

# West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



### ENGAGEMENT

- Facilitated 6 statewide listservs with 363 participants
- Launched partnership with WVU Center For Excellence in Disabilities to facilitate the first statewide cohort of trainers for the Sexual Health Education Project for people with developmental disabilities
- Implemented LGBTQ+ Action Plan for Inclusive Services and created a resource toolkit on the intersection of values and policies



### EXPANSION

- WVFRIS welcomed Family Crisis Intervention Center to its membership- the first new rape crisis center in WV in 25 years
- Created a new statewide listserv, the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Network, and coordinated 6 regional networking calls
- Added WV State Police Crime Lab and WV Courts to the WV Sexual Assault Response Training Team
- Developed new resources, including a Bystander Intervention series and Stalking Train the Trainer Toolkit
- Expanded the WV Intercollegiate Council Against Sexual Violence to include community colleges

### EMPOWERMENT

- Coordinated 67 trainings reaching 2,440 attendees
- Trained 18 new rape crisis center advocates
- Hosted a two-day retreat for rape crisis center directors
- Coordinated a two-day prevention training retreat for rape crisis center prevention staff
- Certified 10 sexual assault victim advocates





## Virtual Connections

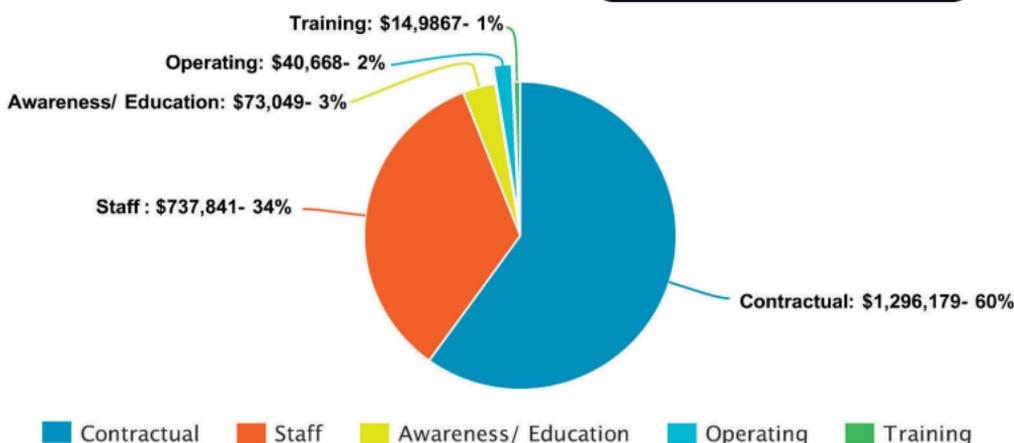
- Facebook: 355 posts; 190 new followers; 1,189 total followers from 22 countries and a reach of 42,778
- Website: 57,537 page views; 31,569 new visitors from 170 countries
- YouTube: 35 new videos posted; 612 views; 95 hours watch time; 8 new subscribers

## Special Project Highlight



In 2015, West Virginia was one of the first states awarded Bureau of Justice, National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative funds to inventory and test sexual assault kits that had been collected but never submitted to the crime lab for testing. This eventual statewide project has tested 2,665 previously unsubmitted/untested kits, resulting in 980 DNA profiles entered into the national DNA database and culminating (to date) in 376 hits, matching profiles of offenders across 25 states and Puerto Rico. Partnerships on the state and local levels have brought justice and closure for numerous victims through this project, which has resulted in the creation of a statewide kit tracking system and legislation mandating the direct submission of reported kits to the lab for testing.

## Expenditures



## IN APPRECIATION

*We thank you!*

- LaCoss Family Foundation for their generous support of our work
- West Virginia Legislature for increased funding for intervention and prevention
- WVU Council for Gender Equity for their annual fundraising event supporting SANE trainings