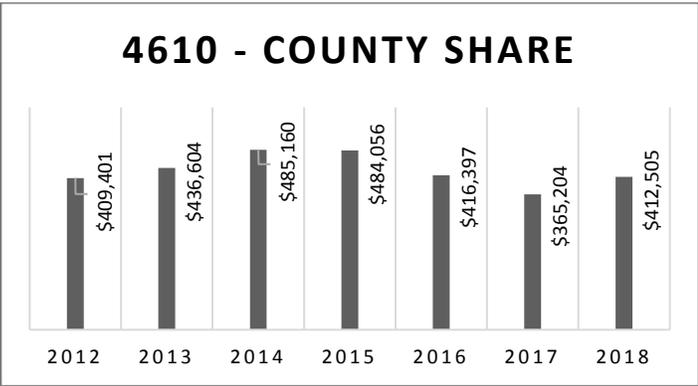


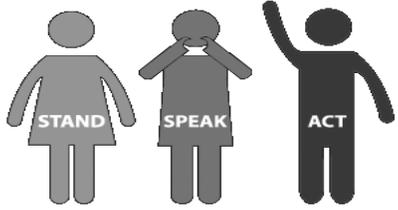
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MISSION STATEMENT

Mission Statement: Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE)
Vision Statement: Empowerment for All
Values Statements:

1. Victims First
2. Boldly Compassionate
3. **STAND** with others to end the culture of Violence
4. Inspire all to **SPEAK** out
5. Unite community to take **ACTION**



WHO WE SERVE

The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides a comprehensive range of direct services to emotionally and physically injured crime victims in Albany County. The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center is available to anyone of any age who has experienced a sexual assault or other interpersonal crime at any time in their life or who has been affected by someone else’s victimization. Utilizing therapy, advocacy, community mobilization, prevention education and bystander engagement, CVSVC seeks to change societal conditions that allow and perpetuate oppression. We have been proudly serving victims of crime since 1975.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The Center operates a 24 hour crisis hotline for supportive counseling and advocacy at Albany County hospitals and police stations for victims of sexual violence. Free, confidential treatment is offered to individuals, families, and groups. The Center offers public education programs and community mobilization projects on interpersonal violence prevention for adults and children throughout the County. Our outreach and education efforts reach from urban and suburban to rural areas of our county. We also share staff with Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families’ Children’s Advocacy Center to bridge our two departments to collaborate and maximize community outreach.

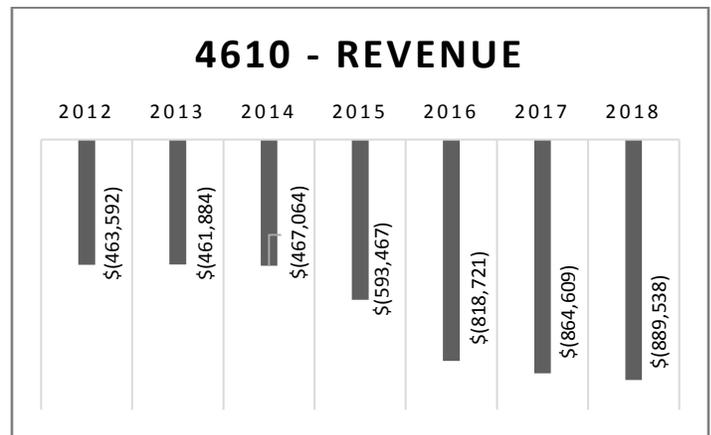
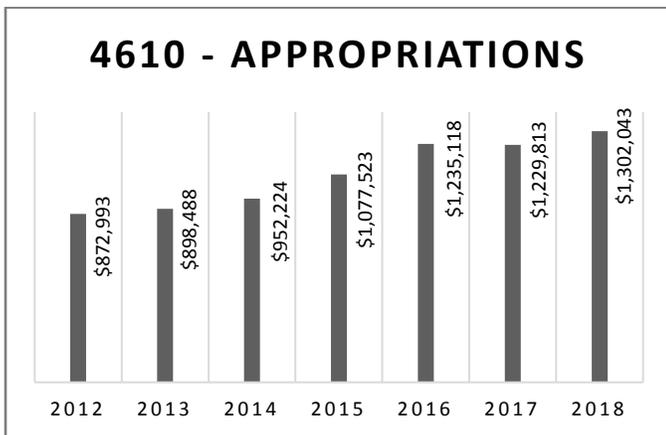
The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides information, criminal justice and court advocacy and referral services to all crime victims, and assists them in filing claims for compensation from the NYS Office of Victim Services. Specialized services are offered to domestic violence victims and their children, including services offered through Albany County’s Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Team. We also work closely with the Albany Police Department to reduce gun involved violence and other community service providers to support Albany’s local immigrant and refugee population.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- We continue to partner with local schools, community agencies and organizations to provide prevention education programs to youth of all ages, from Pre-K classes to colleges. The goal of our education is to further our mission of changing societal norms to promote healthy relationships, nonviolence and engaged communities. We have developed strong relationships with 11 local school districts and 8 colleges, widening our reach from urban neighborhoods to the rural areas of our county. We also partner with community agencies who serve public health groups, parents and direct service professionals with the goal of educating those who educate our youth. Our prevention education programs focus heavily on community mobilization, encouraging community members to foster and empower positive change in those around them.

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- We facilitate the Albany Community Partnership, a group of local service providers, with the goal of creating a more varied approach to community outreach and mobilization. In collaboration with others, we reach a wider group of community members to provide information, referrals and education.
- Last year, we launched the “Our Healthy Babies” project, providing resources and support to new parents. This year, we have continued to evolve the project with the addition of new resources and improved “goodie bags” to better serve our local families.
- With the addition of a new Campus Sexual Assault Coordinator, our agency has cultivated relationships with a majority of our local colleges to support the best possible on- and off-campus response to Campus Sexual Assault.
- We have worked with our local chapter of US Committee of Refugees and Immigrants to expand our services for local refugees and immigrants. Our agency currently utilizes translator services and multi-language informational resources to ensure that our services are accessible for a diversity of languages.
- We continue to provide direct victim assistance to survivors of crime in Albany County. In the past twelve months, we have provided 26,593 services to almost 8,000 individuals:
 - We provided crisis intervention 1,938 times.
 - We assisted 1,532 clients via our sexual assault crisis hotline.
 - We accompanied over 300 rape victims to the Emergency Room for a forensic rape exam.
 - We provided criminal justice support to 6,060 people.
 - We accompanied 200 people to court appearances.
 - We provided information and referral 7,679 times.
 - We provided individual and family therapy to 1,980 crime victims.
 - We provided a combined 140 community outreach events, prevention education, and professional trainings to approximately 5,000 people.
 - We completed 1,460 Office of Victim Services applications with clients and registered 287 clients for Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE).



2018 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- With an increase in funding from one of our grantors, NYS Office of Victim Services, we are looking to further support immigrants and refugees by providing specialized therapeutic services for these individuals and families.
- As required by NYS Office of Victim Services, our agency has completed a department-wide Strategic Planning Initiative, developing a strategic mission, vision and set of goals for our work. We have refined and redesigned our program evaluations to better serve the community.
- We are expanding our interpersonal prevention education and community mobilization efforts
- We will look to expand our services to the Albany County Hill Towns by providing information, resources, and referrals to those affected by interpersonal crime.
- CVSVC will better serve Human Trafficking victims, in collaboration with the Albany County Department for Children, Youth, and Families.

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SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2018 Executive Budget for CVSVC does not include any substantive changes. We have reduced our County share while expanding and improving vital services to Albany County residents.

As we work in the community, we frequently receive feedback from educators and students. Below are a few comments we have received in the past year:

From a local educator:

"For the last few years, [CVSVC] has presented lessons to my eighth grade students about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The presentations are interactive, requiring students to be actively thinking about their relationships on many levels. They make students aware of things they can be doing to make their relationships healthier as well as warning them of danger signs that might lead to violence or abuse in some fashion. Students also learn about resources they can use to help them work through a difficult relationship."

From students:

"I learned a lot from the speakers. I was misinformed before and the speakers helped clear a lot of my confusion."

"I feel that it's very important for people to learn about the dangers of sexual violence. I think learning about it can help to prevent it. It may also help people to find the strength and courage to report it."

"The law should do more for people who were sexually assaulted. The police should stop asking silly questions. Many rapes should be reported so we can get the rapists. People should listen to other people's consent."