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ARIZONA COALITION
TO END SEXUAL AND
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

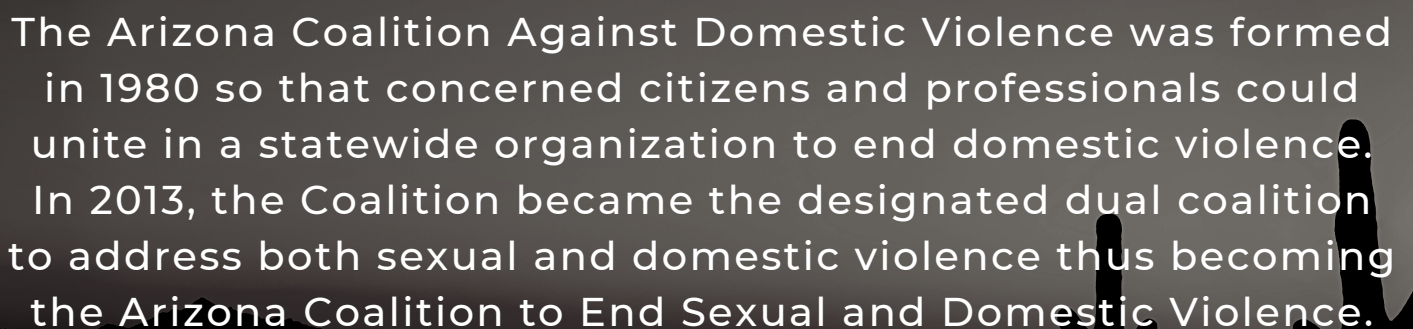
ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020

ABOUT ACESDV

Our Mission is to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona by **dismantling oppression** and **promoting equity among all people.**

The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1980 so that concerned citizens and professionals could unite in a statewide organization to end domestic violence. In 2013, the Coalition became the designated dual coalition to address both sexual and domestic violence thus becoming the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.



Over the past year, as the new CEO, I have been introduced to ACESDV's passionate staff, innovative work strategies, and compelling advocacy initiatives. I am incredibly grateful to work with such amazing individuals both within the agency as well as our partners and members. Furthermore, despite the difficulties of the past year, ACESDV staff continue to focus on the needs of survivors and the changes and services that support healing and justice.

COVID-19 brought an increase in domestic violence fatalities for the state and increased calls to our Helpline - offering concrete evidence that both domestic and sexual violence increased in the pandemic. Despite these distressing numbers, our community persevered. Not only were services never closed, but our members created new service delivery options, found solutions to social distance to keep survivors safe, and continue today to find new pathways forward. We at ACESDV hope that we are helpful in their growth and responsiveness.

This coming year will hold more change for us while we implement a new strategic plan as well as parse what positive and negative changes COVID-19 brought. We want to maintain the increased participation and opportunities for engagement with members outside of Phoenix, which was a constructive change brought on by COVID-19, and hopefully increase the opportunities for face to face connection with all our members, partners, and stakeholders

I cannot stress enough how truly inspired we are by all our community has done this last year. With that, I invite you to join us in our work to end domestic and sexual violence. There is an opportunity for every community member such as joining the policy committee to assist strategy and advocacy, volunteering on the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline to offer support to survivors, starting a conversation with our anti-violence messages on Instagram or Twitter, donating to the Survivor Emergency Relief Fund to help survivors across the state, or just calling us to find a place for your skills. Together we are an extraordinary force for change.

With you as our partners, our vision of an Arizona free from violence is within our reach.



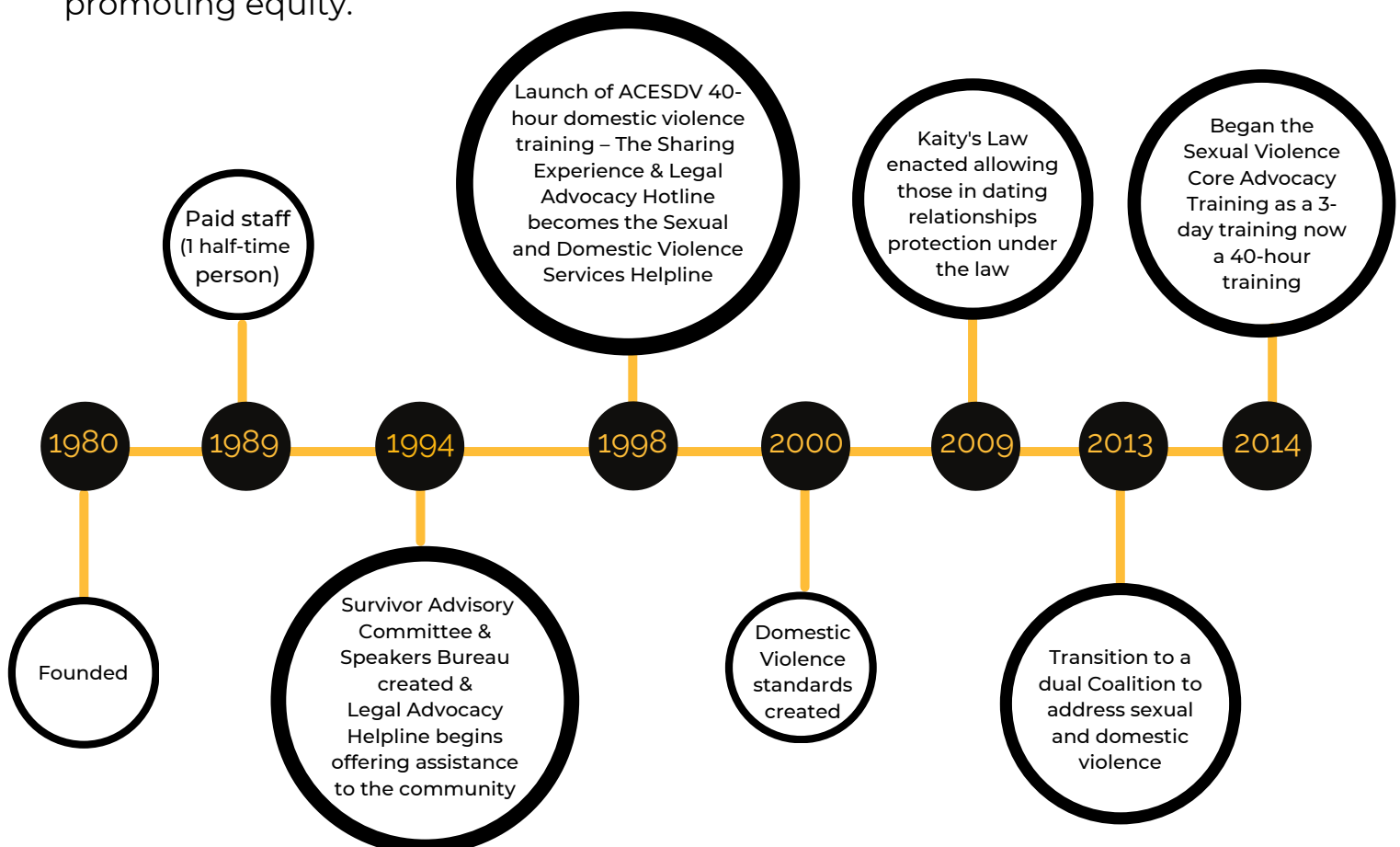
Jenna Panas, CEO



40 YEARS

LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

From inception, ACESDV has continually administered training and technical assistance, provided legislative advocacy, and developed collaborative relationships with domestic and sexual violence programs and other social service providers around the state to strengthen the safety net for people impacted by sexual and domestic violence. From law enforcement response, healthcare response, court response, mental health response, to a coordinated community response, overall, the Coalition has steadily addressed system gaps and how these can improve. ACESDV has worked to develop and expand protections under the law, build a resource and services safety net for survivors, and support effective interventions and services to people who do harm. More recently, over the past five years, ACESDV has begun to address and discuss the foundations of violence in our homes and society by tackling systems of oppression including sexism, racism, homophobia, economic injustice, and promoting equity.



One major accomplishment was the **development and successful implementation of Creating Space** which **increased the capacity of five programs statewide to serve sexual assault survivors**. We are one of only a few Coalitions who have undertaken this type of initiative.



Additionally, ACESDV **developed, strengthened, and expanded relationships with the disability community**, including contributing to multiple task forces and beginning work in a three-year Office of Violence Against Women grant to enhance services for sexual abuse survivors with disabilities.

The global pandemic significantly affected ACESDV as it affected everyone. Domestic violence and sexual violence response departments **developed two trainings around finding safety during COVID**.

1-800-782-6400
or online
through chat:
[www.acesdv.org/
helpline/](http://www.acesdv.org/helpline/) Open
Monday-Friday,
8:30am-5pm.

After speaking to a Helpline Specialist and securing funding for a gas card to flee Arizona and return to their home state, a survivor showed up to the office looking to pick up the gas card without an appointment scheduled. The survivor reported that they would sleep in their car until the following day to receive the card. To avoid this, staff purchased the card and went to the office to deliver the card. Information was provided about which staff member would be delivering the card. Upon arrival, the survivor was standing at the curb, so enthusiastic, and reported great relief that they received the gift card and could leave Arizona right away.

1590 HELPLINE CALLS (14% Increase from 2018)

- 76 Spanish speaking survivors served
- 1482 survivors provided with safety services or emotional support
- 102 survivors provided with chat support

Female: 1468
Male: 107
Ungendered: 15

NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAINED

8827

NUMBER OF TRAININGS

184

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

636

In October 2019, ACESDV hosted the second annual Young Advocates Institute Southwest (YAI SW). YAI SW is dedicated to preventing violence, empowering communities, and transforming the culture through awareness, education, and community organizing for youth ages 12-17.



TRAININGS PROVIDED

- Sexual Violence Core Advocacy Training (SVCAT)
- The Sharing Experience: From Violence in Our Lives to Peace in Our Communities
- Responding to Survivors in a Healthcare Setting
- Working with Male Survivors
- Domestic Violence and the Impact on Children
- Working with LGBTQ Survivors
- Rape Culture
- Vicarious Trauma and Self-care
- Enhancing Community Response to Adult Sexual Assault
- Healthy Relationships and Healthy Sexuality
- Serving Survivors and their Pets
- DCS Response to Domestic Violence
- Trauma-informed Supervision
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence Response for Faith-based Helpers
- Serving Immigrant and Refugee Survivors
- Serving Survivors with Disabilities
- Safety Planning During COVID
- Providing Emotional Support During COVID
- The Intersection of HIV and Domestic Violence
- Working with Rural Black Survivors of Sexual Violence
- Responding to Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- Reducing Intake Trauma
- The Neurobiology of Trauma

-SVCAT participant "I learned the impact and prevalence of oppression and how to enact change!"

-The Sharing Experience participant "Today was a magical day for me. Hearing those stories touched me so deeply. It's nice to know I am not alone. I won't stop fighting for those who need and most importantly for myself"

"I was isolated for such a long time that my dog was my only companion for a while. When I felt like there was no hope, he gave me a reason to live."

– Domestic Violence Survivor

PETSMART
Charities

FOLLOWERS ON
FACEBOOK

6,000+

FOLLOWERS ON
INSTAGRAM

1,700+

FOLLOWERS ON
TWITTER

2,400+

CAMPAIGNS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS
MONTH
APRIL/WEAR TEAL



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
MONTH
OCTOBER/WEAR PURPLE



ACESDV BaRC PROJECT
Helps remove barriers to safety and services for sexual and domestic violence survivors through BaRC funds which are available to survivors for anything related to pets.



ALLSTATE FOUNDATION

- 26 survivors (adult)
- 36 secondary survivors (children) were supported financially by the Allstate grant.
- 26 survivors received financial empowerment.

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES:

Child welfare, economic justice, firearms, overcriminalization, reproductive justice, sexual violence services, other areas of interest

Received \$1,090,00 in COVID CARES funds from the City of Phoenix for local programs; advocated for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

2020 ADVOCACY DAY

Approximately 75 people from programs across the state were in attendance. Attendees met with both Democrat and Republican Representatives and Senators from twelve different legislative districts throughout the day and advocated for the needs of survivors of sexual and domestic violence.



Involved in two Governor-appointed task forces with the purpose of developing statewide policy and practice recommendations regarding victims of child sexual abuse and survivors with disabilities

GOVERNOR'S JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TASK FORCE

Dedicated to providing recommendations to the state for further reforms to ensure victims are entitled to safety, healing, justice and restitution

GOVERNORS ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Developed a set of recommendations to enhance safety and well-being of vulnerable adults, particularly people with disabilities. ACESDV advocated for a system-wide trauma-informed approach to respond to vulnerable adults that have been abused

Policy-related meetings with legislators, lobbyists, and community stakeholders

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Calls and chats decreased during the stay at home orders which we attributed to victims being unable to use the phone freely due to their abusers also being at home. Once the orders were relaxed, the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence helpline began to receive an influx of calls, specifically more calls from males.

Social media took a bigger presence for organizations and for survivors during COVID-19. Activity and posts increased especially around topics concerning the effects of the pandemic such as the rising rates of domestic and sexual violence and safety during quarantine.

COVID-19 impacted ACESDV's unrestricted funds because fundraising event was cancelled.

Survivor Emergency Relief Funds:
\$57,925 in survivor related assistance;
\$11,991 in pet related assistance

ACESDV's Response Department created documents and trainings for Advocates and Survivors to utilize during the COVID-19 pandemic

- How to do outreach during COVID
- Considerations for Immigrant Communities
- Grounding toolkits accompanied with a grounding worksheet
- Special Considerations for Shelters
- Self-care Interactive Workbook
- List of at home activities for children
- Finding safety during COVID

ACESDV participated in the National Network to End Domestic Violence Annual Advocacy Days.

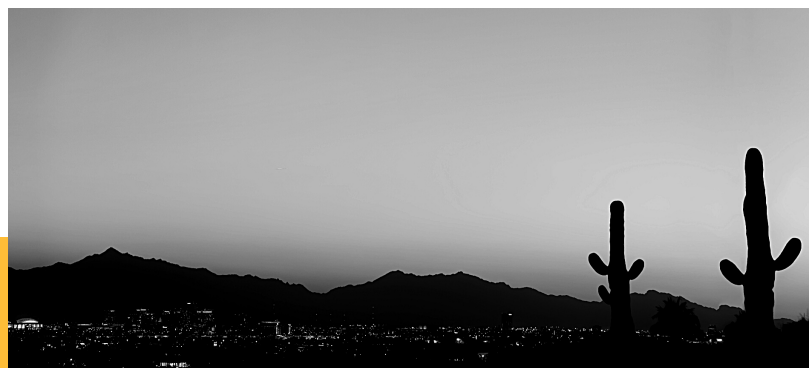
Discussions included:

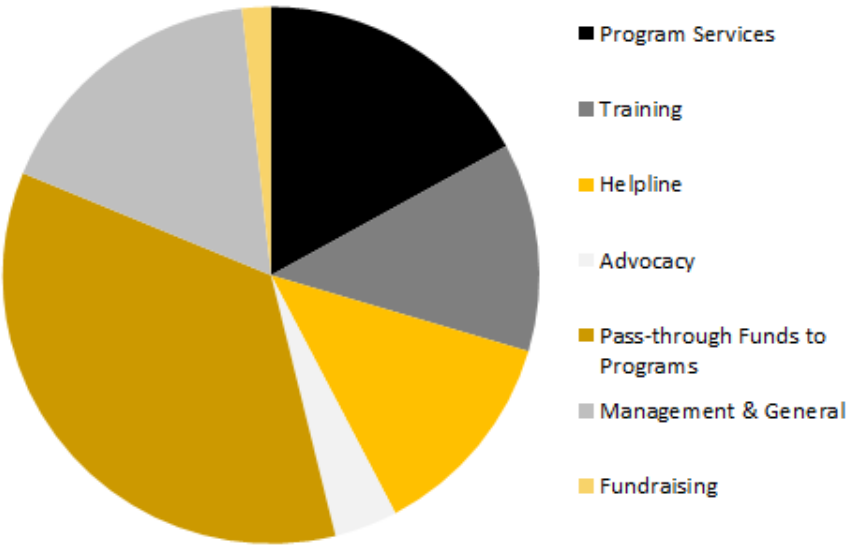
- COVID-19 emergency relief funding request
- Reauthorization of VAWA
- Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations request
- Sexual assault specific funding
- Housing affordability
- Ongoing need for funding and accessibility of culturally specific programming

After telecommuting policies and procedures for ACESDV went into effect for remote working, staff began holding weekly meetings with the program Executive Directors, biweekly meetings with funders, underwent multiple calls with other coalitions and began support sessions for program members

Held a 40 person session on trauma informed supervision during COVID on how to support one another, challenges, and developed a creative outreach tool.

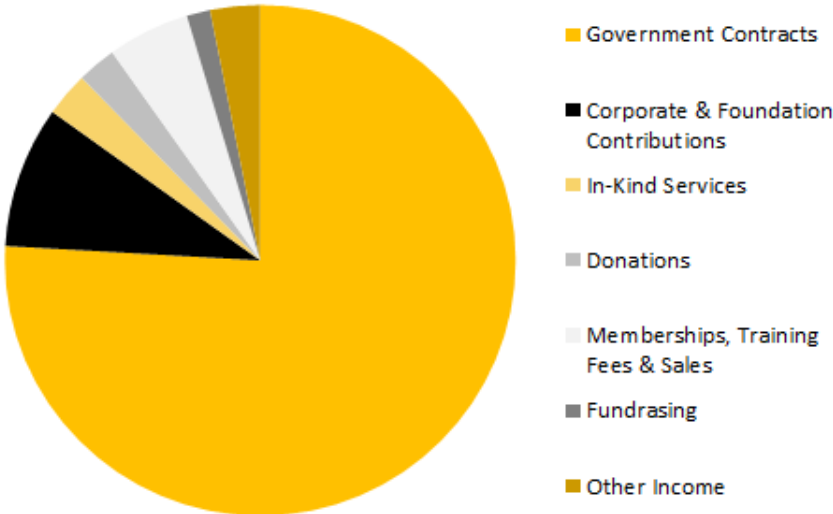
ACESDV's Public Policy Department focused their efforts towards providing education and technical assistance to programs and advocating for federal funding to support the programs





Expenses

Program Services	\$337,446.00
Training	\$249,427.00
Helpline	\$253,229.00
Advocacy	\$75,693.00
Pass-through Funds to Programs	\$696,088.00
Management & General	\$338,345.00
Fundraising	\$34,474.00
Total:	\$1,984,702.00



Revenues

Government Contracts	\$1,467,126.00
Corporate & Foundation Contributions	\$173,415.00
In-Kind Services	\$54,263.00
Donations	\$47,776.00
Memberships, Training Fees & Sales	\$100,522.00
Fundraising	\$28,762.00
Other Income	\$61,033.00
Total:	\$1,932,897.00

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$705,618
With donor restrictions	\$183,126
Total Net Assets, end of year	\$888,744



Over the next year, ACESDV will **focus** on **building internal structures** and support in order to **increase the scope and depth of services**. Externally, our community can expect to see a **new brand**, and a **new website** that will have a specific focus for different audiences we serve. Internally, ACESDV will zero-in-on **building and strengthening infrastructure** to allow for increased administrative and fiscal support to programs and start-ups. This will allow for more service innovation in the state, increased data collection, and reporting to state decision-makers.

Programmatically, ACESDV will continue to **respond to the needs that survivors identify**. Moving forward, we will focus on **seeking funding and providing technical support** in order to fill service gaps in the community such as culturally specific services or geographic barriers.

Additionally, we will also concentrate on **expanding services to fit the needs of each individual survivor** so they can reclaim justice and heal. We know that a one-size-fits all solution is not effective, therefore, we seek to support every Arizonan that experiences sexual or domestic violence in the way they see fit.

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