



**New York State Coalition  
Against Sexual Assault**

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**2022–2023**

**Working for a world  
without violence.**



Above: Social media graphics created for Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2022: "Advocate Love Letters" and "Survivor Love Letters."

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## MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Coalition Community:

This New Year, we are delighted to share a message of reflection, recognition, and resolution with the anti-violence community. We look back on 2022–2023 with gratitude and look ahead with optimism as we draw your attention to some highlights.

This has been a successful period for our work on college campuses, in jails and prisons, and crucially, with the rape crisis programs we serve. We trained **159** students and professionals in the higher education community; provided training on conducting Sexual Assault Forensic Exams with incarcerated survivors; and we awarded a total of **\$1,166,036** to rape crisis programs to continue to provide direct services to victims/survivors.

NYSCASA continues to educate and communicate with legislators and other policymakers about how their decisions impact victims and survivors. In 2022, we worked alongside survivors and advocates to pass the Adult Survivors Act, which provided a one-year lookback period from November 24, 2022, to November 24, 2023. During this period, more than **2,500** courageous survivors turned to the courts to seek justice and accountability on their own terms. We continue to work diligently to raise awareness about ongoing funding concerns regarding the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Enough Is Enough (EIE) programming. Advocating for these much-needed funds remains crucial for victims and survivors, and preventing violence in New York State and beyond.

We are proud to have collaborated with partners in the field, such as the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV), the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (the Alliance), Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS), the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV), among others, to prevent gender-based violence and improve support and services for victims/survivors. Notably, we joined NYSCADV to co-host the ninth annual Primary Prevention Summit in November 2023, which brought in over **220** attendees representing diverse organizations.

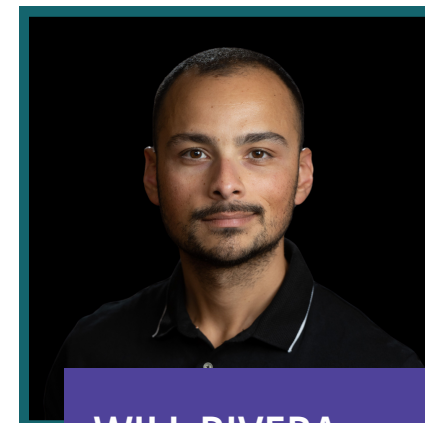


Like so many others, we have faced challenges during 2022–2023. Much like our member rape crisis programs, we have struggled to retain staff amid leadership transitions, organizational trauma, and vicarious trauma. Staff transitions are bittersweet as we say farewell to valued members of our community. In the new year, we hope to welcome new leadership who bring to our work a wealth of experience and insights.

As we embark on 2024, our priorities will be to strengthen and move NYSCASA to the next level of providing advocacy, prevention, training, and support to all within our community. First and foremost, we welcome you to join us at our Annual Meeting in June. We are also excited to again co-host the 10th Annual Primary Prevention Summit with NYSCADV in the fall. Our team remains focused on our mission and on maintaining organizational stability as we develop our initiatives for 2024. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with culturally specific organizations and rape crisis programs.

Stay connected with NYSCASA throughout the year by following us on our social media channels and subscribing to our email list and/or our newsletter. We encourage you to contact us directly via email at [info@nyscasa.org](mailto:info@nyscasa.org) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for being part of our community as we end sexual violence for all in New York State.

Best regards,



**WILL RIVERA**  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**JANICE BROWN**  
BOARD PRESIDENT

**Left:** Hundreds of attendees sit in a large conference room with back of heads visible at the Primary Prevention Summit in November 2023. Sarah Podber, Prevention Director, introduces speaker Lisa Fujie Parks. Image courtesy of NYSCADV.

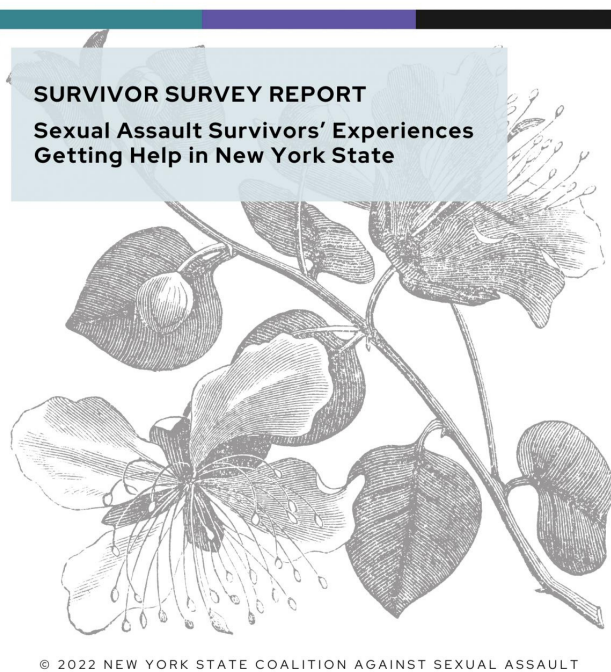
# CENTERING SURVIVORS

## Survivor Survey

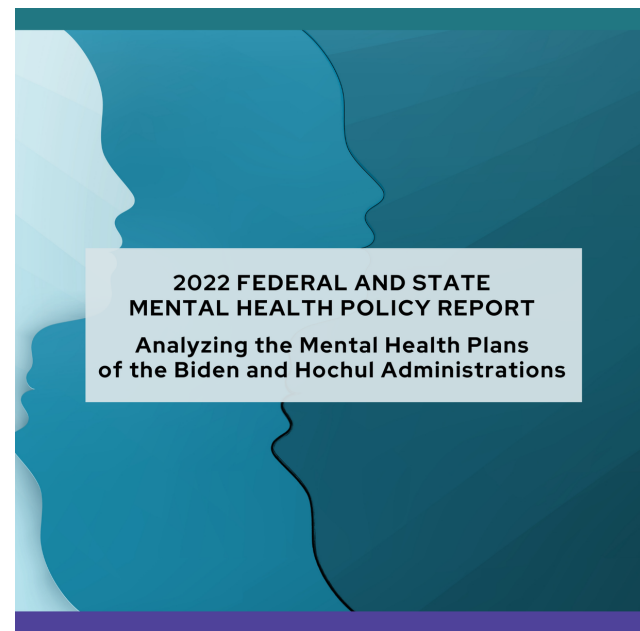
From 2017 to 2022, NYSCASA's Survivor Survey invited survivors across New York State to share their experiences to develop a snapshot of what survivors think about and experience in rape crisis services, hospitals, Title IX offices, and the criminal legal system. In July 2022, NYSCASA published two reports analyzing the survey data. One report highlights the experiences of college student survivors of sexual assault, while the other report examines responses from survivors across the state, regardless of student status.

Survey responses indicated that survivors in New York are not likely to seek support from systems, including local rape crisis programs, hospitals, or reporting to law enforcement agencies, or college Title IX offices. Participants who did seek out these resources reported mixed experiences. Some survey participants, however, reported positive experiences, with one describing their encounter as "life saving."

The reports include recommendations for service providers, law enforcement agencies, and funders to improve survivors' experiences when they seek help, and expand awareness and access to resources, especially for survivors from historically marginalized and excluded communities.



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Access the reports at [www.nyscasa.org/publications](http://www.nyscasa.org/publications)

## Mental Health Policy

Comprehensive mental health services have historically been inaccessible for survivors of gender-based violence, especially for survivors from marginalized communities.

Since 2020, a national mental health crisis has come into focus. In March 2022, the Biden Administration released a fact sheet outlining the federal strategy to address this crisis. Released in close proximity to the Biden Administration's plan was New York State Governor Hochul's 2023 budget outline, which also addressed the mental health crisis we have witnessed across our home state.

In July 2022, NYSCASA published a report analyzing the federal and state proposals for addressing the mental health needs of New Yorkers, with a focus on sexual violence survivors and front line health care workers. The report includes recommendations for increasing access to mental health services and support to ensure that New Yorkers' mental health needs are met.

## Resources for Survivors

From directories of sexual assault service providers and culturally specific programs to online resources and our lending library, NYSCASA staff are always collecting resources to make available for survivors and their loved ones.

## Sexual Violence Prevention on Campus

In November 2023, NYSCASA and the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault released a report examining the current landscape of addressing sexual violence on college campuses in New York State. The report also reveals the ongoing impact of insufficient funding to support the goals of New York Education Law Article 129-B (Enough Is Enough).

The report includes recommendations for policymakers and legislators, including calls to increase annual funding for Enough Is Enough Programs from \$5.1 million to \$9.6 million, assign \$1.5 million to fund a three-year statewide Campus Coordinated Response Team demonstration project, and conduct a statewide Enough Is Enough Compliance Evaluation.



**ENOUGH IS NOT ENOUGH:**  
MAINTAINING NEW YORK STATE AS A LEADER IN CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Browse resources at [www.nyscasa.org/survivors](http://www.nyscasa.org/survivors)

## TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Ending Violence Without Violence

For National Crime Victims' Rights Week, NYSCASA hosted daily viewings of recordings from workshops led by Seven Dancers Coalition (with their permission), originally offered through our collaborative Ending Violence Without Violence virtual conference in 2021.

- Haudenosaunee Creation Story and Its Lessons for Disrupting Violence in Our Communities
- Urbanization: Government Tactics of Cultural Genocide and Trauma and How They Impact Indigenous Communities
- Standing the Trees Back Up: Seven Dancers Coalition's Men's Program
- Men Doing the Work to End Violence



### Enough Is Enough\* Training

#### Title IX is Changing... What Do Providers Need to Know?

Presenters from Grand River Solutions provided the history of Title IX, current regulations, and 2022 proposed changes to the regulations.

#### Hearing Advisor Training

Presenters from Grand River Solutions explained the roles and responsibilities of the hearing advisor, student advisee, and related parties involved in the Title IX hearing process.

#### Digital Abuse and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Participants learned how to identify and prevent digital abuse against people with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Recordings from past programs are available on our YouTube channel! Search our name on YouTube or scan the QR code.

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Individuals received training and technical assistance through Enough Is Enough\*

\* Read more on page 13.

### Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative

Through NYSCASA's Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative, modeled after a national project of the same name, we provide specialized technical assistance to strengthen prevention efforts and survivor support services, and to prevent and mitigate the impact of vicarious trauma among rape crisis programs and other sexual assault service providers.

The first SADI cohort included the Arab-American Family Support Center, Barrier-Free Living, Crisis Services, Sepa Mujer, Inc., and the Westchester Medical Center Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victims Empowerment (SAAVE) Program.

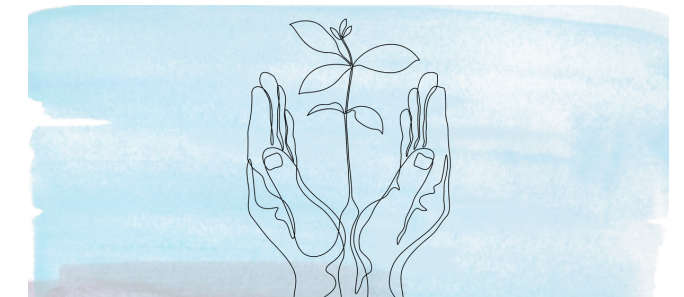
SADI participants received training on the Promoteras de Salud/Community Health Workers Model, talking about sex with people with disabilities, and conducting focus groups and surveys. Participants also attended regular peer support sessions to share information, resources, and strategies for individual and organizational wellbeing.

The first cohort completed the program with exciting strategies to build relationships with their communities. The second cohort recently began their program. We look forward to collaborating with participants in 2024.

### Spring Healing Series

Cat Fribley and Leah Green (Resource Sharing Project) facilitated three workshops centering the experiences of adult survivors of child sexual abuse:

- The Realities of Child Sexual Abuse in Adulthood
- Healing in Adulthood
- Centering Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse in Our Services



### Additional Topics

- Facilitating open and honest conversations about sexuality and sexual health education
- Providing rape crisis services to sex workers and trafficking survivors
- Using drum circles and other musical practices in clinical and peer support settings to support trauma healing

# 160

Individuals received training and technical assistance through the Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative

## PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

NYSCASA educates legislators and other policy- and decision-makers about the impact, including unintended effects, of existing and proposed policies that affect survivors and victims and violence prevention efforts. We also respond to requests for feedback about policies and recommend policies that would improve sexual violence intervention and prevention services.

### Federal Legislative Agenda

#### Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022 (S.3623)

Incorporated into Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103, 136 Stat. 49); Signed by President Biden on March 15, 2022.

#### Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R.2604/S.2693)

In Committee (Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; House Education and the Workforce).

Visit our website to learn more about NYSCASA's public policy and advocacy efforts: [www.nyscasa.org/policy](http://www.nyscasa.org/policy)

### New York State Legislative Agenda

#### Fair Access to Victim Compensation Act (A.2105/S.214A)

Signed by Governor Hochul on December 9, 2023.

#### Victims' DNA Collection Limitation Bill (S.997/A.5350A)

In Committee (Assembly Codes and Senate Internet and Technology).

#### Incapacity to Consent to Sexual Contact (A.692/S.2628)

In Committee (Assembly Codes; Senate Codes).

#### Comprehensive Sexuality Education (A.4604)

In Committee (Assembly Education).

#### Stop Violence in the Sex Trades Act (S.4396)

In Committee (Senate Codes).



## PREVENTION

In 2022, NYSCASA incorporated sexual violence prevention into the Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (page 07). Seventeen NYSCASA member programs participated in interviews to assess their prevention training, technical assistance, and support needs. These interviews informed the planning of the second SADI cohort and prevention training and technical assistance in 2023.

We continued to collaborate with the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV). In 2022, we co-hosted a member listening session on engaging men and boys in violence prevention, the 8th Annual Prevention Summit, and a meeting of the New York State Prevention Consortium in 2022. In November 2023, we co-hosted the 9th Annual Prevention Summit.

We also provided a training-of-trainers in the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program for 26 staff from NYSCASA member programs and one staff from a NYSCADV member program.

NYSCASA embarked on two projects focused on engaging men and boys to prevent sexual and gender-based violence, which continued into 2023:

### Engaging Men Online Toolkit

NYSCASA has partnered with consultant Rus Funk to develop an online toolkit on engaging men for prevention educators.

### ASPIRE New York

NYSCASA partnered with former NFL quarterback, author, and anti-violence advocate Don McPherson to develop a statewide initiative to engage men and boys in prevention using McPherson's Aspirational Masculinity framework. Together, we launched the initiative in June 2023 with a conference in Syracuse, NY, and continued into the fall with regional trainings.

We look forward to working with McPherson and NYSCADV to continue these efforts in 2024.



## TRAUMA AND MENTAL HEALTH

### Building Connections: Sexual Assault and Mental Health

NYSCASA continues to collaborate with the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS), with support from the MHA in Ulster County and funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH). Together, we have led the Building Connections: Sexual Assault and Mental Health Project for over 24 years.

Through Building Connections, we offer:

- Referrals and information as requested by survivors and their loved ones.
- Quarterly “Arts & Hearts” sessions, which offer peer support for service providers and survivor advocates and promote organizational- and self-care practices.
- Training about the impact of trauma, mitigating secondary traumatic stress, and self-care practices, including art, music, and movement.
- Access to training available through the NYSTI Network and Resource Center and OMH offerings.
- Resources for NYSCASA and MHANYS affiliates through our lending library.



We continued in our role as Advisory Committee Members and Ambassadors in the NYS Trauma Informed (NYSTI) Network and Resource Center. We contributed to statewide newsletters, meetings and committees to support frontline workers, and expanding awareness of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma-informed practices across New York.

In 2022, we facilitated drum circles with survivors, activists, and service providers virtually and in person. We also provided training on how to use this practice in professional and personal settings with peers via Zoom and at statewide conferences.

### Supporting Advocates’ Wellbeing

Through the Mitigating Impacts of Sexual Violence grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), NYSCASA provided regular peer support calls for Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (**page 07**) participants to effectively mitigate workplace trauma, secondary traumatic stress, and burnout, all of which impact individual and organizational wellbeing.

**Left:** Chrys Ballerano, Senior Director of Collaboration and Training, facilitates a drum circle during an event, Creating Resilience from ACEs to Joyful Advocacy!, in October 2018.

## VISIONARY VOICE AWARDS

Each year during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center presents the Visionary Voice Awards to recognize outstanding work to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

### 2022

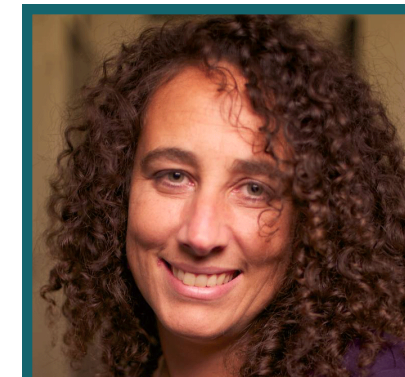
NYSCASA was delighted to nominate **Luz Márquez-Benbow** in honor of her leadership as a Black Boricua and adult survivor of child sexual abuse.



LUZ MÁRQUEZ-BENBOW

In the late 1990s, Luz led outreach and policy initiatives at NYSCASA. In 2003, she co-founded the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault. There, she worked with national policy advocates and members of Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 2005 and 2012, and, later, to develop VAWA’s Culturally Specific Grant Program. She founded the International Alianza de Mujeres Negrx, a survivor-led network of Afrolatinx mobilizing to end sexual violence across the Black Diaspora. Most recently, Luz served as Executive Director at NYSCASA in 2023.

### 2023



ANDREA J. RITCHIE

NYSCASA was pleased to nominate attorney, writer, and organizer **Andrea J. Ritchie** in honor of her efforts over the past two decades to challenge abusive and discriminatory policing against women, girls, and LGBT+ people of color, including police sexual violence.

She is active in Interrupting Criminalization: Research in Action, an initiative housed at Barnard Center for Research on Women (BCRW). Interrupting Criminalization documents and develops comprehensive responses to police sexual violence, criminalization of reproductive and bodily autonomy, diversion programs, ending police violence against Black women, girls, transgender and gender nonconforming people, the criminalization of reproductive health care, and creating accountable communities.

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

## Engaging Students

Through the Student Activist Network Against Sexual Assault (SANASA) program, NYSCASA is cultivating a network of college students leading efforts to prevent sexual violence and support survivors on their campuses across New York State.

Cohort members meet with NYSCASA staff on a monthly basis and receive individualized technical assistance and organizing support. The first cohort began their program in 2021 and concluded in 2023.

SANASA cohort members presented at:

- Let's Talk About It! Your Role in Advancing Reproductive Justice & Ending Sexual Violence, co-hosted with ValorUS, End Rape on Campus, and Girls for Gender Equity
- New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Prevention Summit
- The Annual Meeting of the Justice Studies Association

In August 2022, the cohort participated in Dialogues Across Differences, a twelve-hour virtual training provided by Growing a New Heart. Students developed skills to have respectful conversations and communicate in non-violent, yet accountable ways.

The second SANASA cohort's program will run from late 2023 to 2025. Any student group at a college in New York State is eligible to participate.

The SANASA program also hosts All Campus Meetings at the end of each month, which are open to SANASA cohort members and all college students in New York State. Through these meetings, participants explore strategies to raise awareness, share resources and information, practice/develop skills, and build a collective vision to prevent sexual violence and strengthen support resources for survivors on college campuses across the state.

**4**  
Site visits completed in 2022

**47**  
Students received training through SANASA



## Engaging Rape Crisis Programs and College Campuses

Through the New York State Enough Is Enough (EIE) Training and Technical Assistance Center, NYSCASA and the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault ("the Alliance") continue to provide support to EIE-funded service providers under the supervision of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.


Service providers reported struggles with engagement throughout the pandemic and are presently shifting back to in-person meetings and engagement. EIE programs have reported difficulties hiring and retaining staff. At the same time, long-standing relationships within programs and with school administration were broken as colleges across the state faced resignations in large numbers, coinciding with national trends. Many programs are building new relationships and connections in order to increase engagement with college students.

Together, we explored a variety of methods to navigate these issues, including honing our skills on Zoom and sharing which strategies worked best in each community.

This year, we provided training to EIE providers on supporting intellectually and/or developmentally disabled students, addressing digital sexual abuse, and Title IX (page 06).

In addition, the EIE team provided training and technical assistance about:

- Providing high quality services to student survivors of sexual assault;
- Delivering effective community awareness and education activities;
- Addressing the response to and prevention of sexual assault on college/university campuses and the broader community; and
- Whether trainings assisted rape crisis counselors in meeting certification requirements.



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Technical Assistance  
and Training Center**



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN PRISONS AND JAILS

## Public Policy and Systems Advocacy

In March 2022, NYSCASA provided testimony alongside Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) sexual assault service providers in New York State’s first-ever legislative hearing about sexual assault in its jails and prisons. NYSCASA and service providers discussed the myriad challenges that survivors experience when they seek assistance or try to report victimization.

The hearing inspired Senate Bill S.6975, introduced in 2023 by Senator Julia Salazar, which would authorize the State Inspector General to investigate sexual assault complaints in facilities operated by the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. NYSCASA’s testimony is cited in the bill memo. The Senate passed the bill on June 5, 2023. As of January 2024, the bill remains under review by the Assembly Standing Committee on Governmental Operations.



In April 2022, NYSCASA partnered with Common Justice and the People’s Campaign for Parole Justice, led by Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), to host a Survivor Justice and Parole Justice Advocacy Day at the New York State Capitol. Survivors—including formerly incarcerated survivors and those with loved ones who have been incarcerated—joined prison justice advocates, victim/survivor advocates, and family members of victims of gun violence to rally in support of survivors and victims of both interpersonal violence and state violence.

NYSCASA staff educated lawmakers about how three bills would impact survivors from a survivor justice and harm reduction framework, including: Fair Access to Crime Victim Compensation Act (page 08), Elder Parole (A.2035/S.2423), and Fair and Timely Parole (A.162/S.307). As of January 2024, both parole bills remain under review by committee (Senate Crime Victims, Crime, and Correction, and Assembly Codes).

Left: A crowd of advocates in the Empire State Plaza Concourse during a Survivor Justice and Parole Justice Advocacy Day (April 28, 2022).

Right: Chel Miller (Communications Director, 2018–2022) speaks at a press conference during a Survivor Justice and Parole Justice Advocacy Day.

## Continued Collaboration in a Time of Transition

During 2022, NYSCASA’s PREA program shifted its focus to local jails and youth detention facilities, realizing that people incarcerated in these facilities are underserved and underrepresented in PREA services.

At this time, a NYSCASA member program, the Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC), assumed the role of Statewide PREA Partnership Coordinator, providing technical assistance, support, and training to PREA service providers.

NYSCASA continues to work closely with CVTC to provide technical assistance and training to service providers, and to respond to letters received from incarcerated survivors of sexual violence to ensure that survivors receive appropriate responses and referrals.

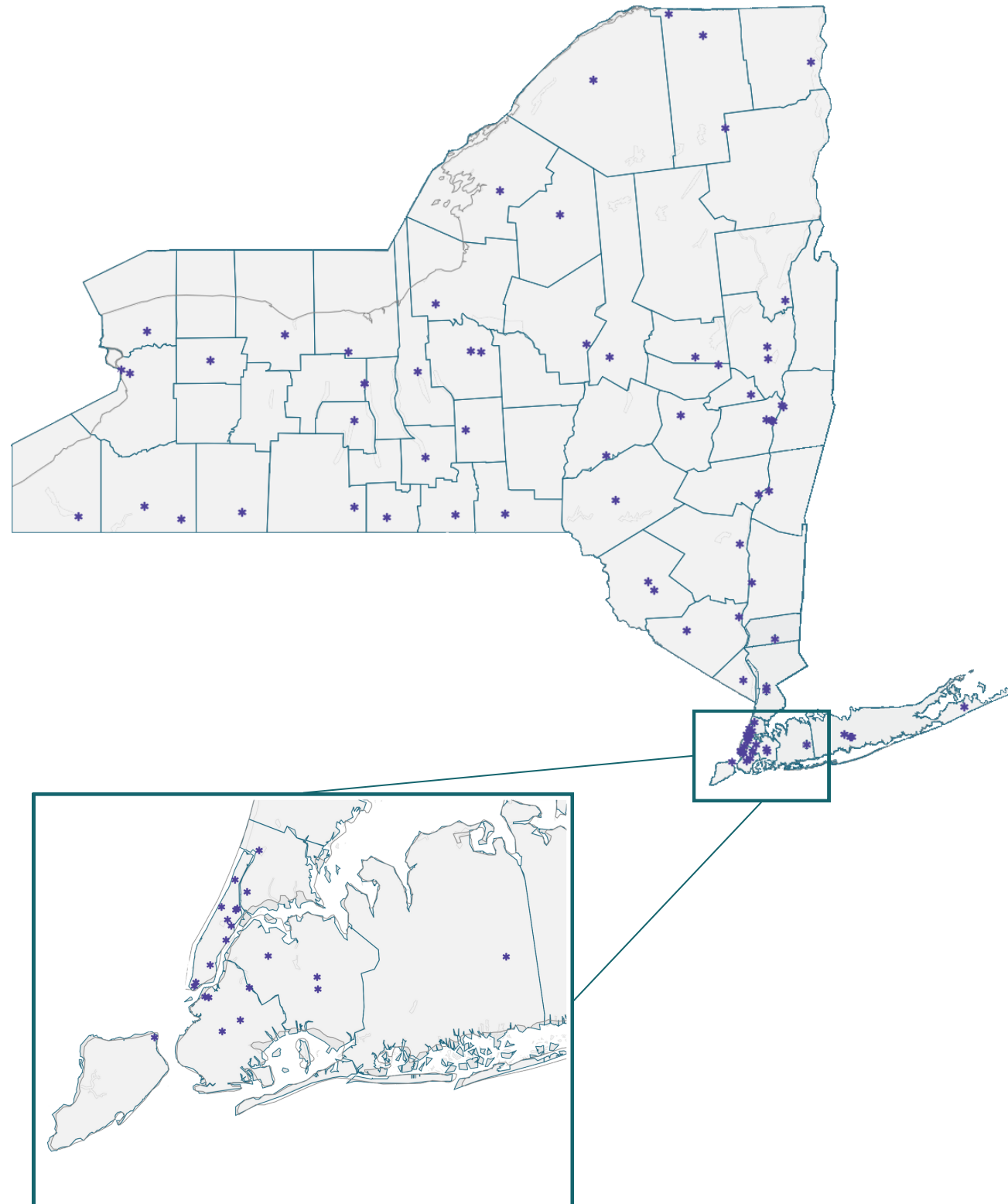


In early 2023, staff identified local jails and youth detention facilities and the PREA service providers in those communities. Staff met with PREA service providers to learn about their services and identify ongoing needs, challenges, and opportunities. These conversations will inform NYSCASA’s PREA programming for 2023 and beyond.

Staff also initiated conversations with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) PREA staff to build relationships and strengthen prevention and response efforts in state prisons.

In March 2023, two NYSCASA staff joined six Westchester County Medical Center SANE staff at a training program led by Tara Graham from Just Detention International. The training highlighted the realities of incarceration in the United States, the prevalence of sexual violence in prisons and jails, the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and its standards, and providing Sexual Assault Forensic Exams to incarcerated survivors of sexual violence. The training received positive feedback and Westchester requested further training, which will take place in 2024.

# RAPE CRISIS PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK STATE



**ALBANY**

Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center

**ALLEGANY**

Cattaraugus Community Action

**BRONX**

Bronx County District Attorney Crime Victims Assistance Unit  
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Inc.

**BROOKLYN**

Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program

**BROOME**

Crime Victims Assistance Center

**CATTARAUGUS**

Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc. (Victim Services)

**CAYUGA**

Cayuga Counseling Services  
Sexual Assault Victims Advocate Resource (SAVAR)

**CHAUTAUQUA**

Salvation Army Anew Center (The Rape Crisis Program)

**CHEMUNG**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (Sexual Assault Resource Center)

**CHENANGO**

Liberty Resources (Help Restore Hope Center)

**CLINTON**

Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York, Inc.

**COLUMBIA**

Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Inc. (The REACH Center)

**CORTLAND**

YWCA of Cortland County (Aid to Victims of Violence)

**DELAWARE**

Delaware Opportunities Inc. (Safe Against Violence)

**DUTCHESS**

Family Services, Inc. (Center for Victim Safety and Support)

**ERIE**

Crisis Services, Inc.

**ESSEX**

Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York, Inc. (Sexual Assault Services)

**FRANKLIN**

Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York, Inc. (Sexual Assault Services)

**FULTON**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (Victim Advocacy Services)

**GENESEE**

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York (RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)

**GREENE**

Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Inc. (The REACH Center)

**HAMILTON**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (Victim Advocacy Services)

**HERKIMER**

YWCA Mohawk Valley

**JEFFERSON**

Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc.

**KINGS**

CAMBA, Inc  
Crime Victims Treatment Center  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue  
Victim Services Program  
Safe Horizon  
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center's Rape Crisis Program

**LEWIS**

Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. (Victim Services Program)

**LIVINGSTON**

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York (RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)

**MADISON**

Liberty Resources/Help Restore Hope Center

**MONROE**

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York (RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)

**MONTGOMERY**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services

**NEW YORK**

Anti-Violence Project (AVP)  
Columbia University Sexual Violence Response & Rape Crisis  
Crime Victims Treatment Center  
Mount Sinai - Beth Israel Hospital  
Victim Services Program (Social Work Department)  
Mount Sinai - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
Sexual Assault and Violence  
Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center  
Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program  
NY Presbyterian Hospital - Domestic and and Other Violence Emergencies (DOVE)

**NEW YORK (CONT'D)**

NY Presbyterian Hospital - Weill Cornell Medical Center Victim Intervention Program  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue Victim Services Program  
Safe Horizon

**NIAGARA**

YWCA of the Niagara Frontier

**ONEIDA**

YWCA Mohawk Valley

**ONONDAGA**

Vera House, Inc.

**ONTARIO**

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc., Victim Assistance Program

**ORANGE**

Mental Health Association of Orange County, Inc. (The REACH Center)

**ORLEANS**

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York (RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)

**OSWEGO**

Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. Services to Aid Families

**OTSEGO**

Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. Violence Intervention Program

**PUTNAM**

Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center

**QUEENS**

Mount Sinai - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program  
Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention

**RENSELAER**

St. Peter's Crime Victim Services

**RICHMOND**

Safe Horizon, Inc. Staten Island Community Program

**ROCKLAND**

Center for Safety and Change

**SARATOGA**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services  
Wellspring

**SCHENECTADY**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services

**SCHOHARIE**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services

**SCHUYLER**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Sexual Assault Resource Center

**SENECA**

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

**ST. LAWRENCE**

St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims

**STEBEN**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Sexual Assault Resource Center

**SUFFOLK**

Crime Victims Center, Inc. Rape Crisis Center  
ECLI-VIBES Rape Crisis Counseling Program (formerly known as Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc.)

**SULLIVAN**

Fearless! Hudson Valley Sexual Assault Services Program

**TIOGA**

A New Hope Center, Inc. Rape Crisis Program

**TOMPKINS**

Advocacy Center of Tompkins County

**ULSTER**

Crime Victims Assistance (located in Ulster County Probation Department)

**WARREN**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services

**WASHINGTON**

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York Victim Advocacy Services  
Wellspring

**WAYNE**

Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. Rape Crisis

**WESTCHESTER**

Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center  
Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. Victims Assistance Program  
Westchester Medical Center Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victims Assistance Program

**WYOMING**

Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York (RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)

**YATES**

Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Inc. Victim Assistance Program

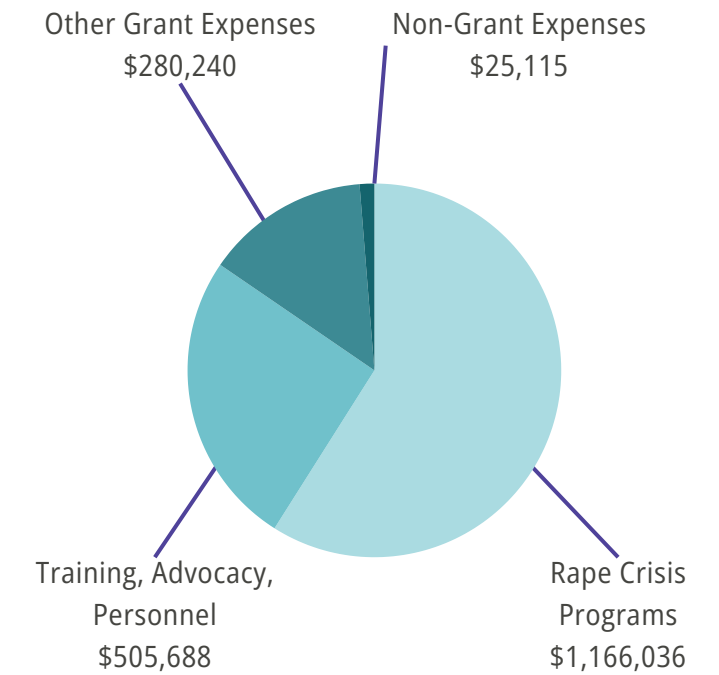
## 2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

In 2022, NYSCASA awarded a total of **\$1,166,036** to rape crisis programs providing core services, direct intervention, and related assistance to victims and survivors of sexual assault throughout New York State.

NYSCASA's Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) awarded more than **\$612,901** to rape crisis programs to provide direct services to victims and survivors of sexual assault.

Through the New York State Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Partnership, NYSCASA awarded **\$553,135** to rape crisis programs providing direct services to victims and survivors incarcerated in prisons and jails across the state. Learn more about this program on [page 14](#).

### 2022 Expenses

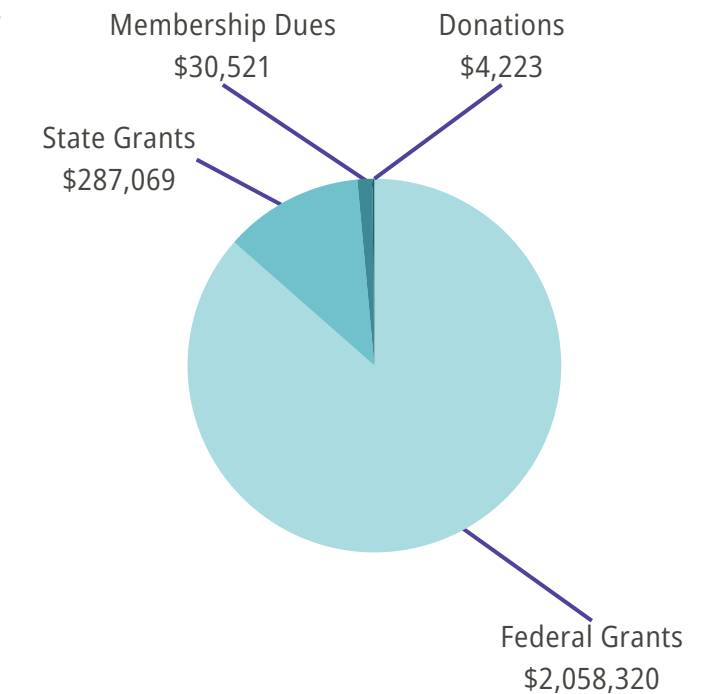


### 2022 Revenue Breakdown

SOURCE	AMOUNT
U.S. Department of Justice.....	\$216,297
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) STOP VAWA Grant.....	\$361,375
NYS DCJS Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula Grant.....	\$647,712
NYS DCJS Mitigating Impacts of Sexual Violence Grant.....	\$246,258
NYS Office of Victim Services.....	\$638,426
NYS Department of Health*.....	\$194,510
NYS Office of Mental Health.....	\$40,811
Membership Dues.....	\$30,521
Donations.....	\$4,223
Misc. Revenue/Assets.....	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,381,333</b>

\* NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence now administers this grant.

### 2022 Revenue



# GRATITUDE

## Donors

NYSCASA expresses our deepest gratitude to the following donors:

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## Members

In addition to member rape crisis programs across New York State, the following individuals and organizations became members or continued their membership in 2022–2023:

LI Against Domestic Violence  
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P. 20: Staff table at In Our Own Voices’ Say It Loud! Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC) Pride celebration in June 2022.

P. 21: A virtual press conference convened by NYSCASA and Vera House in March 2022; Staff enjoying lunch on a sunny day in August 2022.



## Staff

Our work would not be possible without the expertise and dedication of NYSCASA staff, past and present, who have made this coalition what it is today.

### 2022 Staff

Joanne Zannoni	Executive Director
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NYSCASA members receive e-news updates, advance invitations to events, discounted event registration fees, access to materials in our library, and access to our online training resources.

To become a member, visit our website:

[www.nyscasa.org/join](http://www.nyscasa.org/join)

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Your tax-deductible donation helps NYSCASA advocate for survivors, improve responses to sexual violence, and strengthen prevention efforts across New York State.


Donations can be made on NYSCASA's website at

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