

ANNUAL REPORT

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Sexual Assault Services

Dear Friends of Sexual Assault Services and Residents of Calhoun County,

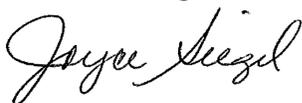
In 2016, Sexual Assault Services (SAS) celebrated 20 years of service to the community. It was a year to recognize the efforts of the community, our team and the many accomplishments over this time.

Highlights from 2016 include:

- On March 31 SAS and the Art Center of Battle Creek opened the “Hope and Healing” art exhibit to raise awareness during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- Volunteers and community partners were honored at our 20-year gala celebration on April 20, at the Battle Creek Country Club. The event featured guest speaker Elizabeth Smart. Ms. Smart also spoke to a full house audience at Kellogg Community College earlier the same day.
- The regional Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program strengthened our collaboration with the YWCA of Kalamazoo and added services beginning on July 1 at Bronson Lakeview Hospital (BLH). Our collaboration with the Domestic Violence Coalition in Paw Paw, serving Van Buren County, includes providing training and support for a victim advocacy program responding with our SANEs. We continue to work closely with Dr. Sarah Brown at the Child Advocacy Clinic at Bronson Children’s Hospital to provide comprehensive child abuse assessments in Kalamazoo for children across the Bronson Healthcare system.
- On September 25 the Battle Creek Community Foundation hosted a celebratory 20-year anniversary reception for SAS at Malia Mediterranean Bistro in downtown Battle Creek. At this reception, the Betty J. Christ Endowment Fund for SAS was announced with initial donations of \$30,000.
- On November 6 Battle Creek Books and SAS partnered to bring Bonnie Jo Campbell, a nationally recognized local author, for a reading and discussion of her book, “Once Upon a River.”
- In November, the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board conducted a successful quality assurance site visit. Of the 135 core standards reviewed, SAS received 100 percent compliance, including 17 percent exceeds standards ratings in seven core standard areas. Additionally, of the 27 advanced standards reviewed, SAS received 100 percent compliance, including 11 percent exceeds standards ratings in three advanced standard areas.
- Sexual assault prevention work continued despite the ongoing challenge of securing funding. The SAS community educator was trained in November as a presenter of the national program, “Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light.” This program is open to adults who are interested in learning how to best protect children from being victims of sexual abuse.

After 20 years of hard work, SAS has accomplished many things, most importantly our partnerships that ensure a coordinated community response to sexual violence. We could not have done this without you and we are very thankful. As we move forward into our next 20 years, we know there is much more work to be done, and we are confident you will continue to be with us along the way.

With much gratitude,



Joyce Siegel
System Manager
Sexual Assault Services

Helping Survivors

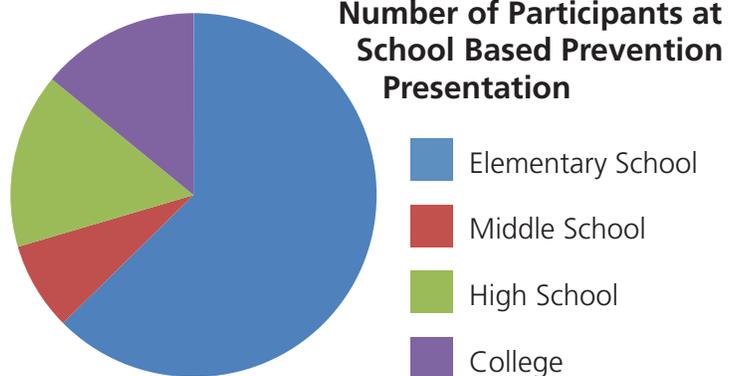
- 1,156 people who were affected by sexual assault or abuse received services from SAS personnel.

**Collaboration with the YWCA of Kalamazoo and the Domestic Violence Coalition in Van Buren County helps provide advocacy and counseling services in the region. Statistics from these organizations are not included here.*

Community Education

School-Based Education Sessions

During this reporting period, there were 149 school-based prevention and educational presentations. At these presentations, we had 2,946 elementary school participants, 367 middle school participants, 732 high school participants and 660 college participants. Training topics include dynamics of sexual assault, safe dates/healthy relationships, bullying prevention, sexual harassment prevention and sexual abuse prevention.



Prevention Education Student Feedback:

- “...I can still get help for past events.”
- “I learned what to do if I’m a bystander.”
- “I learned where to go to get help.”
- “The most helpful thing that I learned about was consent.”
- “I am not alone.”

Community-Based Awareness Events

During this reporting period, there were 54 community-based awareness events held for adults and professionals alike. 3,278 individuals attended these events.

Systems Change Activities

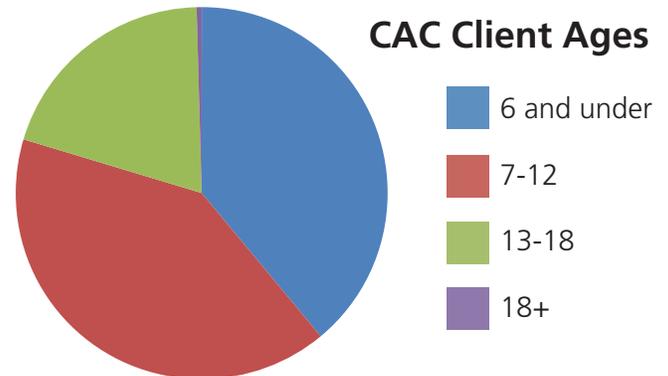
SAS staff participates in community interagency workgroups and committees including:

- Calhoun County Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
- Committee on Adolescent Sexual Health
- The Coordinating Council
- Great Start Collaborative Workgroup
- Early Childhood Social Emotional Supports Action Team
- Maternal and Infant Health Commission

- Albion College Sexual Assault Protocol Committee
- Kalamazoo Alliance Against Sexual Assault
- Kalamazoo County Coordinated Community Response Team
- Calhoun County Sex Offender Management Team
- Calhoun County Child Death Review Team

Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

The CAC provides a coordinated, collaborative approach to addressing child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse in our community. A multidisciplinary team works together to help minimize the trauma victims may experience by providing coordinated investigative team interviews, advocacy services, follow up contacts, referrals and information, therapy and monthly case review meetings.



During this reporting period:

- 231 children received specialized forensic interviews and 157 non-offending family members received support and advocacy.
- There were 150 female children and 81 male children interviewed.
- 90 children were six years old and under, 94 children were between the ages of 7 to 12 years old and 46 children were 13 to 18 years old.
- 208 children were interviewed for allegations of sexual abuse, 12 children for physical abuse and 11 children as witnesses to violent crimes.
- Two forensic interviews were completed at the Marshall CAC site located at Crossroads Church and Ministries.

CAC Clients have Access to Information about Child Sexual Abuse

- CAC family advocate case records indicate that 231 (100 percent) of children and families served received verbal information as well as a packet of information at the time of the CAC services.
- 54 clients (69.2 percent) surveyed report strongly agreeing and nine clients (11.5 percent) agreed that they were given information about common reactions to child sexual abuse.
- CAC family advocate case records indicate that 231 of children and families served (100 percent) received information about next steps in the process verbally from the family advocate and the multidisciplinary team members and in writing in the CAC family packet of information.

Caregiver comments in response to what they appreciated most about their experience at the CAC include:

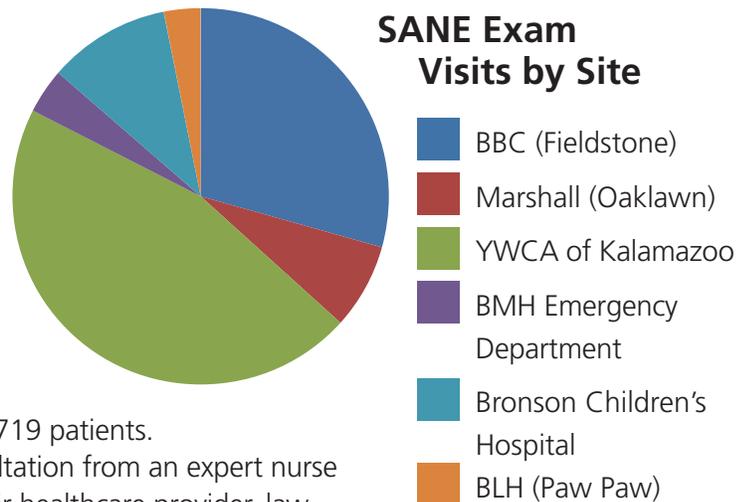
- “The friendly, safe atmosphere and caring staff.”
- “Kindness shown and answers given.”
- “The staff was very friendly and gave us good information.”
- “Great atmosphere, caring staff, respectful of sensitive topics.”
- “You were all very nice, understanding, and supportive. I appreciate all of you very much.”

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program

SANEs are available on-call 24 hours a day as part of our crisis Sexual Assault Response Team. These specially trained registered nurses provide the medical-forensic examination for victims of acute sexual assault.

During this reporting period:

- The SANE program provided expertise to 719 patients.
- 174 of the patients received phone consultation from an expert nurse either directly or via consultation with their healthcare provider, law enforcement or other professional.
- 545 patients received medical forensic examinations.



SANE Program Expansion

The regional SANE program continued through 2016, serving all of Calhoun County at BBC and Oaklawn Hospital. In Kalamazoo County services were provided at the YWCA, the Child Advocacy Clinic at the Bronson Children's Hospital*, and BMH Emergency Department. On July 1, we began providing SANE services at BLH in Paw Paw, with partnership from the Domestic Violence Coalition to provide staff and volunteer advocates. The regional SANE program of SAS employs seven full-time nurse examiners.

**The Child Advocacy Clinic at Bronson Children's Hospital accepts referrals from a 9-county Bronson Healthcare Group service area in southwest Michigan.*

Volunteer Victim Advocacy Program

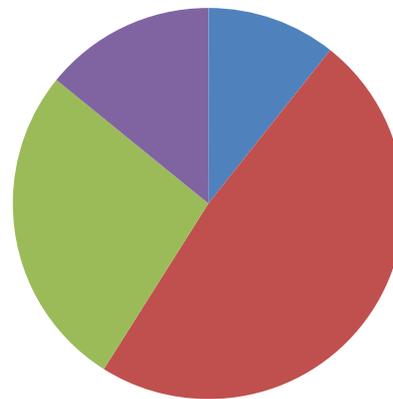
SAS held volunteer advocate trainings in March and October 2016 with a total of 18 participants. This brought our total number of volunteer community victim advocates to 35. Our volunteers provided 6,894 hours of on-call time during this reporting period. SAS volunteer victim advocates offer emotional support and referral information to survivors and their loved ones.

Crisis Advocacy Survey Outcomes

SAS advocates provided surveys following crisis advocacy services. In 143 hospital or police department cases, 111 surveys were completed by victim advocates. This represents 77.6 percent of these SAS/SANE crisis response calls for services. Surveys indicate that 103 respondents (92.8 percent) report that information regarding the common effects of sexual assault was provided to the survivor and 96 respondents (86.5 percent) provided information regarding counseling support services in the community that the survivor may need.

Counseling Services and Survey Outcomes

- The SAS counseling staff includes six master's level therapists and two Master of Social Work interns from Western Michigan University.
- All counselors are trained in trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy and utilize trauma-informed, strengths-based interventions.
- 290 survivors and family members received free counseling at SAS last year.



SAS Client Ages

- Adult Male
- Adult Female
- Children (0-12)
- Adolescents (13-17)

During this reporting period:

- Counseling clients are offered anonymous surveys of which 34 were completed (11.76 percent).
- Counseling client surveys report 24 clients strongly agree (80 percent) and six clients agree (20 percent) that they were assisted in identifying personal strengths.
- 22 (76.67 percent) strongly agree and six (20 percent) agree that they received assistance in developing positive coping skills.
- 27 clients (90 percent) report they would strongly encourage and three clients (10 percent) would encourage a friend to contact SAS for counseling services.
- Of 34 responding clients, 23 (76.67 percent) attended more than 10 counseling sessions; three (10 percent) attended six to 10 sessions; and three (10 percent) attended three to five sessions.
- Four adult group member surveys indicated that one (25 percent) strongly agree and three (75 percent) agree that people in the group understand what they are going through.
- Two (50 percent) strongly agree and two (50 percent) agree that they would recommend the group to others.

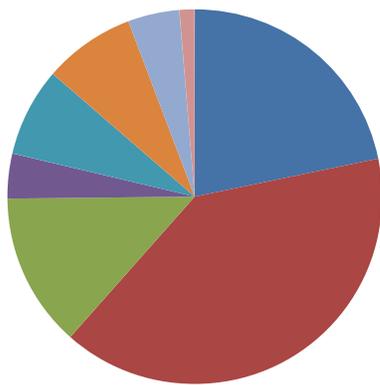
Comments from the Adult Women's Group

"I feel like I can look back and understand."

"I feel that I started to understand some of my feelings."

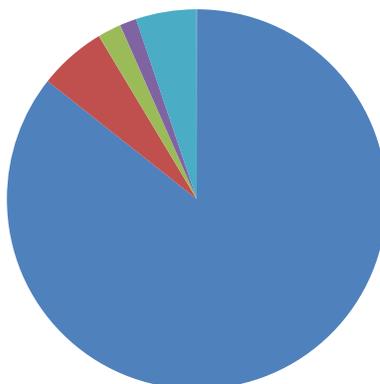
Eight children, ages eight to 13, participated in a week long day camp for child victims of sexual abuse funded by the Bronson Health Foundation. The camp experience allows the children to be with others who have experienced similar trauma, to practice healthy outdoor activities and build trust with others. The children at camp were asked by staff what the best thing about being with kids who have been through similar experiences. When asked what they liked best about the camp, the kids answered that they loved the activities (swimming, archery and games). When asked "what is the best thing about being with kids who have been through some things like you" they responded: "their honesty" and, "it makes me comfortable."

Expenses



Sexual Assault Services Expenses by Program Area

Counseling/Advocacy	\$319,638.27	22%
SANE	\$584,820.08	40%
CAC	\$195,295.00	13%
Prevention Education	\$57,030.09	4%
Management/Administrative	\$112,261.39	8%
BBC In-Kind	\$116,014.00	8%
Volunteer Match	\$65,236.00	4%
Misc. Expenses	\$19,311.44	1%
Total	\$1,469,606.27	100%



Sexual Assault Services Expenses

Personnel	\$1,180,613.74	80%
BBC In-Kind Support	\$116,014.00	8%
Supplies & Materials	\$80,063.94	6%
Volunteer Match	\$65,236.00	4%
Travel & Conferences	\$27,678.59	2%
Total	\$1,469,606.27	100%



SAS staff

SAS Staff, Credentials and Titles

Pam Buchko – Volunteer Advocate Program Coordinator
 KrisAnne Cravens, RN, BSN, SANE-A, SANE-P
 – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Krista Fletcher – Information/Financial Analyst
 Amber Depuydt-Goodlock, LMSW – Therapist
 Tami Gregg, RN – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Laurie Hartman – Community Educator & Resource Coordinator
 Jennifer Hudson, BSW, MSW Candidate – Outreach Counselor
 Sherri Khillah, RN, BSN, SANE-A, SANE-P
 – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Dannielle Kostrab, LMSW – CAC Program Coordinator/Therapist
 Jeff LaPonsie, LMSW – CAC Family Advocate/Therapist
 Debra McEldowney, MSN, RN, SANE-A
 – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Maureen McNamara, LMSW, DCSW – Therapist
 Linda Nycum, MA, LPC – Therapist
 Jannette Richmond-Kern, RN, BAS
 – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Joyce Siegel, LMSW – System Manager
 Allison Stacy - Administrative Specialist/Advocate
 Phyllis VanOrder, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P – Sexual Assault Nurse
 Examiner Program Coordinator
 Diana Vescoso, RN – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
 Elizabeth Walters, LMSW – Forensic Interview Specialist

SAS Community Advisory Board

Kristi Angelo – Trooper, Michigan State Police
 Betty Christ – Community Member
 Nora Geiger – Director Victim Services,
 Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office
 Pat Graw – Community Member
 Clare Loughrige – Pastor, Crossroads Church & Ministries
 Dr. Sheila Matthews – Professor, Kellogg Community College
 Bill McClure – Child Protective Services, Calhoun County
 Department of Health & Human Services
 Gwen Thomas – Department of Corrections, Calhoun County
 Brad Wise – Inspector, Battle Creek Police Department

Mission Statement

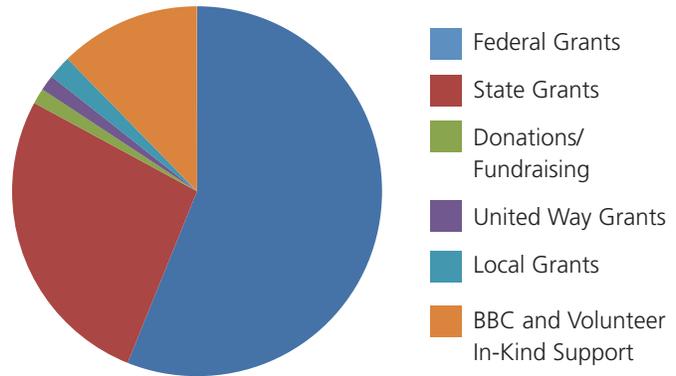
Sexual Assault Services is committed to providing empathic, non-judgmental, comprehensive services, support and advocacy for survivors and others affected by sexual assault or abuse; raising awareness of sexual assault; and engaging others to help in holding offenders accountable and to achieve a community free of sexual violence.



HelpNet

2015-2016 SAS Funding Sources

Federal grants	\$824,919
State grants	\$393,437
Donations/Fundraising	\$20,000
United Way grants	\$20,000
Local grants	\$30,000
BBC and Volunteer In-Kind Support.....	\$181,250
Total	\$1,469,606



Bronson Battle Creek is a major partner with Sexual Assault Services, donating space and in-kind services, making Sexual Assault Services a department of Bronson Battle Creek. This project is funded by Grant No. 20448-19V15 awarded to Bronson Battle Creek, by the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission. The agreement award of \$738,342 (80 percent) of the project comes from the Federal Crime Victims Fund, established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 administered by the Office of Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice. Bronson Battle Creek provides the required match valued at \$254,586 by the use of volunteers and other local match. Sexual Assault Services wishes to thank the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board for their financial support of this project. This project was supported by Grant No. 15-13002 by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice (STOP GRANT). Sexual Assault Services receives an accredited center grant from the National Children's Alliance/MI Chapter of the NCA. Sexual Assault Services also receives in-kind support from Oaklawn Hospital and Crossroads Church and Ministries in Marshall. Sexual Assault Services is a United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region Community Solutions Partner. Other current funding sources include: Bronson Health Foundation, The Marshall United Way, The Battle Creek Community Foundation, The Miller Foundation, The Binda Foundation, The Feldpausch Foundation and The Marshall Community Foundation. Donations have been received from the Marshall Exchange Club, Crossroads Church and Ministries and many generous individuals and organizations. All grant funding was expended according to allowable, restricted expenses for each grant.

Assistance with requesting Crime Victims Compensation is available to victims of crime who wish to apply. All services are free of charge.

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