

Women's Resource Center *of the New River Valley*



FY 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

Founded in 1977, the mission of the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley (WRCNRV) is to implement individual and social change for a violence-free community in the New River Valley region of Virginia by providing programs and services to adults and children who have experienced sexual or domestic violence, and by providing education, training, and prevention programming to the public and to allied professionals.

MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Greetings! It is our honor to share with you this Annual Report for our Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). You'll find this report hitting your mailboxes a little later than usual, a sign that this past year was indeed another full of both challenges and celebrations. We started this year still in the pandemic, still operating under strict health and safety regulations, and with the news that our budget would be cut by over \$524,000 due to reductions in funding available to local programs from state agencies. We were able to recoup some of those losses due to the timely availability of American Rescue Plan Act funds and support for this work within the Virginia General Assembly, but we walked into this fiscal year with significantly fewer staff members responding to a steady number of survivors and victims of sexual and domestic violence. In fact, some of our programs saw marked increases in demand. For example, requests for a WRC advocate to be present with victims of sexual or domestic violence at the emergency room increased by 24% this year.

While that sounds dire, true to our community's form it was also a year of celebrations. Our Outreach Team continues to respond to education requests, 11% more than the year prior. Our Volunteer Program continues to rebound from the pandemic restrictions, with 56% more volunteers providing 28% more hours of service than the year before. And finally, it was this year in which we were able to realize for the first time a goal of securing at least 25% of our income from local supporters, a goal we hope to achieve again for years to come with the support of folks like you. The ebb and flow of state and federal systems and their funding do not sway the certainty with which we do this work, or the certainty with which our community supports the WRC's mission.

You have heard us talk before about the importance of shining light in this community. It was in June of 1977, 45 years ago, that a group of citizens chose to shine a light on the needs of domestic violence survivors by opening the Commonwealth's first domestic violence shelter and hotline here in the New River Valley. This year our staff, volunteers, board, and community continue to rally around the call to provide safe and healing spaces and services for victims to become survivors. As we move forward into the next 45 years, the year just completed underscores for us the necessity of local support in the form of time, talents, and resources.

Thank you for holding the light with us, even and especially during the dark or difficult times.

Together towards peace,

Laura Beth Weaver
Executive Director

Lisa Hammett
Fiscal Year 2022 Board President

Pictured below: WRC staff work throughout the year to provide outreach and education to the community and are supported by technical assistance from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (top left) and are grateful for donations such as this one from 100+ Women Who Care (top left center). For more information about making a donation or coordinating an outreach effort, email director@wrcnr.org.



PROGRAM SERVICE NUMBERS JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

2,187
HOTLINE CRISIS CALLS

433
EMERGENCY ADVOCACY
DV & SA (ADULTS & CHILDREN
SERVED AT LOCAL HOSPITALS)
233 PRIMARY | 210 SECONDARY

722
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
VICTIMS SERVED
453 ADULTS | 269 CHILDREN

9,983 NIGHTS OF SHELTER (EMERGENCY & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING)

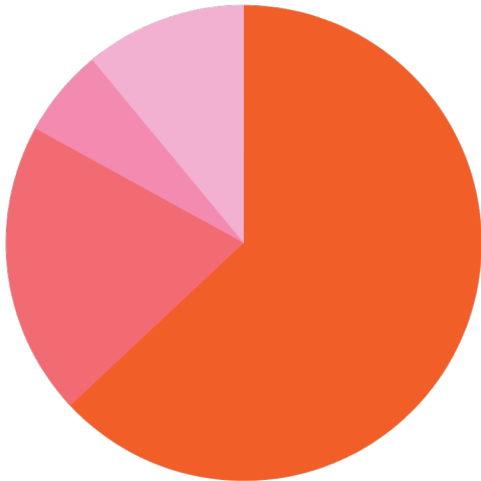
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SEXUAL ASSAULT
VICTIMS SERVED
455 ADULTS | 157 CHILDREN

202
EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATIONS
5,295 PEOPLE ATTENDING

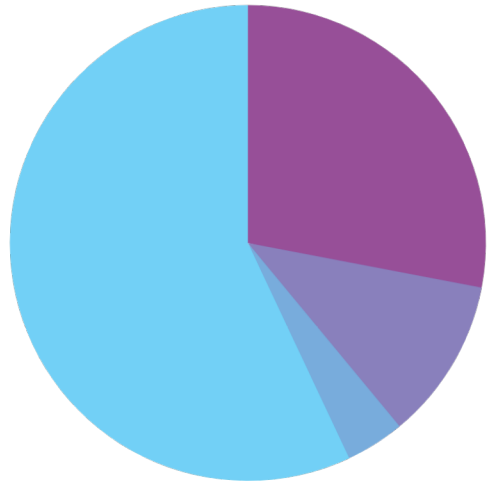
215
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS
5,329
VOLUNTEER HOURS

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

EXPENSES



REVENUES



Domestic Violence Program 63%

Administrative Support Services 11%

Community Engagement Program 6%

Sexual Violence Program 20%

Private Contributions 28%

Federal Grants 57%

Local Government,
United Way, and Interest 4%

State Grants 11%

PROGRAM DIRECTORS AT YEAR-END

Laura Beth Weaver, Executive Director

Tammy Pennington, Operations Director

Katie Mey, Emergency Shelter Program Coordinator

Rebecca Stanley, Transitional Housing Program Coordinator

Graham Daniels, Community Engagement Coordinator

Mary Forti, Volunteer Coordinator

Patty McComas Hall, Sexual Violence Program Coordinator

Sherry Kramer, Coordinator of Children's Counseling

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BOARD MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 | OCTOBER 13, 2021 | NOVEMBER 10, 2021 | DECEMBER 8, 2021

FEBRUARY 9, 2022 | MARCH 9, 2022 | APRIL 13, 2022 | MAY 18, 2022 | JUNE 8, 2022

