

# New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault — NYSCASA



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## 2015 Annual Report

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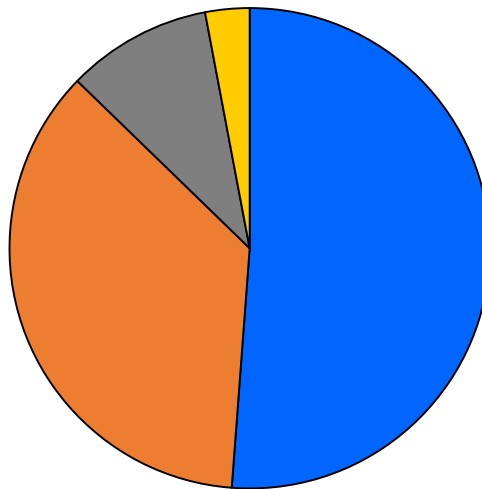
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### 2015 NYSCASA EXPENSE SUMMARY



- Rape Crisis Programs \$514,709
- Training, Advocacy & Other Personnel \$362,651
- Other Grant Expense \$98,150
- Non-Grant Expense \$29,935

### Board of Directors

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**NYSCASA THANKS ITS 2015 DONORS:** Amazon Smile; Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region; Julia Heymann; Insomnia Cookies; Carol King-Reed; Quillin Musgrave; Patricia O’Gorman; Marisa Rube; SEFA; Dorothy Sisler; Tides Foundation; United Way; Peter Vath; and Nancy Wong. **NYSCASA THANKS ITS 2015 MEMBERS:** In addition to our 82 member rape crisis programs located throughout New York State, as well as the NYSCASA Board of Directors, the following individuals and organizations became NYSCASA members in 2015: Chiffon Abney; Bonnie Allen; Diana Babcock; Amber Broder; Jenna Caldarella; Dorinda Cummings; Diane DeRuyter; Ellen Freeman; Garden of Hope – New York; Diana Graziano; Gina Greco; Hobart and William Smith Colleges; Christine Janick; Brian Leggiere; Nora Lin; Jayne Lisman; Charlotte O’Leary; Gabrielle O’Leary; Patricia Pastor; Vanessa Price Davis; Suzette Sampierre; Ed Varela; Kristin Weigand; and Jungsook Yoon.

**NYSCASA PROVIDED TRAINING** to 201 rape crisis program staff and allied professionals on: sexual assault response team approach; bystander intervention; sexual violence prevention; trauma-related issues. NYSCASA also collaborated on campus sexual assault webinars and trainings provided by SUNY.

**NYSCASA ENGAGED IN ANTI-OPPRESSION WORK.**

NYSCASA remained committed to addressing sexual violence through an anti-oppression lens. NYSCASA staff revisited recruitment and hiring practices to increase our diversity and took strategic steps towards creating equity within the organization's structure. NYSCASA was honored to be selected by the National Women of Color Network to receive advanced technical assistance and support regarding anti-racism work and promoting women of color leaders within the sexual assault advocacy field.

**NYSCASA USED SOCIAL MEDIA** to share information and resources with 714 people on Facebook, 3968 people on Twitter, and thousands of others via our website. We also added several new resources to our lending library for our members.

**NYSCASA PROVIDED CONSULTATION** regarding legal advocacy, campus sexual assault, sexual assault nurse examiner training, hospital policies, forensic evidence collection, criminal justice issues, coordinated community response, sexual violence prevention and intervention, trauma-related issues, and other topics to 341 rape crisis program staff and allied professionals.

**NYSCASA COLLABORATED** with funders, rape crisis programs, campuses, trauma task forces, legislators, service providers, and many others. NYSCASA convened and/or participated in 109 collaborative meetings with colleagues to address sexual violence-related issues, including meetings of the statewide group of Sexual Assault Examiners, New York State (NYS) Office for Victim Services Advisory Council, NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence State Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Prevention Consortium, Centers for Disease Control Rape Prevention and Education Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Action Planning team, women of color caucus, aspiring allies workgroup, trauma task forces, and regional coalitions.

**NYSCASA REVIEWED AND OFFERED**

**FEEDBACK ON POLICIES** regarding campus sexual assault, victim compensation benefits, forensic exams, consent, prison rape elimination, termination of parental rights in cases where the child is conceived by rape, and sexual assault kit submission.

**NYSCASA AWARDED OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN FUNDING!**

We awarded Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) funding to 46 New York State Department of Health approved rape crisis organizations to assist sexual assault/abuse victims throughout New York State. We awarded Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) funding stipends to 8 rape crisis programs to support their work with local colleges and universities. We awarded National Football League (NFL) funding for 3 rape crisis hotlines. And we awarded STOP funding for 2 pilot prevention programs that included 25 training events for 345 students, professionals, and volunteers.

NYSCASA received support from: the New York State (NYS) Department of Health; NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services; NYS Office of Mental Health; NFL; and Grant Nos. 2014-SW-AX-0005 and 2015-SW-AX-0022 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), US Department of Justice Office. *The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of any funder.*