TRACK SUMMARIES

Building Bridges Between Victim Advocacy and Sex Offender Management:
By using a social justice lens, we have the opportunity to reimagine and build linkages between rape crisis victim advocates and sex offender management treatment providers. It is essential that victim advocacy works more closely with survivors to manage the complexities surrounding healing and empowerment as it relates to interfamilial abuse, and with treatment providers to prevent re-offense.

Serving Incarcerated Survivors and Improving Correctional System Response:
With the successful passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), incarcerated settings are making changes to improve their response to sexual assault. This workshop track will connect advocates working with incarcerated survivors to resources and promising practices, while creating room for authentic conversations to support survivors who are incarcerated. This track has several interactive workshops facilitated by advocates who have worked in and around incarcerated settings - including prisons, jails, and probation. It will also host a critical conversation around internal and external bias that can create barriers in serving those who are currently or formerly incarcerated.

Centering the Margins - Holistic Approaches to Serving Marginalized Communities: As the field enters its 45th year, it is essential that our movement evaluates the solutions that we have adopted and the impact of these solutions on communities that have been largely overlooked. This track will lift up the needs from communities that have been traditionally marginalized, with a goal of elevating culturally appropriate strategies as we plan for the next 40 years.

Collaborating with Campuses to End Sexual Assault: Colleges and universities are involved in sweeping systemic changes in how they respond to and prevent sexual assault. This track will create various spaces for advocates, campus staff and students, and other stakeholders to learn from each other, build relationships, and think creatively about collaboration to end sexual assault on campus. Among the workshops in the track is an advocacy workshop for community-based and campus-based advocates to connect on best practices in working on and around campus to support survivors and prevent sexual assault. The track also includes highlights from a local program using community mobilization and engagement strategies to shift rape culture norms on their campus.