

SUPPORT, ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER

Annual Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Mission

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center's (SARC) mission is to provide crisis services, support and advocacy to victims, non-offending family members, and others who are impacted by crime. We strive to create and maintain a community without violence through prevention-based education.

Philosophy Statement

Crime adversely affects all members of a community, including both adults and children. SARC views sexual assault as a means of power, control, and manipulation.

SARC supports the rights of crime victims and strives to see these rights upheld. SARC believes that every victim deserves quality information, advocacy, crisis intervention, and treatment. We support the right of a victim to make choices regarding reporting, prosecution, pregnancy, future safety, and other issues raised by the experience. It is our responsibility to provide prevention education in an effort to create a community free of violence.

SARC is committed to serving all individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion, veteran status, age, ethnic background, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, physical or mental status.

Values

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) conducts all agency operations; client, employee and business interactions holding true to the following values:

- 1. Integrity:** We will act with personal and professional integrity.
- 2. Respect:** We will respect others and support and protect diversity.
- 3. Loyalty:** We will be loyal to the SARC and its mission.
- 4. Confidentiality:** We will protect confidential information.
- 5. Responsibility:** We will manage our resources in a responsible manner maximizing our ability to advance the mission of the organization.
- 6. Transparency:** We will be open and candid about our activities and operations.
- 7. Governance:** We will govern carefully and honestly to advance the mission of the SARC.
- 8. Compliance:** We will comply with our Code of Ethics, the policies of the SARC, as well as federal, state, and local laws.
- 9. Duty:** We must hold ourselves and others accountable to carrying out the spirit and intent of the Code of Ethics. We will seek guidance concerning, and report breach of, our Code of Ethics.

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Human Trafficking Program

Advocates in the Human Trafficking Program provide services to survivors of sex trafficking. SARC's service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Human Trafficking Program:

Crisis Line:

- Available **24 hours** a day to answer questions
- Point of contact for service providers and clients who need immediate emergency assistance
- Provides information and referrals to available resources and services

Crisis Intervention:

- Assess immediate needs and concerns
- Provides information, support and validation for the client's feelings to help identify and plan the next steps

Client Advocacy:

- Ongoing personal support, discuss options and rights
- Assist in identifying and prioritizing needs

Legal & Medical Advocacy:

- Responds to hospital calls to provide support and follow up medical appointments
- Support at police interviews and court proceedings
- Monitors the criminal case through the legal system
- Assists with civil protection orders
- Acts as a liaison between court systems
- Provides referrals to treatment/restorative care facilities

On-Site Counseling & Therapy Referrals:

- Short-term on-site counseling for victims of all crimes
- Evidence-based, trauma-informed counseling services
- SARC's counseling is confidential and free
- Referrals to outside counselors when appropriate

Library & Crime Prevention Materials:

- Books and videos available to survivors and community members to learn about crime victimization and the healing process
- Flyers and brochures on sexual abuse, human trafficking, crimes, prevention topics and self-care

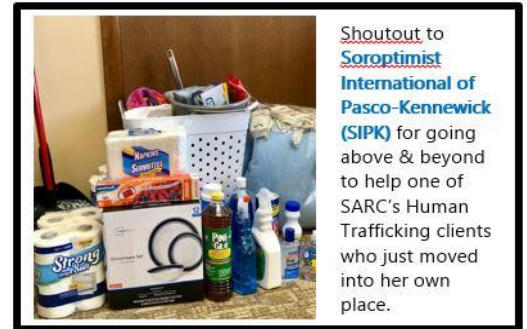
Community Outreach:

- Participates in various community events in Benton and Franklin Counties to raise awareness
- Does pointed outreach with organizations/businesses that may have direct contact with sex trafficking victims

Resources Available to Clients

Immediate Shelter
 Cab Fare
 Drug Rehab/Detox Resources
 Food
 Obtainment of ID

Relocation Services
 Connecting with Restoration Homes/Long Term Housing
 Mental Health
 Toiletry/Household Needs
 Clothing



Clients:



SARC served 150 new clients and helped over 429 total clients since the program's expansion in May 2017. SARC's Trafficking team provided 579 services to our clients at intake and 13,312 follow-up services, for a total of 13,891 services. This is equivalent to 2,700.50 hours of direct client service hours. In that time, 129 contacts were made with community partners at intake, and 4,857 contacts were made during follow-up services, for a total of 4,986 outside contacts with agency partners.

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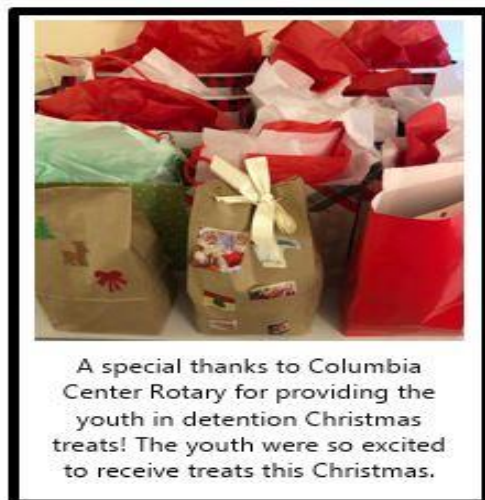
- 31% Kennewick
- 25% Pasco
- 19% Richland
- 7% Surrounding Area
- 17% Other

Gender of Clients:

- 89% Female
- 11% Male

Age of Clients:

- 1% between 0 and 5 years
- 10% between 6 and 11 years
- 59% between 12 and 18 years
- 17% 19 years and 29 years
- 13% 30 years and older



Ethnicity of Clients:

- 67% Caucasian
- 25% Hispanic
- 5% African American
- 1% Pacific Islander
- 1% Other

Outreach:

Despite the restrictions placed upon outreach and awareness efforts from COVID, the Human Trafficking program knew with the isolation and anxiety people in society were feeling, now more than ever it was important to keep these efforts up. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the Human Trafficking Program participated in 1,074 outreach and awareness activities, totaling 5,861.50 hours, and reaching 12,368 community members (77% increase in participants). The way the program was able to accomplish this feat was with some creativity and a lot of invaluable help from community partners such as financial institutes, UGM, the Boys & Girls Club, school counselors, local colleges, churches, and Windermere Group One.



The HT program tried to utilize technology to our advantage by continuing to give presentations and participate on panels via zoom and create presentations that could be accessed on YouTube or live-streaming methods compatible for the group requesting the training.



We also asked our community partners to help share our messaging on their social media or in print form in their mandatory opened facilities. We also attended community drive-thru events when they were adapted to meet COVID safety protocols. In addition to these items, our regularly scheduled outreach was distributed to: Manufacturing Plants, Women's Clinics, Urgent Care, Hospitals, Medical Facilities, Substance Abuse Treatment Providers, Shelters, Schools and After-school Programs, Social Service Organizations, Train/Bus Stations, Jails, Courthouses, Law Enforcement Agencies, and other miscellaneous locations. The remaining outreach and awareness activities were a combination of extending services to potential clients, presentations, and collaboration meetings.



One of the exciting outreach highlights from this year is having some of our STaRT team members participate in street outreach with John Penney from UGM, Pasco PD, and the Veteran's Coalition. This has been in the works for several months and provides the needed violent crime advocacy gap those working with the homeless population have been requesting.



Awareness Month:

Running multiple awareness events during a pandemic took some ingenuity, but we had great support by our other SARC coworkers and the community to make this past year's campaign COVID-successful. The campaign started in the fall with asking community members to help SARC design a new "Shine the Light on Trafficking" logo and then nominating our top-three favorites to participate in an online poll that the public was able to vote in. Not only did we get a great design as our winner, the artist also was a teacher in the Kennewick School District (KSD) so the contest and the awareness campaign were shared with all KSD faculty, as well as students at Southridge High School. The HT program worked with Atomic Screen Printing to create an online store for community members to purchase t-shirts and hoodies with the new logo, and a selfie station was placed in the office for people to take pictures with their new gear and awareness signs for our social media campaign on January 11th.



We were unable to have our walk across the cable bridge this year due to crowd limitations, but we did ask community members to participate in their own virtual walk during the month of January and post that on their social media, tagging the agency with our #shinethelightontrafficking theme. The HT program did still do an in-person walk across the bridge and invited media to attend to get HT awareness and resource information out on news outlets. The signs we carried in our program walk and featured on the news articles, were created by individuals staying at UGM's Women and Children's Shelter during the program assistant's weekly outreach there, so we could bring survivor input to our campaign.



Although different, the Flashlight Campaign in the Financial Institutes did occur and we had increased involvement again this past year choosing to focus on a drive-thru window campaign that was emphasized on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which is January 11th. In order to provide the teller training, different virtual presentations had to be created on multiple platforms due to the altering security measures of each of the five Financial Institutions. After hearing Desiree speak at a Human Trafficking event, GESA felt strongly to join the cause not only at a community level but believed it necessary that the awareness efforts and employee training be statewide. HAPO also wanted to expand the employee training component, requiring more than 550 staff members, not only tellers, to take a combined SARC and HAPO HR Human Trafficking virtual training. This was in addition to all the visual efforts like display sections, provided by our other Financial Institute partners.



Lastly, in an effort to get information to our Spanish-speaking community members, Alejandra participated in live, hour long, on-air programs, for six weeks on Spanish radio. During these sessions she discussed different elements of Human Trafficking, SARC Services, and outreach efforts. Callers could also call in to ask questions.



Crisis Program

Advocates in the Crisis Program provide services to victims of all non-domestic violence crimes, their non-offending friends and family, and serve as a resource for community members seeking assistance on crime victimization. SARC's service area includes Benton and Franklin Counties, in Washington State.

SARC provides the following services in the Crisis Program:

Crisis Line: SARC's crisis line is staffed 24 hours a day by trained advocates. Advocates are available to answer questions and provide support. This line also serves as a point of contact for clients who may need immediate emergency assistance.

Legal and Medical Advocacy: SARC's agency staff and trained volunteer advocates respond to hospital calls to provide medical advocacy to victims of crime. We also provide legal advocacy at police interviews and court proceedings. Moral support and information are given to victims, families and friends.

Crisis Intervention: Advocates provide short-term crisis intervention, support, and validation for the client's feelings. We often recommend that clients also seek therapy to assist in the healing process.

Therapy Referrals: Clients receive assistance in the process of finding a counselor who is experienced in the field of sexual abuse. We also provide information regarding payment options such as sliding fee scales, insurance, and crime victim's compensation. In addition, SARC provides financial support to clients who would not otherwise be able to seek professional mental health care.

Volunteer Advocates

SARC relies on volunteer advocates to staff the crisis line and respond to hospital calls when the agency is closed. Without these volunteers, the agency would not be able to provide much needed services 24-hours a day. Each advocate is required to complete 32 hours of training certified through the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, in addition to completing 12 hours of on-going training per year. This year SARC offered two full 32-hour Core Advocacy Trainings, ongoing hours of in-service trainings: Mo's Place, ANSIL- A New Start in Life, Chaplaincy Healthcare Grief Division, The Arc of Tri-Cities, Chill Encounters of Blessed by Kess, Adult Protective Services, Northwest Justice Project, Child Exploitation, Responding to Autism Services, Legal Counsel for Youth and Children, and Protection order services.



This year, there was a total of 40 prevention hours, 8,772 crisis hours, and 10,008 hospital hours supported by volunteers! A Huge Thank YOUUU!!

Andrea Stovern
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Heather Rasmussen
Mikaela Thepvongsa



One of our precious volunteers, Sherri Manzanares, passed away. Sherri was a fearless advocate, a passionate mom and friend, an individual that brought a smile to your face simply by thinking of her. We are stunned and rocked by this unexpected loss. Sherri, we love you and appreciate you. Thank you for sharing your love and compassion with us and the clients we serve. You made the world a better place simply by being here. You made a difference and you were loved. ❤️❤️❤️

Sexual Violence

Despite having our office closed partially throughout the fiscal year due to COVID, we had an increase in our overall clients served. We have received many crisis calls and referral calls related to available community resources due to the pandemic. Many calls were resource related to housing, financial need, food and childcare. Our follow up services also increased due to courts and legal proceedings resuming.

New Clients: SARC served 473 **new** clients, provided 1,400 services, and made 369 contacts with other agencies/persons on the clients' behalf during the clients' initial visit. SARC invested 399.25 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 80% of new clients were female and 20% were male.

Types of Assault:

- 3% Date/Acquaintance Rape
- 39% Family Molestation
- 14% Acquaintance Molestation
- 14% Acquaintance Rape
- 11% Other/Unknown
- 11% Family Rape
- 4% Adult Survivor
- <1% Stranger Rape
- <1% Marital Rape
- 2% Sexual Harassment
- <1% Stranger Molestation

Services Provided at Intake:

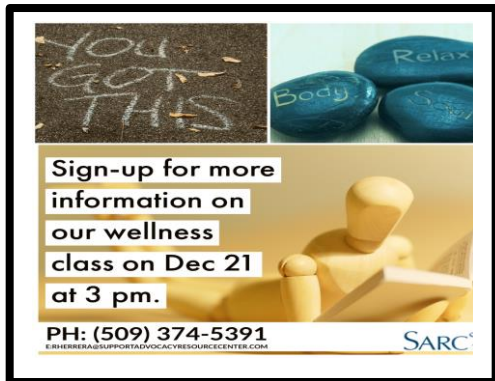
- 33% Support
- 31% Legal Advocacy
- 19% Medical Advocacy
- 6% Library Resources
- 10% Therapy Referral

Age of Clients:

- 10% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 25% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 42% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 23% age 19 and over
- <1% age 60 and over
- 0% age unknown

Follow Up Services: SARC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, SARC provided 12,623 follow up services to clients and made 3,645 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. SARC advocates also made 1,578 attempted contacts with clients or others. 2,808.75 hours were invested in follow up services.

Advocates offered virtual wellness classes throughout the year.



You GOT THIS

Body Relax

Sign-up for more information on our wellness class on Dec 21 at 3 pm.

PH: (509) 374-5391
EBH@EMASUPPORTADVOCACYRESOURCESCENTER.COM

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STRESS ANXIETY DEPRESSION TRAUMA TRIGGERS FLASHBACKS

HOW ARE YOU COPING ?

This class will go over a brief overview of trauma, as well as coping skills both negative and positive and will also include an activity. A journal and box will be available for pick up for those who'd like to participate.

Contact SARC at (509) 374-5391 for more information on our wellness class March 29 at 3 pm.

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You GOT THIS

Body Relax

Sign-up for more information on our wellness class on Oct 26 at 3 pm.

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Richland Parks & Recreation brought us 20 cookie gift bags for our families. Our clients were absolutely thrilled!!



Many thanks to teamquintanilla summit funding, All State Insurance Agent- The Jordan Insurance Group & HAPO employees for donating Thanksgiving dinners to our families this holiday.



A big thank you to **Calvary Youth Group** for spreading some Christmas spirit to a client this season.



We meet with each of our law enforcement agencies annually to help keep our partnerships strong and thriving. Kicking them off with Benton County Sheriff's Office.

General Crimes

“General Crimes” includes assault, harassment, child physical abuse, homicide, robbery, property crimes, vehicular assault, kidnapping, fraud, elder abuse, identity theft and hate crimes.

New Clients: The CVSC served 287 **new** clients this past year. 930 services were provided, and 171 contacts made with other agencies/persons on the clients’ behalf during the clients’ initial visit. The CVSC invested 128.5 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 60% of new clients were female, and 40% were male.

Types of Assault:

- 19% Assault
- 1% Burglary
- 1% Bullying
- 13% Child Physical Abuse
- 1% Human Trafficking
- 38% Harassment
- 5% Homicide
- 4% Robbery
- 1% Property Crimes
- 1% Vehicular Assault
- 10% Child Neglect
- 3% Kidnapping
- 1% Violation of Court Order
- 1% Fraud
- 2% Elder Abuse
- 1% Identity Theft
- 1% Hate Crimes
- 1% Labor Trafficking
- 1% Mass Violence

Age of Clients:

- 5% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 12% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 17% between 12 and 18 years of age
- 60% age 19 and over
- 1% age 60 and over
- <1% age unknown

Services Provided at Intake:

- 30% Advocacy
- 29% Legal Advocacy
- 19% Crisis Intervention
- 17% Information and Referral
- 3% Medical Advocacy
- 1% Crime Victims Compensation
- 1% Community Responding
- >1% Emergency Funds

Follow Up Services: CVSC is committed to providing on-going follow up care for our clients. Advocates maintain contact with clients when that is the wish of the client. Advocates continue to offer support, provide information, and make contacts to other agencies the client may be working with. This past year, CVSC provided 4,688 follow up services to clients and made 1,022 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. CVSC advocates also made 252 attempted contacts with clients or others. 1,122.5 hours were invested in follow up services.

Counseling Program

Our Counseling Program provides on-site, evidence-based counseling therapy to people who have been affected by crime, at no cost to clients. We are currently in the process of applying to become a Behavioral Health Agency, which will allow us to hire more therapists in the future, and rely less on grants for funding.

Our Counseling Internship provides field training and experience to an upper level Master's Program student in the Tri-Cities, so that student will be ready to go into the community after graduation with trauma-informed experience. We have had one Intern so far, as the program was put on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our first Internship was, however, quite successful: Rebecca Schmieman is now an MSW, and working toward licensure! We are very excited to have our internship program start up again this fall. It will benefit our entire community.



This year was a year of learning and adapting to new situations during the Pandemic. One positive that has come out of this work from home and transition period, is that we now know TeleMentalHealth can and does work! There are new possibilities for reaching victims of crimes who are not able to come in to the building for therapy: schools, outlying areas such as Prosser or Finley, people who cannot get transportation, or other barriers to access counseling services. Anna has continued to participate in the Washington TeleMentalHealth Pilot Project. We are working to design a statewide network of experienced Therapists who have the ability to remotely provide therapy to child clients who would otherwise not have access to therapy.

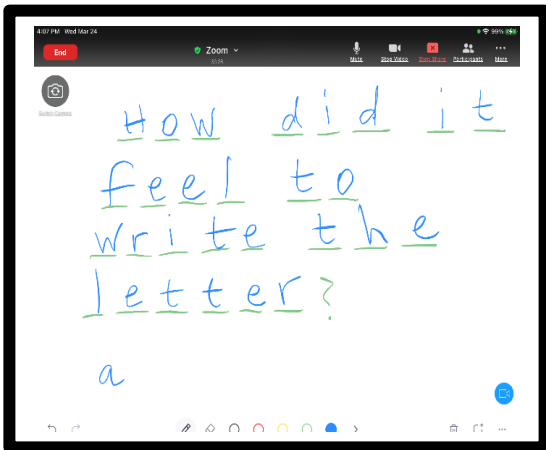
In order to keep clients (especially children) engaged and focused during Zoom sessions, our therapists had to get creative, learning to use backgrounds on Zoom, tailored to each child. For example: several children love dinosaurs, and one child had a tall order for Unicorn-rainbow-castle-sparkles – Nailed It!



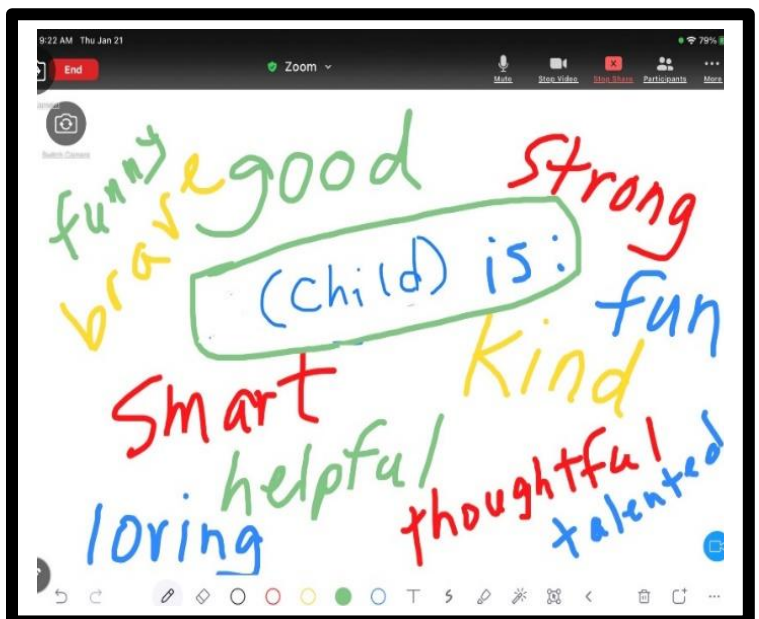
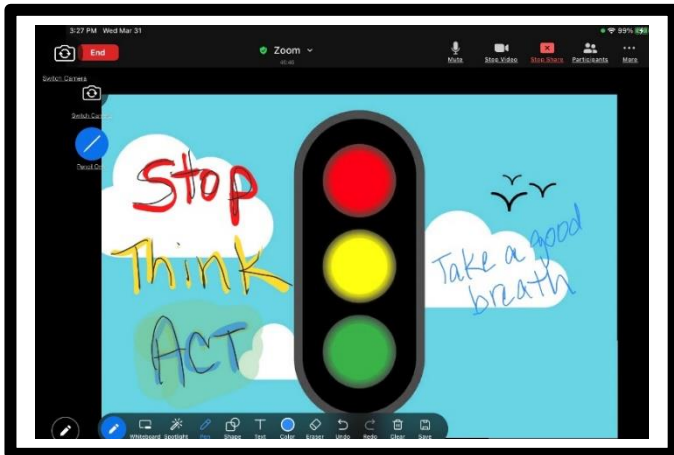
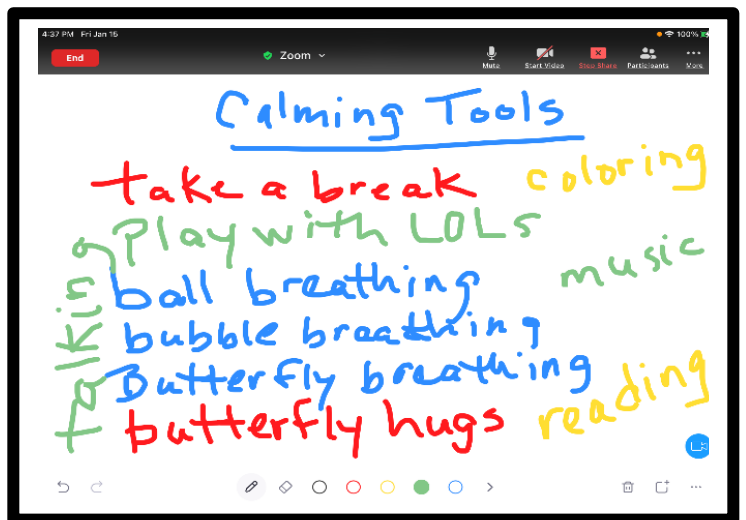
We also had to be flexible and creative in the way the Zoom or Phone sessions were conducted. One young client decided he wanted to be a cat, so the therapist and he “meowed” at each other for the entire session. The child was able to express a lot of emotions during this session, and continued talking to his Mom in “cat”. Reading therapeutic stories to children as they sat on their caregivers’ laps was also beneficial. Older children did well over phone and video sessions, and a lot of them wanted to talk about COVID and how the Pandemic was affecting them. One little boy told his mom he needed “some Sherrie time” when he was having a rough day.

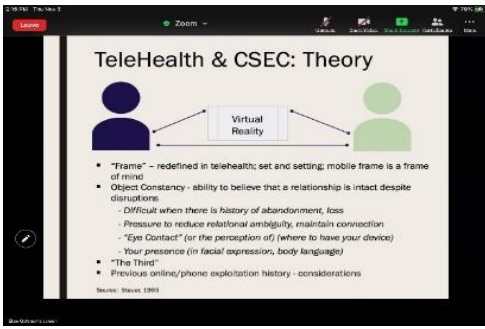


In person, we use many activities to help children stay focused, as well as to express their thoughts and feelings through artwork or crafts. On zoom therapy games were played with children by putting a photo of an open board game on her screen share, using Zooms drawing and editing features to “move the game pieces” on the board.



Zoom’s Whiteboard feature also came in handy, allowing children to draw or play word games. For example, a child had written a Victim Impact Statement to be read in court at sentencing, the therapist using a “Wheel of Fortune” type format to prompt conversation about how he was feeling about writing the statement, and about the court process in general.





Another unexpected effect of the Pandemic was the training opportunities. At first, the Counseling Program took classes on providing therapy and assessments **virtually – virtually!** Now, many trainings that were cost-prohibitive in the past are made available without the costs of travel, lodging, meals, etc. We have continued to participate in virtual trainings, MDTs, and consultation, including the Western Regional CAC Mental Health Forums.

As on site counseling returned in the fourth quarter a hybrid approach was used: in person sessions for those who felt comfortable, and TeleHealth for those who had a barrier to coming in, or did not feel comfortable being in person yet.

Statistics

Children who would normally have been in school or daycare were now at home on their computers. We saw an increase in reports of child exploitation during this time. We know children were still being abused, however, there were no other eyes on the children: schools and daycares are a large part of child abuse reporting.

While there were fewer clients this year, more sessions were provided; 1,491 sessions compared to 1486 the previous year. Many clients returned to counseling during the Pandemic, as anxiety was increased, and isolation had depressive effects. Clients tended to continue with counseling longer than they may have pre-Pandemic. Court proceedings came to a halt for a long period. Therefore, those clients waiting to see if their case would go to trial, or if they would need to testify. They had to wait much longer to have some sort of closure of the case, resulting in increased anxiety.

Services Provided:

1,491 Counseling Sessions were provided to **159 people** in our community who have been impacted by crime.

Types of Crimes (all clients):

- **50% Sexual Assault**
- **25% General Crimes**
- **25% Human Trafficking**

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During the upheaval that Covid-19 brought to the community, SARC wanted to ensure that staff felt connected to one another while working remotely.

Staff Shout-Outs!

Shoutout to **Mitzi** for being the the glue that holds us all together. I appreciate everything she does behind the scenes to keep us running and I appreciate her sense of humor too. Every day should be National Mitzi Day!

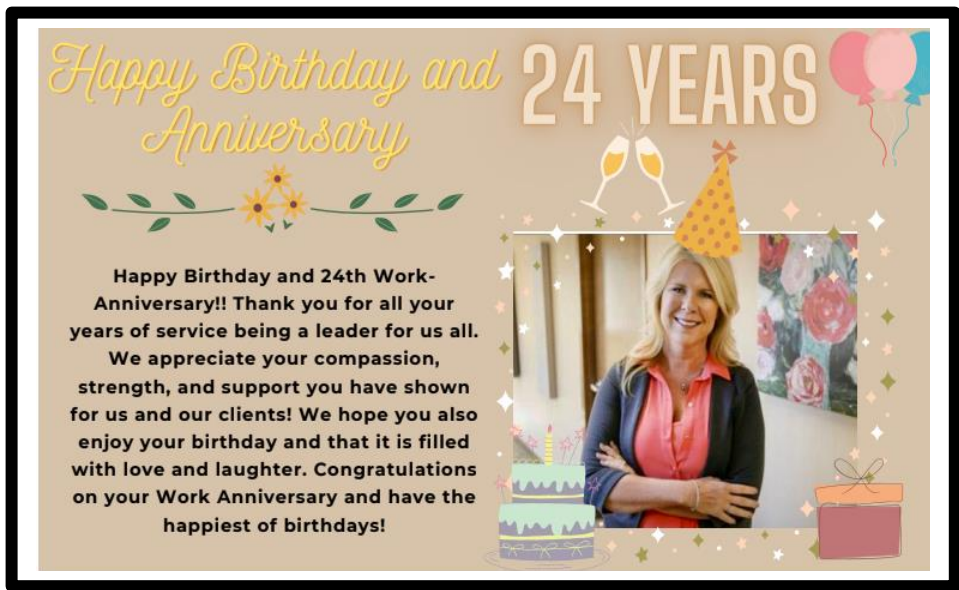
Shoutout to my **Prevention team** for just being generally awesome individuals!

Ashlea W. says hi to everyone and she misses you **all!**

Shout out to **Judit** for offering to help where help may be needed! You are **AWESOME!**



The Vicarious Trauma Reduction committee created biweekly newsletters that included sections for staff shout outs, announcements, advocacy and mental health tips.



By continuing to celebrate our team through this new format, we were able to continue to stay in touch with each other and offer support and encouragement during those difficult times we were apart.

Prevention Program

SARC offers prevention-based education services throughout Benton/Franklin Counties. Programs are directed toward the prevention of sexual assault and to raise the awareness of sexual violence. All programs are done in an age appropriate manner and are sensitive to the audience's needs. The following core competencies – empathy/feelings, respect for oneself/others, self and community responsibility, boundaries for oneself and others, conflict resolution/problem solving and gender stereotyping are incorporated into all programs. These competencies were selected as they mirror developmental assets that extensive research has shown that youth need to mitigate risk and to thrive. Equipping youth with many developmental assets help them to become caring, responsible adults – which are not people that become sex offenders. In addition to focusing on developing assets, children are equipped with knowledge and tools to help reduce the possibility of sexual victimization. Following are the programs provided:

Body & Boundary Safety (Preschool Program):

Day 1: Personal Space
Day 2: Happy Bear
Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Show

Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds (Kindergarten-2nd Grade):

Day 1: Recognizing Feelings and Calming Down
Strong Feelings
Day 2: Respecting Boundaries in Self and Others
Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Theater

Personal Body Safety 3rd and 4th Grade:

Day 1: Respect and Treating Others the Way You
Want to be Treated
Day 2: Learning Assertive Steps
Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video for
3rd: "The Courage to Tell: Now I Can Tell My
Secret."
Video for 4th: "Dealing with Abuse if it
Happens to You."

5th Grade:

Day 1: Learning Assertive Steps
Day 2: Recognizing Bullying Behavior and the Three
R's of Bullying
Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video: "Sexual
Abuse; It's not your fault."

Technology Safety:

(To stay current with issues affecting children we have integrated information on healthy and unhealthy habits online, viewing inappropriate content/images, and for the older grades; definition and impact of pornography.)

3rd and 4th Grade Program:

Day 1: Introduction to Internet Safety Using the
NetSmartz Curriculum
Day 2: Understanding Personal Information and Ways

to Remain Private Online

Day 3: How to Recognize and Avoid Cyberbullying

5th Grade Program:

Day 1: Understanding privacy settings and creating
healthy and safe online actions
Day 2: Avoiding online predators
Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and
being a good bystander

6th Grade Program:

Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and
Privacy Online
Day 2: Avoiding online predators
Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and
sexting behavior

7th & 8th Grade Program:

Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and
Privacy Online
Day 2: Avoiding Cyberbullying & online predators
Day 3: Avoiding sexting behavior

Harassment and Bullying Prevention (Targeted towards Middle School):

Day 1: Healthy Relationships and Recognizing
Harassment
Day 2: Sexual Bullying and Harassment
Day 3: Being a Good Bystander to Harassment

Creating Healthy Relationships (High School Only):

Day 1: Creating Healthy Relationships including
information about human trafficking and the
video from Shared Hope International
"Chosen"
Day 2: Date/Acquaintance Rape Prevention includes
information about the negative effects of
pornography and video clips from the "Fight
the New Drug" campaign against pornography
Day 3: In Their Shoes Activity and Discussion

Parent Education - Parents are provided child sexual abuse information, a preview of the program in which their child will participate, and learn ways to reinforce concepts at home. Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

General Sexual Assault - This presentation provides statistics and informs audiences about child sexual abuse, sex offenders, adult survivors, rape, social myths, laws and prevention. This program is offered to service clubs, businesses, churches, and to anyone interested in learning more about sexual violence.

Sexual Harassment Intervention Program (SHIP): This is an educational program for students who have a charge/complaint of sexual harassment against them by another student or teacher. All referrals attend the workshop together and are required to write a 500-word essay on Sexual Harassment. Information covered includes the definition of sexual harassment, victims (male and female), Impact vs. Intent, boundaries and gender stereotyping. The paper is submitted to the school principal and SARC as a part of our follow-up.

Health Fairs and Community Events

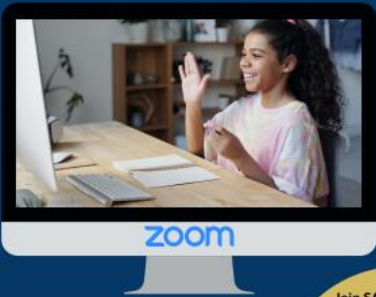
SARC is dedicated to participating in as many health fairs and community events as possible. We are committed to raising the awareness of sexual violence and preventing future sexual abuse. Our goal is to make every community member aware of our services and to provide the tools needed to reduce violence in our community. This year we participated in as many events as we could during the pandemic, but unfortunately there weren't many due to the public health concerns. The few events we were able to attend include: Union Gospel Mission giveaway, including the hygiene giveaway, The Women's March, Boys and Girls Club Barbecue for all ages, Boys and Girls Club giveaway, and MixedFit.



Join us for our live

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION NIGHT


Hosted by the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center
April 29th, 2021 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm



Breakout Rooms Include:
 Pre K-2nd Grade "Good Touch, Bad Touch"
 3rd-5th Grade "Personal Body Safety"
 6th-8th Grade "Harassment and Bullying"
 9th-12th Grade "In Their Shoes"
 Adults "Parent Education"

Join SARC Prevention Specialists and Advocates as we cover important topics about body safety. We will have activities and education for all ages! We encourage you to join us. Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

For more information or to register: Call our office at 509-374-5391 and ask to speak with Rosanna Herrera or email at rherrera@supportadvocacyresourcecenter.com



April, we held our annual Community Education Night via Zoom due to COVID. In this event, we held breakout rooms; each room had age appropriate content for the family regarding body safety, technology safety and other important topics. The youth had great discussions with the group leaders.



We had a great time participating in the **2021 Tri Cities Womxn's March** at Volunteer Park in Pasco today! Happy Women's History Month!

Newsletter: SARC develops and distributes a quarterly newsletter that discusses information pertaining to the prevention of sexual violence, information about local sex offenders, upcoming events, and provides a forum for individuals to voice their experience surrounding sexual violence. The newsletter is distributed to almost 3,800 individuals and agencies.



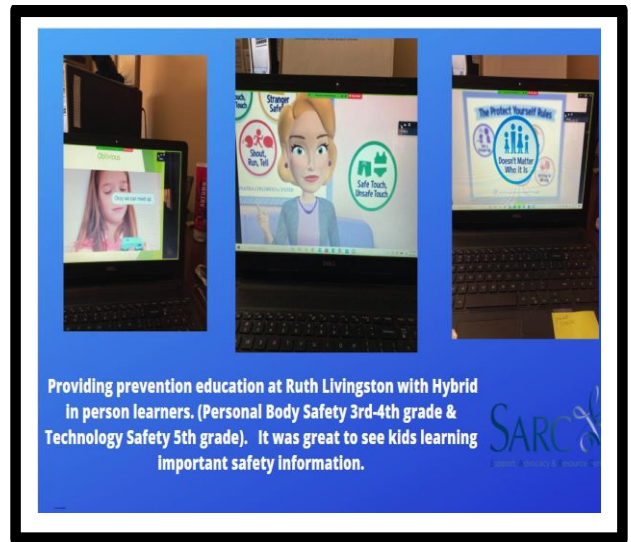
SARC's Prevention Team partnered with locally owned coffee shop, The Coffee Crush, to help spread support for survivors of sexual assault and build awareness in our community on the topic of consent.

Statistics

Our prevention specialists worked hard in implementing online-based curriculum to be accessible for our local schools due to COVID. Prevention Specialists were double booked throughout the whole school year, which occurred before the school year had even started even during a pandemic. When the school year started, many schools were not ready for outside curriculum through virtual learning. With online-based curriculum, we have been able to work our waitlist early in the school year. We have provided flexibility with the schools on reporting demographics and views of each program session so our current statistics do not accurately reflect the work we have done. Total outreach has decreased as well with many outreach events cancelled.



Our prevention team was excited to see kids in desks again after so many months of distance learning and prerecorded presentations!



Providing prevention education at Ruth Livingston with Hybrid in person learners. (Personal Body Safety 3rd-4th grade & Technology Safety 5th grade). It was great to see kids learning important safety information.

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The Little People Project: Each year SARC showcases little wooden, three dimensional, figurines that represent the 346 children involved in child abuse cases investigated in Benton/Franklin counties. This year the Little Heart fundraiser was virtual due to COVID.



SARC provided 731 presentations, reaching 13,759 individuals. We also reached an additional 377,497 individuals through an assortment of outreach efforts.

Audience Age:

- **Preschool** 12
- **K – 2nd grade** 3,267
- **3rd grade – 5th grade** 3,273
- **6th grade – 8th grade** 3,001
- **9th grade – 12th grade** 1,281
- **Adults** 2,711
- **Unknown** 214

Types of Presentations:

- **Trafficking** 36
- **SARC Services** 48
- **Body and Boundary Safety** 4
- **Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds** 185
- **Personal Body Safety** 109
- **Technology Safety** 120
- **Harassment and Bullying Prev** 154
- **Creating Healthy Relationships** 70
- **Parent Education** 3

Outreach Efforts:

- **Community Fairs** 3,732
- **Newsletter** 3,800
- **News Stories** 260,350
- **Paid Advertisement** 77,961
- **Website Hits** 4,735
- **Facebook Engaged** 10,031
- **Instagram** 2,176



Kids Haven



Kids Haven is a joint effort between SARC and our local city and county governments. It is a program designed to meet the needs of children who have allegedly been physically and/or sexually abused.

The goal of Kids Haven is multi-faceted:

Lessen the trauma to children when they disclose they have been abused: It is difficult for children to discuss the details of their abuse. It can be made even more difficult by going to a police station, courthouse or office that can even intimidate adults. Our facility has been designed in a child friendly manner, to help the child, feel more comfortable.

When the child is interviewed, detectives, CPS workers and prosecutors have the ability to observe the interview through a one-way mirror. Most interviews are also recorded on DVD, a copy of which is given to the investigating detective before he/she leaves the building. This reduces the need for multiple interviews, and the child does not need to relive the abuse a variety of times to an assortment of people in a multitude of settings.

Holding more offenders accountable: By having neutral, quality interviews conducted by an interviewer who is specifically trained, prosecutors are able to charge and convict a higher number of child abusers. The already small chance that someone may be wrongly charged is also reduced.

Offer comprehensive services to children and their non-offending family members: Child abuse is a horrific crime. Children and their non-offending family members deserve to receive services to assist them in the healing process. SARC offers support and advocacy and explains the many services we provide. Therapy referrals are also provided. SARC has on-site counseling available, as well as grant funds for counseling for families with limited resources.

Structure

The Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is responsible for the employment and supervision of the Child Interviewer and the financial administration related to this function. SARC is responsible for the employment and supervision of the advocates, and the financial administration related to these positions.

Funding

Our local city and county governments provide funding for the Child Interviewer and related expenses. The advocate positions and related expenses are funded through private grants, fundraising, state funds and United Way. The facility is a joint effort between SARC, local city and county governments, private grants and community donations.

Statistics

Interviews were conducted for 341 children in Benton and Franklin Counties:

Type of Abuse:

- 81% Sexual Abuse
- 9% Physical Abuse
- 6% Witness to Violence
- 3% Other

Ages:

- 17% 0 – 5 years of age
- 39% 6 – 11 years of age
- 44% 12 – 18 years of age

Gender:

- 79% Female
- 21% Male
- 1% Other



Outcomes

We have observed a variety of outcomes as a result of this program:

- Families do not have to wait as long to have their children interviewed.
 - Charging decisions are made quicker.
 - More offenders are being held accountable.
 - Children are being connected to counseling services much earlier.
 - Children are not re-traumatized through the interview process.
 - Non-offending family members are provided the support services they need.
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Funding

SARC receives funding through the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Washington, National Children’s Alliance, United Way, community donations, private grants and fundraising events. These are just a sampling of our generous supporters.



Thank you [Numerica Credit Union](#), [Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership](#) and [Mary!!](#)



We are grateful to Gesa Credit Union during this difficult time. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to The Home Depot Richland for your generous donation of \$500 to SARC.



We are so grateful to Brian Jenner, [The Coin Cradle](#) for your continued generous support over the years.



We are grateful for the support and partnership of [HAPO Community Credit Union](#).



Thank you Melinda Moe Bos for delivering these adorable masks made and donated by Jo Parrott.



Thank you. [American Concrete & Construction](#)!! This generous company has paid a sponsorship on behalf of SARC for [Kaidyn Moran](#) to race. Before long you will be seeing Check out the SARC logo on a race car!!



We appreciate our partners, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, for their continued support. These wonderful people donated funds to participate in “No Shave November” and we were the fortunate recipients.



Thank you [Oasis Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab](#) for your generous donation!!

Fundraising Events

Due to COVID-19, fundraising efforts were all virtual.

SARC VIRTUAL 5K RIDE/RUN/WALK
 Ride, run, or walk 5k between October 9, 2020
 October 25, 2020 anywhere you want!!

To SignUp



Or
www.supportadvocacyresourcecenter.org

Or
<https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Richland/SARC%20Virtual%205k%20Ride%20Wa>

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Mother's Day Flowers

A pink rose is an elegant way to thank your special person for her love and support as pink roses transmit gratitude. You may purchase as many single pink virtual roses as you would like for \$10 each.



IN HONOR OF

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In addition to the rose(s) being displayed on our website, and posted on our FB, we will send a card to this lovely lady, so she knows of your thoughtfulness.

To place your order please go to
www.supportadvocacyresourcecenter.org.

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center presents...

THE LITTLE HEARTS PROJECT

Each "Little Heart" on display represents the 307 children who were interviewed through our Kids Haven program in Benton and Franklin Counties this last fiscal year. It is estimated that only 30% of abuse is ever reported, with an even smaller number investigated. Child abuse is a very real problem in our community and affects each and every one of us.
Your giving makes a difference!



Support, Advocacy & Resource Center

For more information and to sponsor a 'little heart', please contact:
 Support, Advocacy & Resource Center
 1458 Fowler St
 Richland, WA 99352
 509-374-5391
 24-hour Crisis Line: (888-846-7273)
www.supportadvocacyresourcecenter.org



You can be a part of helping these children by purchasing a virtual "little heart" for **only \$10.00**. Each sponsor will be listed by name on the SARC website in the month of April.
 Help us fill our website with hearts!

****All proceeds are directly used for children that have been physically or sexually abused****



Windermere's Walk for a Cause

Together we give.



GIVING TUESDAY

Real change starts with the decision to act

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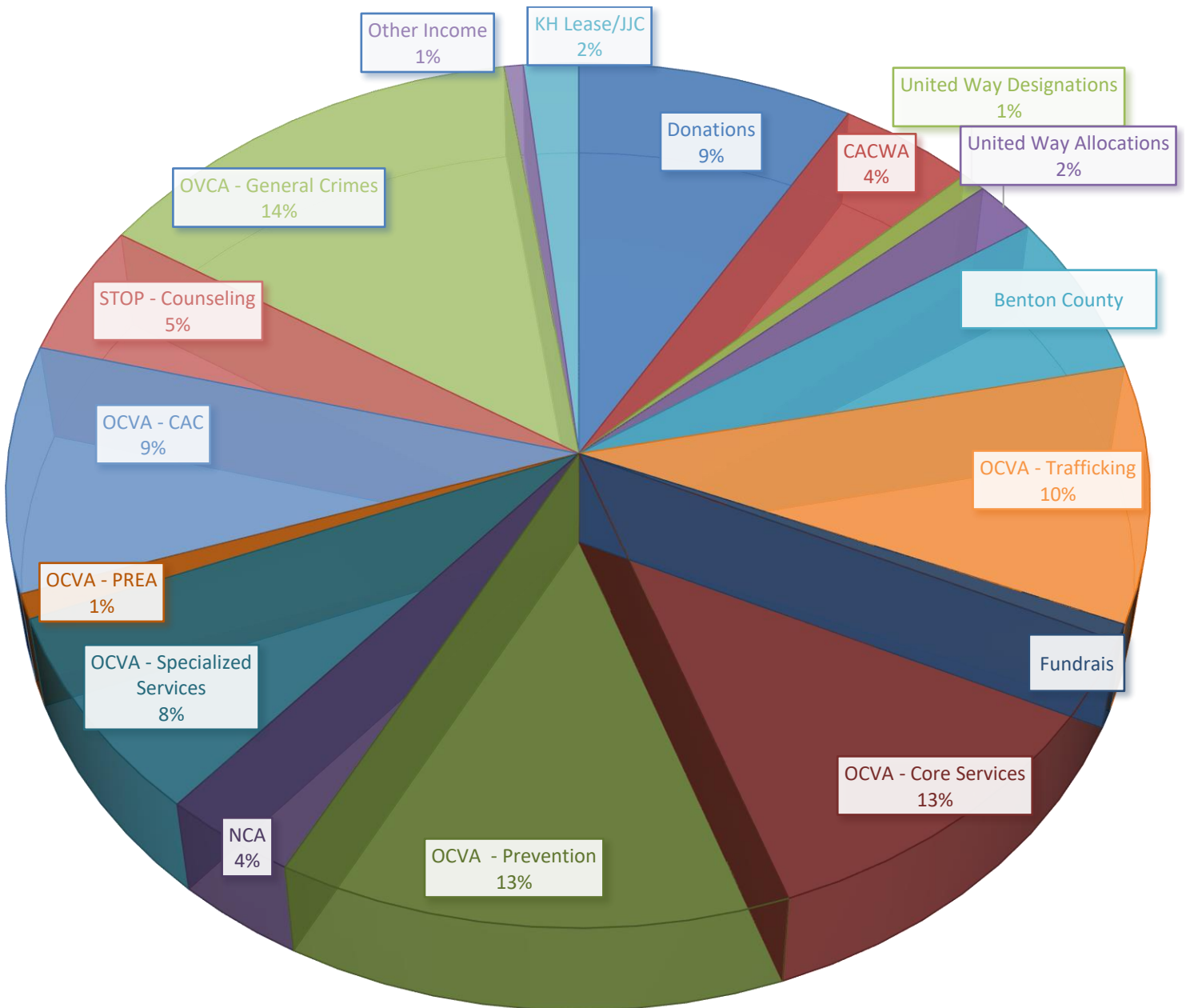
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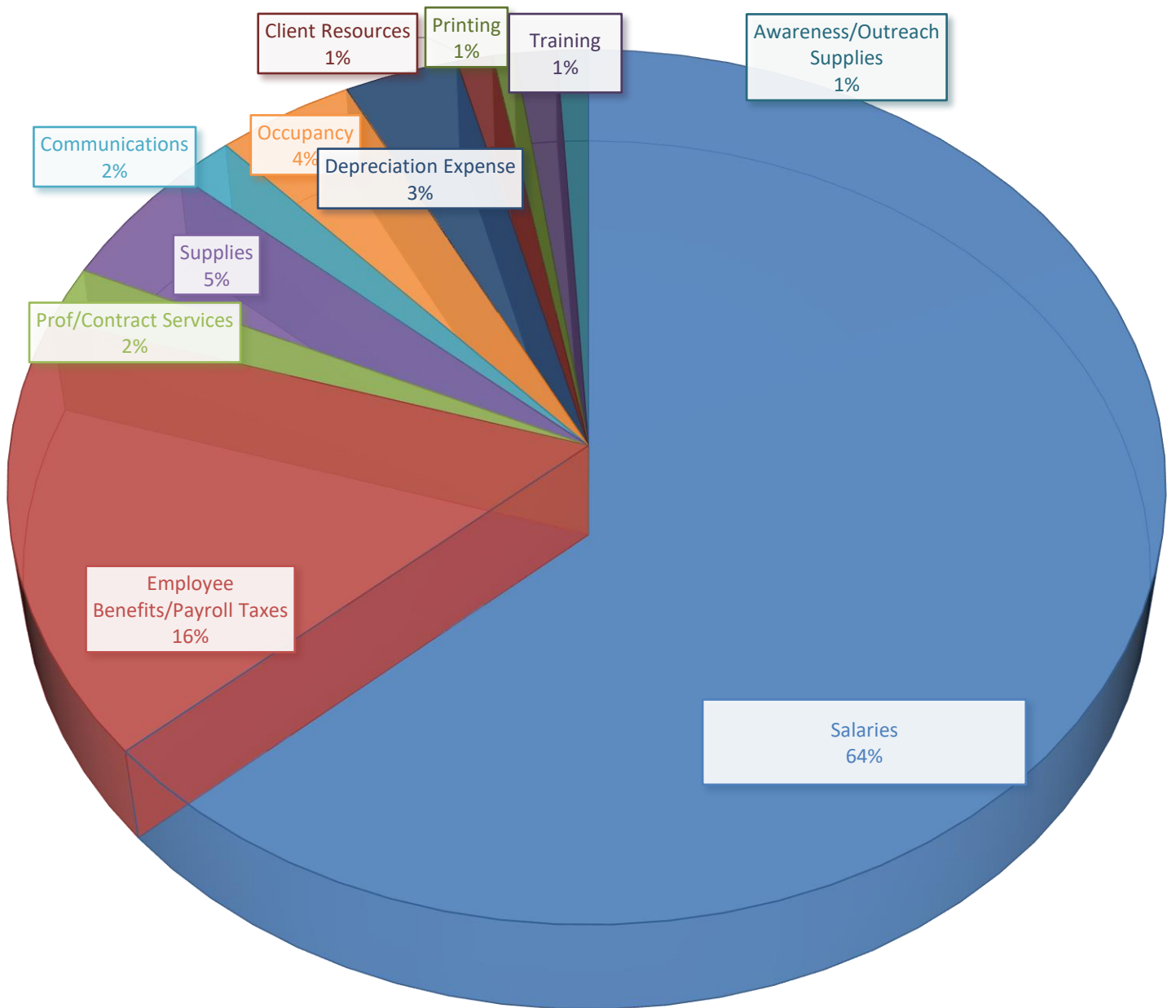
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Revenue



- Total Budget for FY 2021 - \$1,483,606
- OCVA – Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
- PREA – Prison Rape Elimination Act
- CACWA – Children’s Advocacy Centers of Washington
- NCA - National Children’s Alliance

Expenses



- These are pre-audited figures and will be updated upon completion of annual financial audit.
- Approximately 90% of salaries and benefits/payroll taxes are for direct service staff; counselors, advocates, program directors who do direct services, and prevention specialists.