

# CRIME VICTIM and SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER - 4610

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center is to provide direct and comprehensive services to all victims of sexual assault and crimes of personal violence; and to work to change, through community and prevention education and bystander engagement, societal conditions that allow oppression, especially interpersonal violence, to exist.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT and WHO WE SERVE

The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides a comprehensive range of services to emotionally and physically injured crime victims in Albany County. The Center is available to anyone of any age who has experienced a sexual assault or other personal crime, or who has been affected by someone else's victimization. Treatment is offered to groups, individuals, or families. The Center operates a 24-hour crisis hotline for supportive counseling and facilitates access to the hospital and/or police station for victims of sexual violence. The Center also offers public education programs on interpersonal violence prevention for adults and children throughout the County. None of our services are mandated.

The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides information, criminal justice and court advocacy and referral services to all crime victims, and assists them in filing claims for compensation from the NYS Office of Victim Services. Specialized services are offered to domestic violence victims and their children, including services offered through Albany County's Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Team.

### Criminal Justice Advocacy Program:

Our advocacy program in conjunction with criminal justice and law enforcement agencies; provides assistance in filing claims with the NYS Office of Victim Services. This includes requests for emergency awards and referrals to public and private sources for additional assistance, such as counseling and emergency shelter.

### Counseling Program

This program provides free, confidential counseling to victims of sexual assault and other personal crimes and to their families and friends. Offers information and referral services; crisis intervention counseling in person or over the telephone.

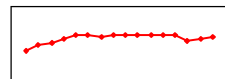
### Hotline Program

Staff and volunteers provide administrative support to the 24-hour/7-days a week crisis hotline, **(518) 447-7716**. Staff members are also available to accompany sexual assault victims to hospital emergency rooms and police stations, as well as to provide recruitment, training of the volunteers. The hotline covers 1,460 shifts per year; 520 of those are during the day and primarily covered by five NYS DOH certified staff. The remaining 940 shifts are covered by an average of 20 volunteers and center staff.

### Community and Prevention Education

The center collaborates with local colleges by providing training and support for the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) Campus safety grants; by providing education and prevention groups in Albany County elementary, middle, and high schools and free lectures to civic, business and professional groups. We provide training on issues involving sexual assault, domestic violence, and related topics to professionals.

## APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$591,192
1999:	\$740,462
2000:	\$776,972
2001:	\$847,953
2002:	\$921,587
2003:	\$961,570
2004:	\$901,453
2005:	\$936,286
2006:	\$946,432
2007:	\$944,692
2008:	\$962,224
2009:	\$946,899
2010:	\$930,842
2011:	\$816,653
2012:	\$878,376
2013:	\$898,488

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## 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- CVSVC is the lead agency in the County Executive's Domestic Violence (DV) Court Expansion project.
- We have planned two October Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) events: on October 3, a DV in the Workplace presentation and information fair and on October 27, a DV and the faith community half day conference.
- Our on-line training has allowed us to train more volunteers and offer more sessions throughout the year for volunteers and interns. This shift in training is setting the bar for surrounding counties. We are currently working with other counties to try and have New York State Department of Health create standardized hotline training for all of New York State.
- We are actively involved with the University at Albany, Siena College, the College of St Rose, and the Sage Colleges in planning and presenting at their Resident Assistant and Freshman Orientations.
- We also collaborate with Sage, Siena and St Rose's security training.
- We are actively involved in the Steering Committee for the Capital South Campus Center and will be a community partner in the project, providing on-site services.

## STATISTICS

NYS Office of Victim Services Grant deliverables, from October 2011 through May 2012:

- Provided assistance in completing the Compensation Claim Application to 15 victims.
- Provided compensation claims information to 150 victims per month.
- Opened 160 New cases.
- Provided Counseling 80 times.
- Provided 175 follow-up contacts.
- Provided therapy 145 times.
- Provided support groups to 4 victims per month.
- Maintained 24-hour hotline for 40 calls
- Provided Information & Referral to 230 victims per month.
- Provided Criminal Justice Support & Advocacy for specific victims' 270 times.
- Provided Personal Advocacy for specific victims, 90 times per month.
- Provided accompaniment to 8 forensic rape exams per month.

## 2013 GOALS

- DV Court: Continue to work with Correctional Counseling Inc. (CCI) and OCA to expand the DV Court; depending on the specifics of the expansion project, work with community stakeholders to address other areas for improvement along the continuum of DV services; finalize the Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) meeting for DV Court staff.
- Prepare a media guide and host a media outreach event to improve the relationship between the SA/DV service providers and all types of media.
- Work with local colleges and create a public service campaign to address issues of consent and challenge rape myths and misconceptions. Continue to work with local colleges on a bystander engagement strategy and implement this campaign.
- Create the Survivors of Homicide Guide, part 2.
- We are working to improve DV training for 911 operators/communicators and creating standardized cards.
- We will plan and pilot a multi-disciplinary meeting for the DV Court in Abuse Prevention Council (APC) to improve services to DV victims and their families.
- We are working with the Center for Court Innovation and Office of Court Administration (OCA) to expand the current DV Court at APC.

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## TESTIMONIALS

*The services provided by ACCVSVC are needed even more considering as many calls as we have gotten in the last few months. Not to mention the stress and strain on the staff that is employed when they have to cover calls and go to the ER and counsel on the phone. These responsibilities are a lot for staff to take on, who already give their all to serve victims day in and day out.*

*On a personal note, I am indebted to the women and volunteers of ACCVSVC. As a survivor myself of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence I am blessed for the strength the courage the assistance and compassion that the volunteers provide to all persons they encounter in the ER and on the hotline.*

*(via hotline volunteer)*

Account	2011 Expended	2012 Adjusted	2013 Proposed	2012-13 Change	2012-13 Percent Change
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Crime Victims Sexual Violence - (4610 )					
Personal Services	\$511,198	\$534,159	\$533,909	(\$250)	-0.05%
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-100.00%
Contractual Expenses	\$60,981	\$70,539	\$69,517	(\$1,022)	-1.45%
Fringe Benefits	\$179,898	\$268,295	\$295,062	\$26,767	9.98%
<b>Appropriations Total</b>	<b>\$752,076</b>	<b>\$872,993</b>	<b>\$898,488</b>	<b>\$25,495</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Revenue	(\$450,313)	(\$463,592)	(\$461,884)	\$1,708	-0.37%
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>(\$450,313)</b>	<b>(\$463,592)</b>	<b>(\$461,884)</b>	<b>\$1,708</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
<b>Total County Share</b>	<b>\$301,764</b>	<b>\$409,401</b>	<b>\$436,604</b>	<b>\$27,203</b>	<b>106.64%</b>

				2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2013	2013		
A 4610 Crime Victims Sexual Violence				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted		
<b>Personnel Services Individual</b>												
A	4610	11028	001	450001	Director Crime Victims Center	1	1	\$70,055	\$70,055	\$70,055	\$70,055	-
A	4610	12232	001	450003	Clinical Supervisor	1	1	\$56,825	\$56,825	\$56,825	\$56,825	-
A	4610	12235	001	450005	Crime Victim Therapist	1	1	\$48,870	\$48,870	\$48,870	\$48,870	-
A	4610	12235	002	450006	Crime Victim Therapist	1	1	\$40,713	\$44,310	\$44,310	\$44,310	-
A	4610	12237	003	450010	Crime Victim Caseworker	1	1	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	-
A	4610	12237	004	450011	Crime Victim Caseworker	1	1	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	-
A	4610	12237	005	450012	Crime Victim Caseworker	1	1	\$36,388	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	-
A	4610	12238	001	450018	Superv.Crime Victim Caseworker	1	1	\$46,711	\$46,711	\$46,711	\$46,711	-
A	4610	12239	001	450013	Prevention Educator	1	1	\$32,182	\$37,065	\$37,065	\$37,065	-
A	4610	12254	001	450020	Volunteer Coordinator PT	1	1	\$19,430	\$34,840	\$34,840	\$34,840	-
A	4610	15501	001	450021	Administrative Aide	1	1	\$33,088	\$34,839	\$34,839	\$34,839	-
A	4610	16401	002	450017	Confidential Secretary	1	1	\$33,949	\$33,949	\$33,949	\$33,949	-
<i>Personnel Services Individual Subtotal</i>						12	12	\$492,342	\$518,659	\$518,659	\$518,659	\$0

				2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2013	2013
A 4610 Crime Victims Sexual Violence				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
Personnel Non-Individual										
A	4610	19950	Longevity Raise			\$8,650	\$9,100	\$8,850	\$8,850	\$0
A	4610	19951	Health Insurance Buyout			\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
A	4610	19970	Temporary Help			\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
<i>Personnel Non-Individual Subtotal</i>						\$15,050	\$15,500	\$15,250	\$15,250	\$0
Equipment										
Contractual Expenses										
A	4610	44020	Office Supplies			\$85	\$1,668	\$1,168	\$1,168	\$0
A	4610	44021	Computer Supplies			\$285	\$250	\$280	\$280	\$0
A	4610	44035	Postage			\$1,241	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
A	4610	44036	Telephone			\$1,492	\$4,100	\$1,572	\$1,572	\$0
A	4610	44037	Insurance			\$1,524	\$1,607	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
A	4610	44038	Travel,Mileage,Freight			\$5	\$3,000	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0
A	4610	44039	Conferences/Training/Tuition			\$0	\$1,000	\$300	\$300	\$0
A	4610	44040	Books/Transcripts/Subscripts			\$195	\$600	\$628	\$628	\$0
A	4610	44042	Printing And Advertising			\$112	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0
A	4610	44070	Equipment Repair And Rental			\$1,875	\$2,144	\$2,144	\$2,144	\$0
A	4610	44105	Water			\$162	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
A	4610	44300	Association Dues			\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
A	4610	44903	DGS Shared Services Charges			\$54,004	\$53,320	\$54,825	\$54,825	\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>						\$60,981	\$70,539	\$69,517	\$69,517	\$0
Fringe Benefits										
A	4610	89010	State Retirement			\$61,067	\$106,398	\$121,064	\$121,064	\$0
A	4610	89030	Social Security			\$38,057	\$40,863	\$40,844	\$40,844	\$0
A	4610	89060	Hospital and Medical Insurance			\$80,774	\$121,034	\$133,154	\$133,154	\$0
<i>Fringe Benefits Subtotal</i>						\$179,898	\$268,295	\$295,062	\$295,062	\$0

			2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2013	2013
A 4610 Crime Victims Sexual Violence			Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
<b>Total Appropriations</b>					<b>\$748,270</b>	<b>\$872,993</b>	<b>\$898,488</b>	<b>\$898,488</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Revenue</b>									
A 4610	01669	Contrib. Rape Crisis Center			(\$1,274)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A 4610	03495	Sexual Assault Prev.Educ.Grant			(\$29,070)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	(\$55,000)	\$0
A 4610	03496	Victims Assistance Grant			(\$72,719)	(\$371,412)	(\$363,984)	(\$363,984)	\$0
A 4610	03497	Violence Against Women Action			\$17,612	(\$12,080)	(\$12,080)	(\$12,080)	\$0
A 4610	04495	Sexual Assault Prevention Educ			(\$26,682)	(\$25,100)	(\$30,820)	(\$30,820)	\$0
A 4610	04496	Victim Assistance			(\$290,875)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
A 4610	04497	Violence Against Women			(\$47,304)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>					<b>(\$450,313)</b>	<b>(\$463,592)</b>	<b>(\$461,884)</b>	<b>(\$461,884)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>County Share</b>					<b>\$297,957</b>	<b>\$409,401</b>	<b>\$436,604</b>	<b>\$436,604</b>	<b>\$0</b>