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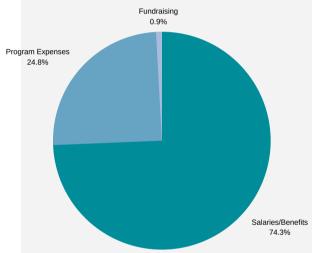


Where we are right now

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

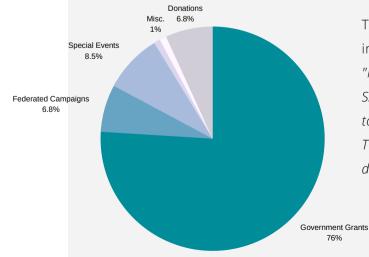
TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$1,232,310



TOTAL REVENUE:

\$1,527,389



Without the support of our community, SARCC could not provide life-changing healing services to survivors, their families, and our community during challenging times. Sexual trauma has a real and lasting impact. Thankfully through the support of our community, SARCC can offer EMDR and TF-CBT treatment, side-by-side advocacy in systems and legal proceedings, evidence-based prevention programs, and a 24/7 hotline for support.

In addition, we're expanding access to training and support resources in our community. Our organization rose to the challenge of holding antiracism trainings, support groups for LGBTQ+ community members, and transformative conversations on important community topics.

The voices of the survivors we serve speak to the impact of our work. A parent of a teen client shared: "My daughter was assaulted by someone she trusted. SARCC helped her through the trauma and helped her to maintain her confidence and a strong sense of self. They were instrumental in helping us through this very difficult time."

Ali Perrotto
President/CEO



Our Statistics

PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

"I believe it's very important to learn what's taught in this program to keep children safe. There are things I've learned that have never crossed my mind before. I will continue to teach these lessons with my child.

PARENTS IN THE KNOW PARTICIPANT

85%

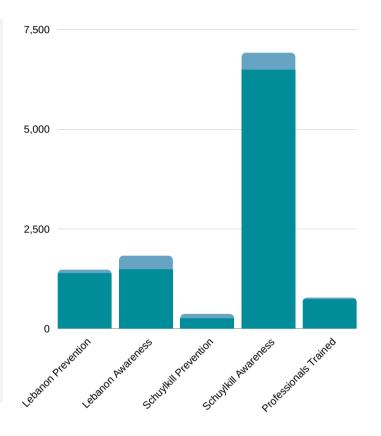
Teens in our Safe-T program reported an average increase of 45% in their skills for prevention.

100%

Every parent in our PITK program reported that the program was useful and worth their time.

100% of youth showed a measurable increase in key prevention indicator skills.

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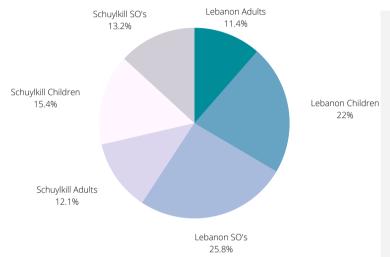


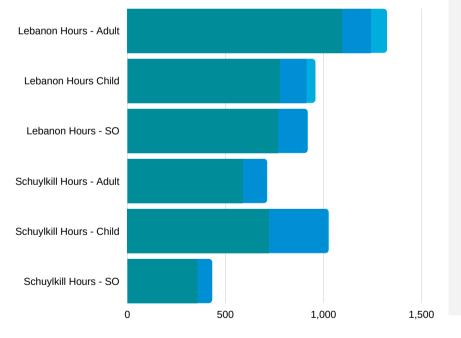
Stopping this violence before it starts is the primary goal, and is possible through a combination of skill building, policy advocacy, and intentional shifts in attitudes about sexual violence victimization and perpetration. Despite challenges with providing services in schools, we saw a 4-fold increase in Primary Prevention Program participants in Schuylkill County. Last year, we trained 10,329 community members.



PROMOTING HEALING

Our Statistics





CLIENTS SERVED

SARCC provided crisis counseling, hotline support, therapy, advocacy, and accompaniment to 844 children, adults, and significant others in our communities. Services take place in our offices, at schools, at the Children's Resource Center, in the communities, at prisons, and treatment facilities.

HOURS SERVED

Overall, SARCC staff and volunteers provided 5,369 hours of direct service support during the year - an increase over the prior year despite fewer new clients. The hours shown to the left are broken down by female, male, and transgender clients receiving counseling services.

Counseling and therapy services are delivered through both individual and group settings depending on the needs of the client.

"I was reluctant to start counseling since I never did it and didn't believe it would help me. It did. I encourage anyone who has or is experiencing any type of sexual harassment to see a counselor at SARCC to help them start a new, healthier life."

LGBTQ+ SERVICES GROWING



For the past two years, we have conducted internal trainings for staff, board, and volunteers, revised hiring practices, enhanced our board representation, and forged new connections and collaborations in our community. SARCC now offers support groups and educational programs for LGBTQ+ individuals. In the 2019-20 grant year we saw a 153% increase in clients identifying as LGBTQ, and an additional 46% increase this past fiscal year.



ACCESS TO THERAPY



SARCC's licensed therapists offer trauma therapy to survivors and family members. Trauma can have lasting effects. Our trauma therapists learn the most up-to-date practices for reducing trauma. Therapy may be billed through insurance, or may be fully paid through grant funding for victim services when available. We also partnered to expand access to general trauma therapy treatment in our community. SARCC therapists are trained in EMDR, TF-CBT, and other evidence-based trauma treatments.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS



Every community is unique. At SARCC, we know that our communities face personal challenges. We also know our communities are strong enough to have hard conversations. Last year, we launched the Pinwheel Project campaign to address child abuse in Lebanon County. We also hosted the Schuylkill Strong discussion series covering topics like the connections between racism and sexual violence, and creating affirming spaces for LGBTQ+ communities.



PREVENTING TRAFFICKING



Trafficking can include both sexual exploitation and labor. Anyone under 18 involved in selling sex is considered a trafficking victim under "Safe Harbor" laws in Pennsylvania. Traffickers use force, fraud, coercion, or manipulation to gain control over their victims.

Last year, SARCC convened human trafficking response teams in both Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties. The teams include local law enforcement, medical personnel, human services, and child protective services, as well as regional experts. Our Anti-Trafficking Advocates offer free trainings to the community on identifying signs of trafficking, and how to report it. Contact us to schedule a training, and join the fight against human trafficking.

SPOTLIGHT: CONNECTED TOGETHER



SARCC partnered with the Community Health Council of Lebanon County to mobilize community members for violence prevention and connect Lebanon County residents with no-cost trauma therapy. The goals of the Connected Together Lebanon County Initiative are to mitigate the harmful impacts of early trauma and adversity, build the capacity of service providers in Lebanon County to identify and intervene in traumatic responses to adverse experiences in both children and adults, and to implement the Communities That Care framework to build community teams who will develop a violence prevention strategy in four targeted communities in Lebanon County.

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