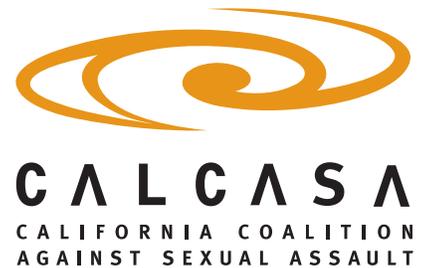


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CALCASA Voice



From the Executive Director

The last few months have been extremely busy at CALCASA as the staff have worked very hard to continue in our effort to elevate the profile of sexual violence, locally, statewide and nationally. Our work has taken on many forms including: legislative and system's advocacy, prevention, capacity building, training and technical assistance, campus-based advocacy, leadership development and much more.

This issue of CALCASA's Newsletter highlights some of our accomplishments and upcoming efforts. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, your CALCASA team thanks you for your support!



SANDRA HENRIQUEZ, Executive Director

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CALCASA Mission Statement

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) provides leadership, vision and resources to rape crisis centers, individuals and other entities committed to ending sexual violence.

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2014 POLICY WORK

Request for Restoration of Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Funding

In early March 2014, CALCASA Executive Director Sandra Henriquez, mobilized an effort to restore the nearly \$1 million cut to RPE funding that California is facing. While the national funding level for RPE remained stable, a change in the funding formula to set minimum levels of RPE funding resulted in large states receiving less RPE funds than previously.

The current climate of heightened national awareness of sexual violence, together with President Obama's recent focus on campus sexual assault, suggest that the timing for such a request is favorable. CALCASA has reached out to ten other large states that are also impacted by the change in funding formula to jointly ask the federal government for a \$5 million increase in RPE funding, which would restore the cuts that the largest states are facing. The other states welcomed the effort and have joined with CALCASA in contacting their Congressional representatives.

CALCASA also engaged California rape crisis centers to reach out to their Congress members to advocate on behalf of rape crisis centers to restore crucial RPE funding for the state. CALCASA will continue vigorously working to place the needs of rape crisis centers and survivors in the forefront of the national discussion about sexual violence.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently announced that they were able to redirect non-RPE (Rape Prevention Education) funds to the RPE program. While CALCASA was not directly involved in this "ask", the coalition's efforts in elevating the profile of sexual assault by creating a higher level of investment in sexual violence prevention efforts, has certainly contributed to a changing climate.



CALCASA's David Lee and Sandra Henriquez with CDPH Director Dr. Ron Chapman, CDPH Director and Jacquolyn Duerr, Assistant Chief, CDPH Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control

Current Legislation



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CALCASA's Sandra Henriquez at a press conference for AB 1517

SB 967 (de León) – ADDRESSING CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sponsored by Senator de Leon and the leadership of the Legislative Women's Caucus, this proposed legislation will require California colleges and universities to address campus sexual violence by requiring them to adopt consistent victim-centered sexual assault response policies and protocols that follow best practices and professional standards. This piece of legislation is an outcome of a 2014 policy recommendation by CALCASA whereby college students should be involved in the formation of appropriate responses and campus-specific strategies to assist survivors of sexual assault. California rape crisis centers are well positioned to work with their local colleges, multi-disciplinary teams, advocate for campus survivors, and inform policy recommendations on campus.

SB 782 (DeSauliner) – CALIFORNIA SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICE FUND

SB 782 would create the California Sexual Violence Victim Service Fund and allow an individual to designate a specified amount on his or her tax return to be transferred to this fund. Money from this fund would be allocated to California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to CALCASA to fund grants to support CALCASA rape crisis center programs, including: 1) Emergency back-up (hotline or in-person advocacy/accompaniment), 2) Emergency Fund Resources (transportation, hotel and food vouchers), 3) Community Education, and 4) Training. If passed, CALCASA, in conjunction with centers, will push to bring more awareness to tax payers about their opportunity to designate funds for rape crisis centers.

AB 1517 (Skinner) – END RAPE KIT BACKLOG

AB 1517 will amend the Sexual Assault Victim's DNA Bill of Rights to specify guidelines for testing rape kits and entering DNA profile information into Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The bill encourages law enforcement agencies to submit sexual assault forensic evidence to the crime lab as soon as possible, but no later than 5 days after being booked into evidence, and requires that the crime lab process evidence, create DNA profiles when able, and upload qualifying DNA profiles into the CODIS as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the evidence is submitted by law enforcement. The reduction of the rape kit backlog is a key policy objective for CALCASA in 2014.

AB 2545 (Lowenthal) – MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESTITUTION

AB 2545 allows military sexual assault survivors similar considerations to those provided to victims of domestic violence and human trafficking when they apply for restitution with the California Victim's Compensation Program (CalVCP). Under this bill, the CalVCP Board can consider a statement from a sexual assault counselor or licensed therapist to support a claim for restitution. This piece of legislation is an outcome of CALCASA testimony at a hearing on Military Sexual Assault for the California Assembly's Oversight Committee on Veteran Affairs on October 28, 2013.

PRODUCTS & TOOLS AVAILABLE

Salary Survey

The Salary Survey of California Rape Crisis Center positions was released for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. The report is broken down by rural, suburban, and urban centers with median averages for all categories. Having current, accurate, and relevant data from other centers with similar demographics as your agency can be extremely valuable when working with your Board of Directors, stakeholders and donors, as well as recruiting potential employees and keeping great employees. To receive a copy of the salary survey please contact info@calcasa.org.

PreventConnect's eLearning website is a clearinghouse of information on primary prevention strategies. This learning "hub" for prevention practitioners allows for state-level, national and international dialogues and contains a library of course lessons with learning goals, outcomes, and expectations along with materials and ways to connect with others. The latest courses include: Introduction to Sexual Health; Coalition Building and Trust Management; and Collaboration. Find all the information here: learn.preventconnect.org.

Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference Series

CALCASA's national project, PreventConnect, collaborated with the Ms. Foundation for Women to continue its partnership to host the #PowerInPrevention Ending Child Abuse Prevention Web Conference series. Topics in this online clearinghouse include child sexual abuse within the sexual violence prevention movement; faith communities; statute of limitations; prevention movement efforts; survivor stories; preventing child sexual abuse in youth-serving organizations; policy changes that help and hinder our work; and using media to end child sexual abuse. Recordings and materials from the 2012-2014 web series can be found at: www.preventconnect.org/2013/06/ecs_a_series_2013_2014.



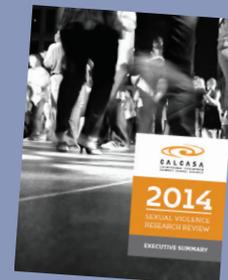
Natalie Sullivan, Ms. Foundation for Women and the PreventConnect/CALCASA Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference Team at the National Sexual Assault Conference 2013

RECENTLY RELEASED

1. Sexual Violence Research Review

The Sexual Violence Research Review provides summaries of research on sexual violence released from 2005-2014. This in-depth compendium can assist rape crisis centers in targeted funding proposals, community outreach, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The 2014 Research Review was distributed with the SAAM toolkit in April.

The full, 76-page Executive Report is available on CALCASA's website at www.calcasa.org/resources/publications. To learn how to become a CALCASA member or renew your membership, please look on page 8 of this newsletter.



2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Toolkit

We hope these tools helped you to prepare and served as valuable resources during SAAM and throughout the year. Download a copy of the Toolkit at www.dropbox.com/sh/3128nqr74lg300/He1PM9gp9D.



3. Denim Day Toolkit

Denim Day 2014 materials were made available to each Rape Crisis Center.



Sexual Assault Awareness Month(SAAM) Student Summit

As a kick off to SAAM, CALCASA brought a diverse group of student voices to the table to identify ways that their universities and colleges and community based rape crisis centers are effectively responding and could develop better responses to sexual violence on campus. The goal is to look beyond simple compliance with legislative mandates (Title IX, Clery, VAWA, California Statute) and build capacity to develop responses and prevention strategies that are inclusive of student needs.

Student needs from traditionally underserved communities (students of color, veteran students, community college students, non-residential, LGBTQ, International students and others) are frequently left out of the conversation on campuses. These groups are much more likely to seek out services from community resources than from universities. Therefore, CALCASA hosted the STUDENT SUMMIT TO ADDRESS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES, on April 3rd and 4th in Sacramento, with a focus on bringing together students from these communities to discuss and make recommendations about Response, Resources, Policies and Prevention.



50 students from around the state representing diverse communities and campuses collaborated on developing recommendations for statewide legislators and funders on best practices for addressing sexual assault on college campuses. These students presented their recommendations to a panel of legislators, funders and community stakeholders and provided specific examples of how these recommendations could be applied on the ground at colleges and universities around the state.

CALCASA IN CALIFORNIA & THE NATION

Elevating the issue of sexual violence and the important services offered by rape crisis centers is the hallmark of the work occurring at CALCASA. As the voice of California centers, CALCASA engages in state and national partnerships to insure that your voices are heard. By focusing on rape crisis centers as the hub for victim services, opportunities for funding and resources become available. Here are some highlights of recent partnerships and speaking engagements:

- **CALIFORNIA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (CASOMB):** Sandra Henriquez, CALCASA Executive Director, is a CASOMB Board Member and provides context in the development of victim-centered approaches to sex offender management. California has more registered sex offenders than any other state in the nation.
- **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) RAPE PREVENTION EDUCATION (RPE) STAKEHOLDERS GROUP:** CALCASA met with the national RPE Stakeholder Group, a multidisciplinary team made up of sexual violence coalitions, the RPE Director's Council and national resource centers on sexual violence, to provide input to CDC on future directions of the national RPE program.
- **ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS (ATSA):** CALCASA is working closely with ATSA on their October 2014 Annual Meeting to provide a pre-conference institute for victim advocates. Additionally, CALCASA's David Lee sits on ATSA's Prevention Committee to bring the voice of sexual violence prevention practitioners with a focus on rape crisis centers, victim advocacy organizations and sexual violence coalitions.
- **VAWA RULE MAKING COMMITTEE:** Denice Labertew was selected as a Negotiator during the National Department of Education's VAWA rule making process. This group developed regulations for the implementation of the Campus SaVE act and new Clery requirements in VAWA 2013. As a negotiator on behalf of advocacy organizations, Denice's role was to ensure that the voices of survivors and

advocates are heard at the table. The outcome was a set of regulations that will support survivors by ensuring access to a support person and the implementation of campus wide comprehensive prevention programs, among other things.

- **THE U.S. ARMY'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE AND PREVENTION (SHARP) SUMMIT:** In January 2014, Sandra Henriquez spoke at the U.S. Army SHARP Summit about victim centered approaches to service and breaking the isolation around sexual assault in the military.
- **UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S DIALOGUE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:** David Lee, Director of Prevention Services, was a featured speaker during this two-day dialogue in February 2014 aimed at higher education communities on the complexities of sexual misconduct among college students. David represented California and the work of PreventConnect to this national audience.
- **NATIONAL INTIMATE PARTNER AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVEY (NISVS):** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control developed the NISVS which is the first government sponsored, national, population-based survey dedicated solely to describing and monitoring sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence from a public health perspective. The most recent report from NISVS, Intimate Partner Violence in the United States – 2010 describes the prevalence and context of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) victimization using data from the 2010 survey. CALCASA hosted the web conference on March 26 with the author of the report to the country. Previous reports included the 2010 Summary Report and Victimization by Sexual Orientation. To view NISVS reports and recordings of PreventConnect web conferences about the report, please visit: www.preventconnect.org/2013/07/new-materials-from-the-national-intimate-partner-and-sexual-violence-survey-nisvs/.

White House Task Force on Protecting Students from Sexual Assault

In February, CALCASA ensured California's participation in the White House Task Force on Protecting Students from Sexual Assault. CALCASA sponsored UC Davis senior and co-President of UC Davis Women's Health Initiative, Sarah Yang, to join students from around the country to share ways to craft more effective, victim-centered policies to address sexual violence on campus. Working with campuses to better address sexual violence is a statewide legislative priority for CALCASA in 2014. Ms. Yang's participation in this national task force aligns with SB 967 in California.



Lynn Rosenthal, United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women and Sarah Yang

Just Detention International Partnership

Just Detention International (JDI) has partnered with CALCASA to conduct trainings in each of CALCASA's regions on *Working with Incarcerated Survivors of Sexual Assault*. These regional trainings focus on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), the role of Rape Crisis Center advocates in serving these populations and strategies for providing effective services to survivors in detention.

CALCASA and JDI launched this partnership as a response to multiple inquiries from both sexual assault programs and corrections workers on how to address sexual assault in detention facilities, and regulations in PREA. JDI made a commitment to equip California rape crisis centers with the necessary tools to work effectively with this community and population.

In addition to their participation in the National Sexual Assault Conference in 2013, trainings have taken place at the Bay, Central Coast, and Mid-Coast region meetings. Future trainings are scheduled for Los Angeles on May 23, 2014 and dates are pending for the Central Valley Region and a "virtual" training for the North Region.



Ellen Yin Wycoff, Verna Griffin-Tabor, Ann McCarty, and Assembly member AI Muratsuchi, Chair - CA Assembly Veteran Affairs Committee

Leadership, Education & Advancement for Professionals (LEAP) Academy Success

In February 2014, CALCASA – in partnership with the Women of Color Network (WOC) – hosted the LEAP Academy, sponsored by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The LEAP Academy provided a three-day leadership development for nineteen current and emerging women of color leaders working on sexual assault and domestic violence issues from across the nation, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



LEAP Cohort Class of 2014

CAMPUS PROGRAM

CALCASA's work as a national technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women's Campus Grant Program has provided us with the opportunity to bring a critical perspective to the work of universities and colleges around the nation. In addition, CALCASA is looked at as a national, statewide and international leader on addressing these issues on college campuses

Most recently, CALCASA has focused on the development of college campuses in 3 main areas:

1. **BEING SURVIVOR CENTERED:** In order for universities to be successful in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on their campuses, it is critical that they account for the needs of the survivor. Each survivor experiences trauma differently and seeks out help from very different places. In addition, it is critical to use a lens of individual and community trauma experiences when designing policies and responses to sexual violence on campus. Ensuring that individual survivors are not re-traumatized by the system and recognizing the community trauma of rape culture are the keys to developing a survivor centered approach.
2. **COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:** Universities can be very insular communities and oftentimes survivors are fearful of disclosure because "someone might find out". Additionally, universities have specific regulations that may prevent them from protecting the privacy of survivors and keeping their stories their own. Finally, we all exist in an environment of dwindling resources that diminish our ability to effectively provide all of our programs. By creating collaborative relationships with community rape crisis and domestic violence programs, universities can support survivor needs, allow for support outside of the institution in any pending criminal cases and supplement their work by bringing in community partners to support response and prevention work.
3. **COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION:** We advocate for universities to develop comprehensive models of prevention when doing prevention work on campus. "Programs in a box" frequently do not meet the needs of the campus community as a whole, and don't reinforce an institutional commitment to prevention. Comprehensive prevention programs should include a range of strategies that are culturally relevant, including primary prevention, bystander programs, women's empowerment programming and healthy masculinity programs as well as develop effective responses and policies.

California Assembly's Oversight Hearing of the Veteran Affairs Committee Provides More Visibility to California Rape Crisis Centers

Ellen Yin-Wycoff, along with two representatives from rape crisis centers, provided testimony at the California Assembly's Oversight Hearing of the Veteran Affairs Committee with the Legislative Women's Caucus on Military Sexual Trauma: How It Impacts California and What Supportive Services are in Place for Survivors.

Ann McCarty, Associate Director from North County Rape Crisis and Protection Center in Lompoc and Verna Griffin-Tabor, Executive Director for Community Solutions in San Diego provided key testimony on how their centers provide services to survivors of military sexual assault. Their testimony highlighted the vital service that rape crisis centers play in providing free, confidential services to survivors of military sexual assault. In addition, they spoke of the need for additional funding and resources to fully address the needs of military survivors and their families.

CALCASA provided three recommendations to the Joint Committee:

1. Increase funding to rape crisis centers to fully support military survivors of sexual assault and their families.
2. Require training on assessment for sexual violence and trauma for staff at Veteran Affairs/Service Offices across the state. Additionally, recommend Veteran Affairs collaborate with rape crisis centers to enhance cross-referrals for survivors.
3. Amend the California Victims Compensation regulations to include the needs of survivors of military sexual assault, even if no formal report occurs. This recommendation served as the impetus behind AB 2545 (Lowenthal), which is before the California state legislature this session.

2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2013 Snapshot

92	Trainings, Conferences and Webinars
524	Training and Technical Assistance Calls
6,727	Materials Downloaded and/or Distributed
73	California Rape Crisis Centers Received Technical Assistance
13	California Regional Meetings
541	Listserv Messages
105	Blog Posts
2,411	Tweets



Dolores Huerta, Dolores Huerta Foundation



Stacy Alamo-Mixon, California Department of Public Health; Lynn Rosenthal, The United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women; Faye Washington, YWCA Greater Los Angeles; Sandra Henriquez, CALCASA and Mark S. Ghilarducci, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

INSPIRE A MOVEMENT INVEST IN CHANGE IMAGINE... NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE 2013

In August, 2013, CALCASA hosted the National Sexual Assault Conference, which enjoyed record-breaking attendance. More than 1,300 people from across the globe gathered in Hollywood, California to inspire a movement.

CALCASA partnered with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for this week-long national conference.

Hailing from the United States, the territories, and seven countries, conference participants were treated to plenary sessions and 114 workshops, including some of the world's most innovative sexual violence prevention experts. California Rape Crisis Centers had a strong presence in the organization of the conference and the training elements, including: East Los Angeles Women's Center, YWCA of Greater Los Angeles, Center for the Pacific Asian Family, Peace Over Violence, and Project SISTER.

Highlights included plenary speakers Dolores Huerta, Dolores Huerta Foundation; Carmen Rios, SPARK Movement; Michael Kimmel, Ph.D., leading researcher and writer on masculinity; Mira Yusef, MSW, M.A., Monsoon United Asian Women of Iowa; Jacob Chevalier, STAND & SERVE Peer Educator, Peer Solutions; and Faye Washington, YWCA Greater Los Angeles.



Khmer Thai Laos Dance Troupe, Los Angeles

"I was thrilled and humbled to be in the presence of a diverse range of movement makers. From service providers to therapists to policy makers to teachers to activists (and many, many more), we roamed the halls, meeting rooms and streets of Hollywood strategizing about how to end the culture of violence and sexual abuse that is so pervasive in our lives and communities."

— NSAC Participant

VISIONARY VOICE AWARD RECIPIENT



CALCASA was pleased to nominate California's own Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney, for the Visionary Voice award given by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). In conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, this award recognizes the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence.

Nancy is a long time contributor and supporter of the movement to end sexual violence in California, especially on behalf of rape crisis centers. She has been a trusted ally and voice for funding and policies to support our field. She currently sits as Chair of the Sex Offender Management Board. She has co-sponsored vital legislation including SB 782 – SAVE Act, SB 782 and SB 107 which ensured VAWA compliance and funding for California. Ms. O'Malley is the co-sponsor of AB1517 – Rape Kit Backlog.

Nancy is a nationally recognized expert in issues involving violence against women, sexual assault and sexual assault against persons with disabilities, and other forms of interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, stalking/threat management and human exploitation and trafficking (HEAT). During her 30-year career, Ms. O'Malley has distinguished herself as an effective prosecutor, an ardent advocate for vulnerable victims, a vigilant voice for the underserved, and a leader known throughout the state and country for her innovation and vision.

Nancy was honored at the 2014 Denim Day event at the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEB CONFERENCE

May 14, 2014, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm
**Comprehensive Primary Prevention –
Bringing it All Together**

This web conference will follow-up on the trainings on logic models, using data for prevention strategies held in 2013 and 2014. Regional trainings on prevention strategies and using data to address concerns raised in previous trainings and web conferences.

PreventConnect's 2014 Web Conference Series

MAY 21: Public Sector Partnerships – The role of local government in sexual and domestic violence prevention initiatives
(in collaboration with Prevention Institute)

MAY 27: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus: Implications for Prevention

JUNE 26: All Communities are Not Created Equal – Advancing health equity goals to enhance sexual and domestic violence prevention efforts
(in collaboration with Prevention Institute)

SEPTEMBER 17: Shifting our Goal from Individual Knowledge Change to a Community Mobilized for Norms Change – What does it take to move from a skills building focus to practice and policy change success?
(in collaboration with Prevention Institute)

Just Detention International Training

MAY 23: Southern Region Meeting, Los Angeles

TBA: Central Valley Region and Northern Region (virtual) – follow @calcasa or www.calcasa.org

Campus Program Trainings

JUNE 9-12: OVW Summer Training and Technical Assistance Institute – Atlanta, Georgia

2014 CALCASA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 30-July 2, 2014
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, CA

JUNE 30: Pre-Conference Institute

Executive Directors Meeting

Advocacy Institute

OVC Training – Strengthening Military-Civilian Partnerships to Address Sexual Assault in the Military

JULY 1 – JULY 2: General Conference

CALCASA RECEPTION: July 1, at CALCASA's offices. Please join us to tour our offices, meet California Legislators & mingle with your sister Rape Crisis Centers.

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