

# SUPPORT, ADVOCACY & RESOURCE CENTER



## Annual Report July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



### 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, 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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# Crisis Program

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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:**

- Available **24 hours** a day to answer questions, provide support, and information
- 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

## **Resources Available to Clients:**

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

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

## 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: Head's Up Tri Cities, Clearwater Law, Safe Harbor, Housing Authority, Sommerset Counseling, 4H WSU, Northwest Justice Project, Counselor- Noahloni, Catholic Charities, Legal Counsel for Youth and Children, Cork's Place Youth Grief Specialist, Marijuana Prevention & Education & a Victim Specialist from FBI presentation on Native American Population.

This year, there was a total of 53 prevention hours, 9,408 crisis hours, and 10,924 hospital hours supported by volunteers! A big thank you to all our volunteers!!

Emilie Acosta  
Alicia Adame  
Celeste Allen  
Donald Anderson  
Sidney Benningfield  
Kersten Bergstrom  
Maya Bitton  
Stacey Blake  
Yesenia Cardenas  
Janna Clifford  
Codi Curtis  
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Rikki Scott  
Jan Seely  
Gary Smith  
Genene Smith  
Lynell Tiller  
Barbara Wolski  
April Wright  
Maya Daniel



**Volunteer of the Year:** Jaime Hintz

**Most Hospital Hours:**  
Stephynie Gordon, (1,764 hrs.)

**Most Crisis Line Hours:**  
Jennifer Rodes (1,116 hrs.)

**Longevity Award:**  
Barbara Wolski (16 years)



## Sexual Violence

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**New Clients:** SARC served 439 **new** clients, provided 1,390 services, and made 299 contacts with other agencies/persons on the clients' behalf during the clients' initial visit. SARC invested 426.50 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 85% of new clients were female and 15% were male.

### **Types of Assault:**

- 20% Acquaintance Molestation
- 13% Acquaintance Rape
- 2% Adult Survivor
- 2% Date Rape
- 40% Family Molestation
- 7% Family Rape
- 2% Marital Rape
- <1% Sexual Harassment
- 2% Stranger Molestation
- 3% Stranger Rape
- 9% Other/ Unknown

### **Services Provided at Intake:**

- 31% Support
- 17% Information/Referral
- 31% Legal
- 6% Library Resources
- 15% Medical

### **Age of Clients:**

- 8% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 27% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 42% between 12 and 17 years of age
- 21% age 18 and over
- 1% age 60 and over
- <1% 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.

## General Crimes

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“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 General Crimes Unit served 332 **new** clients this past year. 1,394 services were provided, and 175 contacts made with other agencies/persons on the clients’ behalf during the clients’ initial visit. The CVSC invested 141.25 hours of services toward new clients at intake. 70% of new clients were female, and 30% were male.

### Types of Assault:

- <1% Each: Arson, Violation of Court Order
- 1% Each: Burglary, Hate Crimes, Terrorism, Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Kidnapping, Identity Theft, Labor Trafficking
- 2% Each: Bullying, Fraud, Vehicular Assault
- 3% Each: Property Crimes, Robbery
- 7% Each: Child Neglect, Child Physical Abuse
- 8% Homicide
- 17% Assault
- 30% Harassment
- 12% Other

### Age of Clients:

- 6% between 0 and 5 years of age
- 12% between 6 and 11 years of age
- 19% between 12 and 17 years of age
- 52% age 18 and over
- 10% age 60 and over
- 1% age unknown

### Services Provided at Intake:

- 24% Advocacy
- 9% Community Responding
- 15% Crisis Intervention
- 5% Crime Victims Compensation
- <1% Emergency Funds
- 22% Information/Referral
- 23% Legal Advocacy

**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 8,548 follow up services to clients and made 1,193 contacts with other agencies on their behalf. CVSC advocates also made 368 attempted contacts with clients or others. 1,006.50 hours were invested in follow up services.

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# Human Trafficking and Exploitation

**New Clients:** SARC served 102 new clients and has helped over 399 total clients since the program's expansion in May 2017. SARC's Trafficking and Exploitation team provided 432 services to our clients at intake and 9,582 follow-up services, for a total of 10,014 services. This is equivalent to 1,905.50 hours of direct client service hours. In that time, 90 contacts were made with community partners at intake, and 3,447 contacts were made during follow-up services, for a total of 3,537 outside contacts with agency partners.

## City of Offense:

- 29% Kennewick
- 23% Pasco
- 18% Richland
- 6% West Richland
- 7% Surrounding Area
- 17% Other

## Age of Clients:

- .5% between 0 and 5 years
- 8% between 6 and 11 years
- 68% between 12 and 18 years
- 9% 19 years and 29 years
- 14.5% 30 years and older

## Gender of Clients:

- 76% Female
- 24% Male

## Ethnicity of Clients:

- 65% Caucasian
- 31% Hispanic
- 3% African American
- 1 % Other/Unknown

The Human Trafficking Committee, through Columbia Center Rotary, provides gift bags for youth at the Juvenile Justice Center. Committee members want the kids to know there are people in the community that care about them.



Participating in Columbia Center Rotary's Awareness Event.



**Outreach**

Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit participated in 1,212 outreach and awareness activities, totaling 635.25 hours, and reaching 16,765 community members. With COVID still prevalent in our community we started off the year doing outreach via zoom with as many presentations as we possibly could. Team members worked diligently throughout the remainder of the year to reach as many community partners, financial institutes, local resources and agencies, schools, counselors, colleges, Juvenile Detention Programs, and other entities to educate and develop partnerships. Team members conducted presentations, engaged with youth in creative ways including booths at local high schools and conducting psychoeducational groups as well as individual psychoeducational sessions.

Some of our STaRT (Sex Trafficking and Response Team) members continued to participate in street outreach with UGM, Pasco PD, and the Veteran’s Coalition. We distributed program materials and met with other community agencies in the area such as medical facilities, homeless shelters, substance abuse treatment providers, clinics, trains/bus stations, after-school programs, law enforcement agencies, courthouses, schools, colleges, medical programs, and utilized Social Media to reach out to the community through various posts.





# Counseling Program

Our Counseling Program provides on-site trauma focused, evidence-based counseling therapy to people who have been affected by crime. The Program consists of two counselors and a counseling intern: Anna Hahn, LMHC, Clinical Director, and Sherrie Lennox, LMHCA (retired May 27, 2022). We wish Sherrie the best in her retirement! Our former Counseling Intern, Rowan Schmieman, LICSWA, has been hired as our new full time counselor. Our counseling services have been free of charge, thanks to grants and donations.



Due to COVID 19, we were not able to have a Counseling Intern this fiscal year. The idea is to provide 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 are very excited to have this internship program. Rowan Schmieman was our first Counseling Intern, and we are excited to welcome them back in their new position! We look forward to welcoming our new Counseling Intern in August.

The Counseling Program has been utilizing a hybrid approach to therapy. Most sessions are now conducted in person; however, we are using TeleHealth for those clients who may have a barrier to coming in to the office, or are not yet ready to return to in person. As training is still being offered virtually, our Counseling Program has had opportunities to receive excellent evidence-based training, without the costs of travel, lodging and other expenses. Rowan and Anna will be virtually attending Yale's Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI) training, and we look forward to offering this brief trauma intervention to children and their families at SARC.

This fiscal year saw two traumatic events that affected our entire community. In October 2021, a Pasco School District bus driver was fatally stabbed on a bus full of Longfellow Elementary Students. PSD reached out to us and asked for assistance. We provided six Supportive Therapy Group sessions to each of three sets of students – 26 children participated. In February 2022, a man entered the Richland Fred Meyer store and shot two employees, one of whom died. SARC as a whole responded and provided support at meetings and a vigil. SARC was open for Fred Meyer employees to come in and access support and information.

SARC's Counseling Program provided 1,307 therapy sessions to 194 people in our community who have been impacted by crime. We had significantly more new referrals and higher than usual percentage of General Crimes clients than last fiscal year, mostly due to the 26 children from Longfellow Elementary.

**Types of Crimes (all clients):**  
47% Sexual Assault  
36% General Crimes  
17% Human Trafficking

**Age of New Clients:**  
9% between 0 and 5  
33% between 6 and 11  
38% between 12 and 18  
20% age 19 and over

**Sessions provided by Crime Type (all clients):**  
640 (49%) Sexual Assault  
467 (36%) General Crimes  
200 (15%) Human Trafficking

# 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**

### **(Kindergartern-2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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."

### **5<sup>th</sup> 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.)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **5<sup>th</sup> 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

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Program:**

Day 1: Understanding Personal Information and  
Privacy Online

Day 2: Avoiding online predators

Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and  
sexting behavior

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 as public events were happening. The events we were able to attend included: Coffee & Cars, National Night Out, Family Fun & Safety Night, Duck Races, Women's Expo, Family Expo, Princess Theatre, Impact Compassion, and Pasco Pride Event. We also had resource booths at many schools throughout the year: Rowena Chess, Robinson, Highlands, River's Edge, Kennewick, Kamiakin, Legacy, Stevens, Chiawana, Pasco, Southridge, Riverview, and WSU-Tri-Cities.

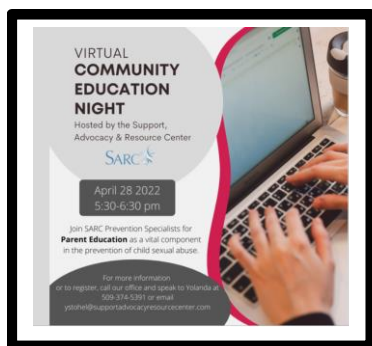


## Special Projects

**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.

**The Hearts Project:** Each year SARC showcases little wooden, three dimensional, figurines that represent the 323 children involved in child abuse cases investigated in Benton/Franklin counties.

**Clothesline Project:** This project enables men and women who have been victims of any type of assault to express their stories artistically by designing t-shirts. Not only is the expression part of the healing process for them, the final product is also a powerful reminder to the community of assault issues. This year our Clothesline Project included over 40 t-shirts designed by local community members. We displayed our project at the Keewaydin and Union Branch of the Mid-Columbia Libraries in Kennewick, the Connell library, Pasco Main Branch and the Richland library.



## Statistics

SARC provided 1,097 presentations, reaching 28,152 individuals. We also reached an additional 503,986 individuals through an assortment of outreach efforts.

### Audience Age:

• Preschool	73
• K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	4,458
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	4,629
• 6 <sup>th</sup> grade – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	4,973
• 9 <sup>th</sup> grade – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	7,748
• Adults	3,013
• Unknown	3,258

### Types of Presentations:

• Trafficking	47
• SARC Services	117
• Body and Boundary Safety	5
• Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds	239
• Personal Body Safety	153
• Technology Safety	159
• Harassment and Bullying Prev	179
• Creating Healthy Relationships	145
• Parent Education	7

### Outreach Efforts:

• Community Fairs	5,774
• Newsletter	3,755
• News Stories	214,016
• Paid Advertisement	236,991
• Website Hits	5,656
• Facebook Engaged	29,839
• Instagram	2,058

Join SARC at  
Family Fun & Safety  
Night!

August 30, 2021

Family Fun and Safety Night  
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Free Family Swim Night

Safety Information  
Hot Dogs  
Dogs  
Free Swim

Memorial Park & Aquatic Park - 1520 W Shoshone, Pasco

Hot Dogs Provided By: SARC  
Free Swim Provided By: SARC

Thank you to Officer Jordan King of the West Richland Police Department, for joining us in providing a parent presentation.



## Human Trafficking Awareness Month Events

**Booth out at Riverview High School and Prosser High Schools.** The booth was held during student lunch hours and was filled with activities that were both fun and educational. Advocates were present at the booths to engage with students to hand out SARC swag, make posters with the youth for pictures to post on social media, as well as to answer any questions they may have. The booths were a great success!



**Tri-Cities Coalition Against Trafficking event** that hosted a panel of speakers inclusive of Desiree Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit Director for SARC, Patricia MacFarlan, Executive Director for Mirror Ministries, Anita Petra Benton County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Matt Nelson Detective Richland Police Department, and Marco DeOchoa from Department of Children Youth and Families, with Benton County Prosecuting Attorney Andy Miller emceeding the panel with a list of questions for the panel.



**Flashlight Campaign** We continued our annual campaign with the Financial Institutes. As a result of this campaign we received a call this year, which we referred directly to law enforcement, showing that the training campaign provided was effective.

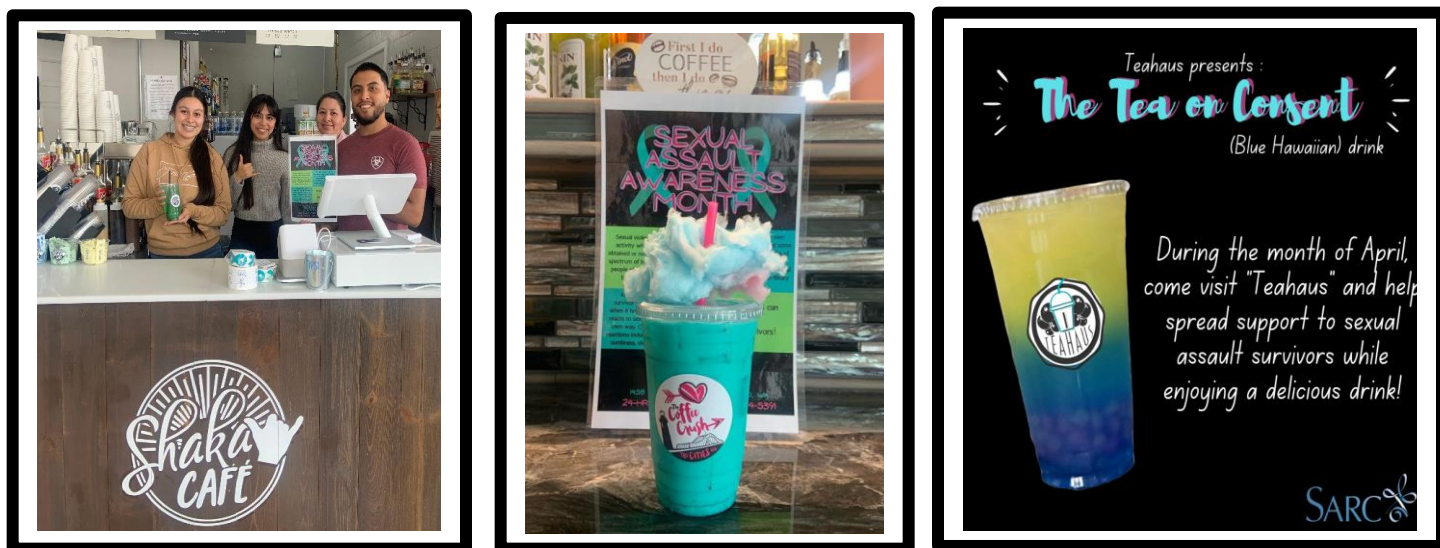
**Coffee Shops** we had multiple big events commence with coffee shops that we partnered with in Tri-Cities, Connell, and Prosser distributing drinks with our Human Trafficking Stickers on them to reach out to as many people as possible.



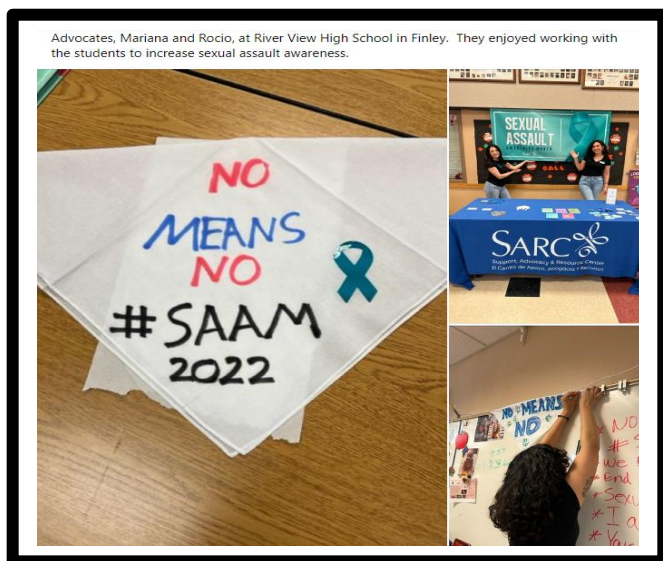
**Bridge the Gap “Shine the Light on Trafficking” Walk** Community members, guest speakers from partnering agencies, youth from our outer lying high schools read survivor stories from past clients, therapy dogs, law enforcement agencies, live music, community partners and sponsors, clients, and survivors and many more to show up and support and help to bring awareness to our community.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

The crisis program collaborated with the prevention program for sexual assault awareness month. We partnered with local shops to create a special drink for the month of April in support of victims and survivors. SARC staff designed stickers to pass out to Shaka Café, Tea Haus and Coffee Crush customers when the special drinks were ordered. Tea Haus featured the drink “The Tea on Consent.” The owners were happy to report back that they saw their customers look up the word “coercion,” and start an organic conversation about consent.



Another success this year was being able to collaborate with local high schools. Pasco High, River View, and Southridge had SARC come in to their schools to provide presentations on the history of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and then had students complete an activity in support of victims. Some schools created a wall of support for victims and other schools created bandanas in honor of the “Bandana Project” to support migrant victims of sexual assault.





## Camp SARC (Strengthening & Revitalizing Children)

Camp SARC is a unique and innovative program that combines the rite-of-passage experience of summer day camp with group psycho-education and support for young victims of abuse. While SARC stands for the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center, during one special week each summer, it stands for Strengthening and Revitalizing Children. Complete with wacky songs, arts and crafts, treats and parachute games, Camp SARC engages kids in healthy and fun activities in an environment that validates and normalizes their experiences.

June 20th -24st, 2022 was the 10th annual Camp SARC and what a success!! **Sixteen** children participated and the experience far exceeded our expectations. Not only did the little ones self-esteem grow, sense of isolation lessen, fear and anxiety reduce, and personal safety skills increase – the staff was rejuvenated and became so much more connected to the children we serve.

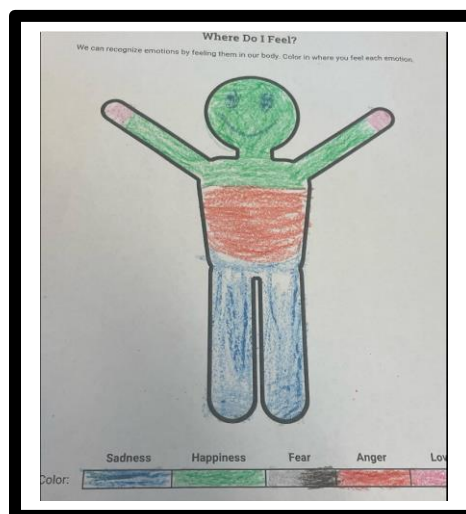
The five days were structured around the following group themes with a focus for each day:

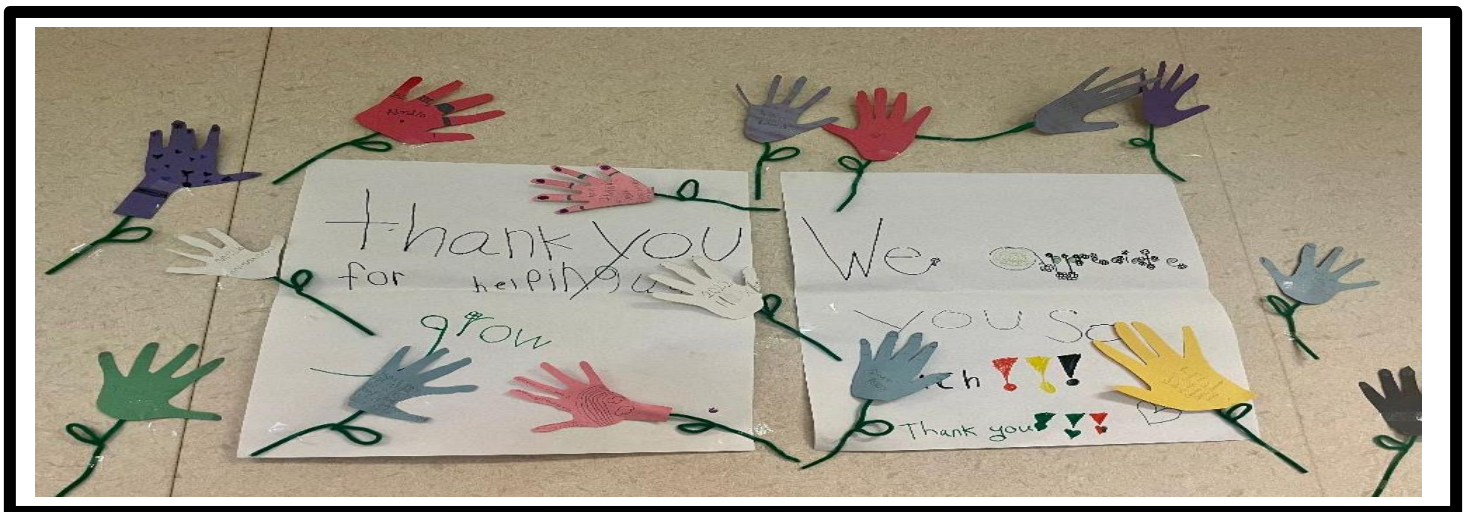
Healthy Expressions: Feelings Identification, Affect Regulation, Trigger Identification, Coping Skills, and Resource Development

Healthy Connections: Active Listening and Social Skills, Respecting Others and Body Integrity, Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships, Teamwork and Interpersonal Relationships, and Enhancing Healthy Relationships

Healthy Confidence: External Boundaries, Internal Boundaries, Assertiveness Training, Body Safety, Personal Safety, and Self-Efficacy

Healthy Me: Self-Identity and Exploration, Recognition of Others, Trust and Empathy Building, Trust and Self-Empowerment, and Future Self We went to the Kennewick Police Department, miniature golf, Chuck E Cheese and the movies!!





# Kids Haven

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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

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Interviews were conducted for 323 children in Benton and Franklin Counties:

### Type of Abuse:

- 83% Sexual Abuse
- 5% Physical Abuse
- 11% Witness to Violence
- 0% Trafficking
- 1% Other

### Ages:

- 14% 0 – 6 years of age
- 40% 7 – 12 years of age
- 46% 13 – 17 years of age
- <1% Ages 18+

### Gender:

- 79% Female
- 19% Male
- 2% 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.

# Grants, Fundraisers, Donations, Amazing Partners!!

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





We are so grateful for the support of @numericacu and to th choosing SARC as a recipient of this generous donation. We ap



Franklin County Sheriff's Office  
October 25, 2021

This morning the Sheriff's Office was able to present a check to Support, Advocacy & Resource Center in the amount of \$4,250.00. This money came from our annual "No Shave" fundraiser that the men and women of our agency donated to. Its an honor for us to be able to assist this very worthy organization in serving our shared community.

Thank you for the bikes @numericacu !! We appreciate your continued support. #sarctc



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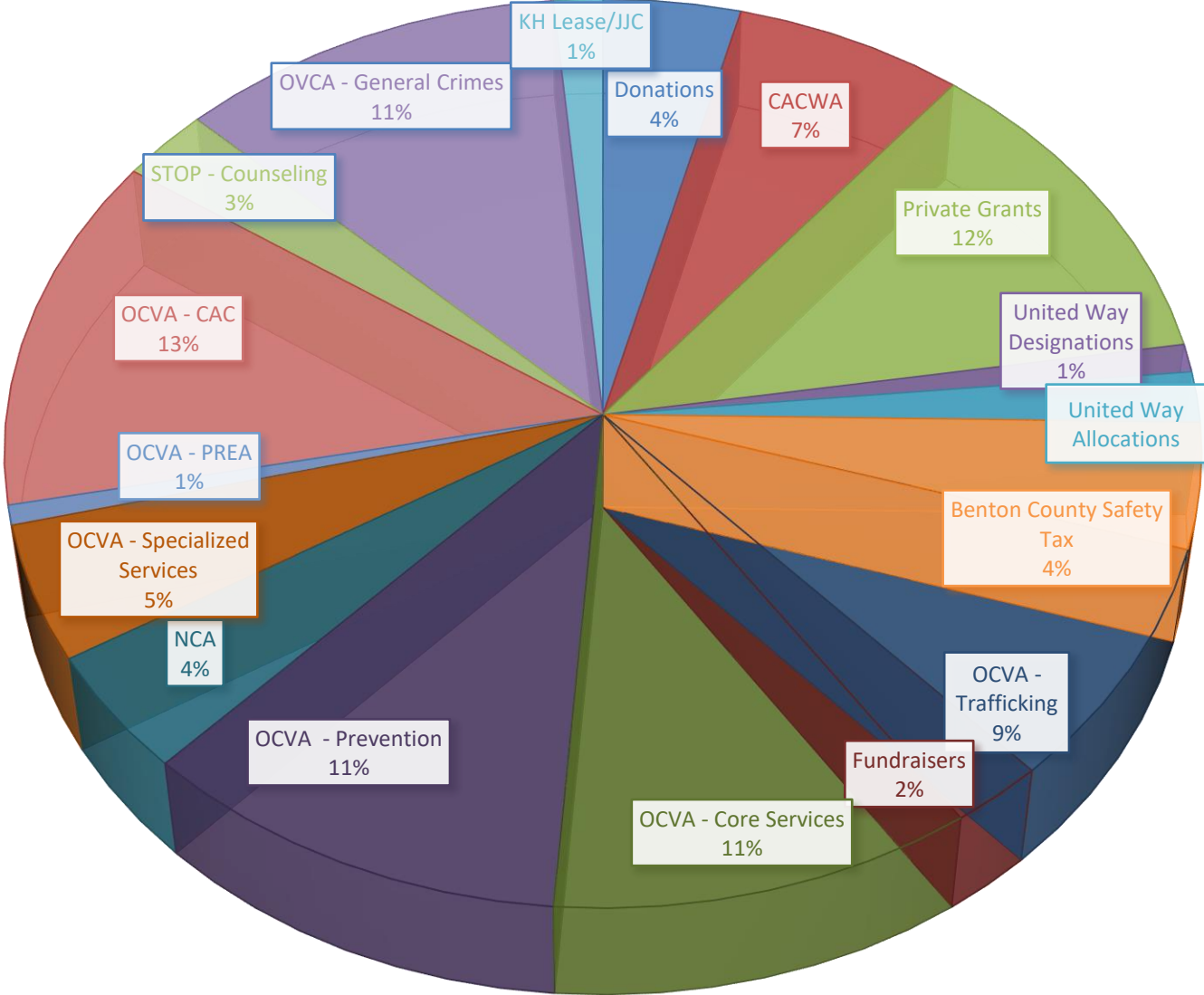
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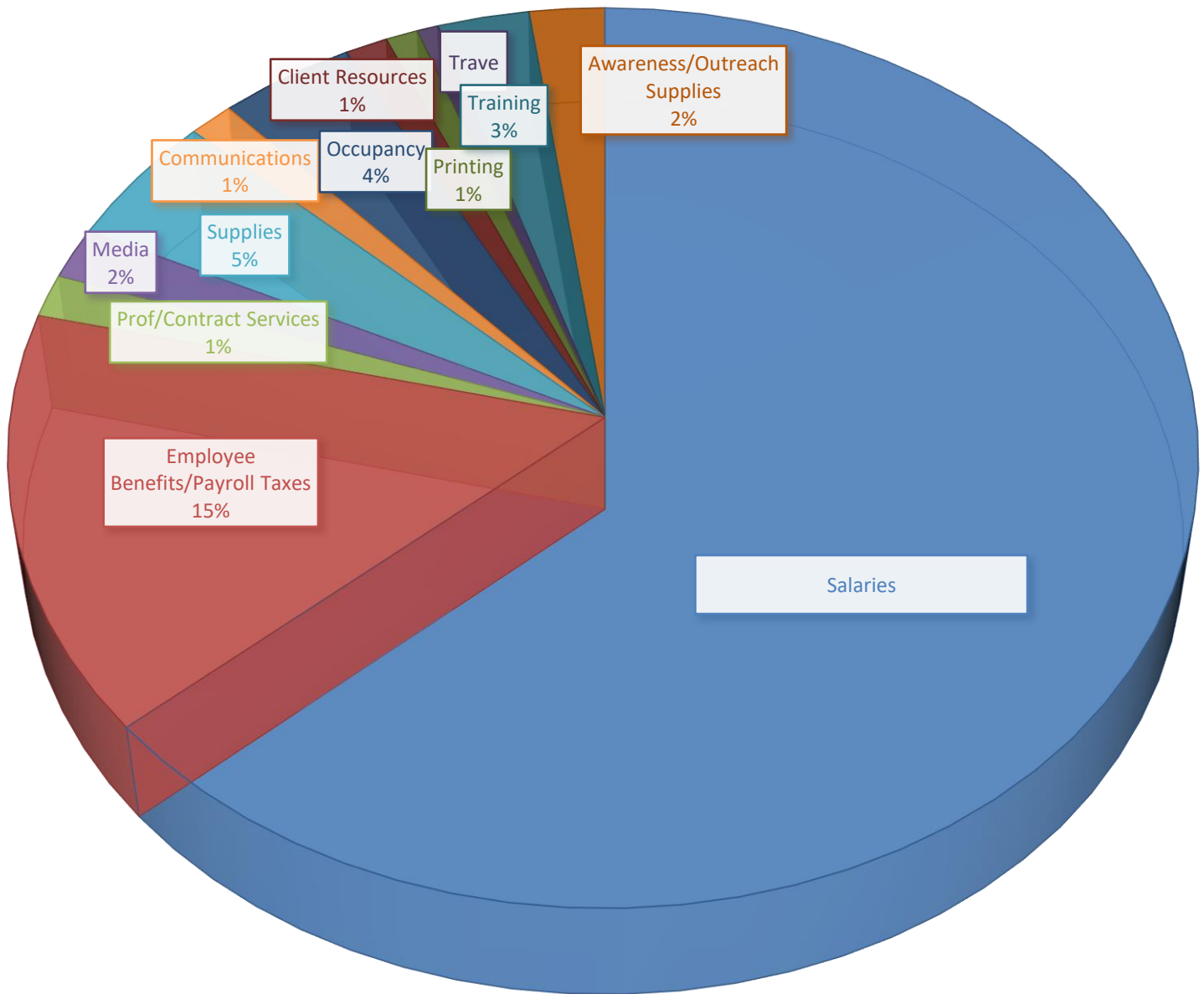
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- ⓘ Approximately 95% of salaries and benefits/payroll taxes are for direct service staff; counselors, advocates, program directors who do direct services, and prevention specialists.