Human Services

-Corporation for National and Community Service/Serve Wyoming
-Administration for Children & Families



Our Work

Legal Services

In 2015, the WCADVSA provided civil legal services in sexual assault, family law, and immigration matters to 132 victims.

Primary Prevention

In 2015, the WCADVSA helped Northwest College, the University of Wyoming, and Big Horn, Washakie, and Hot Springs County increase their readiness to prevent sexual violence before it occurs. We also launched our “Be the Solution” sexual violence primary prevention campaign.

www.bethesolution.org

Transitional Housing

In 2015, the WCADVSA provided transitional housing for 56 victims of domestic violence and 79 children.

“One of our victims fled an abusive marriage in another state with her four children. She was forced to live with anyone who would take her in. This was not a safe nor positive situation for the family.

With the help of the transitional housing assistance, she found a much better home. Without these funds, she would never have been able to move towards safety, security, and peace of mind. “



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BE THE SOLUTION

✓ learn about it ✓ talk about it ✓ change it

What will you do to prevent sexual violence?
www.bethesolutionwyo.org

AmeriCorps & Economic Empowerment

In 2015, the WCADVSA provided 15 AmeriCorps members to offer economic empowerment education and advocacy services at local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.



Leading Voice

The WCADVSA serves as the leading voice in Wyoming on issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Are you following us yet?

www.wyomingdvsa.org



"During my first month as an AmeriCorps member, I received a call on the hotline from a woman in need of shelter. I was able to shelter her and her children and they have been staying there ever since.

Though she has been working diligently, she has been struggling to become sustainable. This month, we guided her through the Allstate Financial Empowerment curriculum. I don't think she expected to learn so much from the program.

She continues to work hard to achieve her goals. I am inspired by her and encouraged by her increase in knowledge about finances and sustainability."

www.clicktoempower.org

Our Work

Public Policy

After years of working with the Wyoming Legislature, a Sexual Assault Protection Order bill, lead by Senator John Hastert, was passed into law in 2015.



"It's hard to believe another year has gone by. Laurie and I would like to express our thanks to all of you for the work you do for families who have lost loved ones.

The Worland community is clearly dedicated to ending domestic violence homicides.

We really enjoyed the speaker Mark Wynn, the meal, and cupcake roses. Sonny & Laurie Pulver"

Silent Witness

The mission of the Wyoming Silent Witness Initiative is to promote peace, healing and responsibility in intimate relationships in order to eliminate domestic violence. Since 1985, an estimated 66 Wyoming women, 7 men, 4 boys, and 1 girl have been murdered as a result of domestic violence.

On October 3, 2015, the Washakie County Crisis Prevention and Response Program hosted the 18th annual ceremony. A special thanks to the Wyoming Women's Center for designing and constructing new covers for the silhouettes.

www.wyomingsilentwitnessinitiative.net

Our Work

P.E.A.C.E. Awards

The WCADVSA 8th Annual P.E.A.C.E. Awards ceremony recognized those who demonstrate excellence and initiative to serve and advance the rights of victims. The award stands for “Promoting Excellence in Advocacy for Change and Empowerment.” Congratulations to the 2015 recipients: Linda Gesell, Marcie Bruegger, Carol Lowe, Brett Johnson, and Ambia Pawlak.



Capacity Building

The WCADVSA staff conducts trauma informed trainings across the state, co-hosts the annual Sexual Assault Summit, provides webinars, and customizes social change trainings for organizations and conferences. In 2015, the WCADVSA staff trained over 1,100 people in Wyoming.

“I’m a school counselor and I work with children who experience trauma in their families. A lot of it is related to poverty and witnessing violence. I use the mindfulness techniques you discussed with my elementary students. I think this is a form of primary prevention. Thanks for helping me make the connection.”

“I think using social change advocacy will help us effectively strategize and implement with survivors by considering every aspect of their lives rather than individual factors alone.”

Leadership

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Wyoming Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Direct Service Programs

Albany County SAFE Project 307-742-7273
Big Horn County C.A.R.E.S. 307-568-3334
Campbell County G.A.R.F. 307-686-8071
Carbon County COVE 307-324-7071
Converse County Coalition Against Violence 307-358-6148
Crook County FV & SA Services 307-283-2415
Fremont County Alliance 307-856-0942
Goshen County Task Force 307-532-5050
Hot Springs County H.O.P.E. Agency/Crisis Line 307-864-4673
Johnson County Family Crisis Center 307-684-2233
Laramie County Safehouse Services, Inc. 307-634-8655
Lincoln County Turning Point 307-877-6834
Natrona County Self Help Center 307-235-2814
Niobrara Helpmate Crisis Center 307-334-3416
Park County Crisis Intervention Services 307-587-3545
Platte County Project SAFE 307-322-4794
Sheridan County Advocacy & Resource Center 307-672-7471
Sublette County SAFV Task Force 307-367-6305
Sweetwater County YWCA Support & Safe House 307-382-3124
Teton County Community Safety Network 307-733-3711
Uinta County SAFV Task Force, Inc. 307-789-3628
Washakie County Crisis Prevention and Response Center 307-347-4992
Weston County FOCUS 307-746-2748
Wind River Indian Reservation Women Restored 307-840-9507
FE Warren AFB SAPR 307-773-3482
Joint Forces SAPR 307-772-5204
UW Stop Violence 307-766-3296



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