

END SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN CALIFORNIA

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)

CALCASA provides leadership, vision and resources to rape crisis centers, individuals and other entities committed to ending sexual violence. CALCASA is committed to ending sexual violence through a multifaceted approach of prevention, intervention, education, research, advocacy and public policy. Through ongoing communication and meetings with constituents, CALCASA relays the challenges and successes of local work to the statewide and national levels - and best practices, evidence-based and practice-based programs at the state and national levels to local constituents. For more information visit www.calcasa.org

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (the Partnership) is California's recognized domestic violence coalition, representing over 1,000 survivors, advocates, organizations and allied individuals across the state. Working at the state and local levels for nearly 40 years, the Partnership has a long track record of successfully advocating for over 200 pieces of legislation on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. The Partnership believes that by sharing expertise, advocates and legislators can help end domestic violence. For more information, visit cpedv.org

“American society is trapped in a cycle of panic and neglect. ... But there is reason to think that COVID-19 might be a disaster that leads to more radical and lasting change.”

Ed Yong
How the Pandemic Will End



In order to end sexual and domestic violence in California, we need to lead with prevention. We are advocating for \$15 million in ongoing state funding to make this a reality.

We appreciate Senator Jim Beall and Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio for championing this request for the third consecutive year.

This pandemic has brought light to a crisis within a crisis. For too many Californians, the social isolation needed to stop COVID-19 has intensified the danger of intimate partner violence. Without an ongoing state investment in prevention, high rates of tragedy and trauma will persist: an estimated 3.3 million California women and men experience intimate partner violence each year.^[1] Nation-wide, 54% of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming people reported physical or coercive violence from a partner in 2015.

PREVENTION WORKS

Our state urgently needs to get proactive, and provide ongoing funding to prevent sexual and domestic violence in the first place.

Sheltering at home shouldn't lead to more violence—but survivors and their children are currently exposed to abusive behaviors with fewer opportunities to seek help. If healthy relationship and consent skills are built into the fabric of Californians' lives, we could avoid the devastating outcomes we're currently seeing. This doesn't have to be a part of our reality.

When we invest in prevention, we ensure that all generations—especially youth—have the tools to break the cycle of intergenerational violence. With \$15 million in ongoing funding, preventionists can deepen evidenced-based work to:

- + Engage influential adults to provide mentorship and guidance to youth. This includes teachers, coaches, and parents.
- + Promote healthy masculinity and emotional health among boys and young men.
- + Encourage youth leadership to enhance peer knowledge of healthy relationships and bystander empowerment.
- + Disrupt the developmental pathways toward partner violence, including parenting skill and family relationship programs, as well as working with at-risk children and families
- + Create protective environments by improving school climate and safety, further developing the physical and social environments of neighborhoods, and enhancing organizational policies and workplace climates.
- + Reduce financial stress as a risk factor of intimate partner violence, and strengthen economic supports for families.
- + Enhance survivor safety and lessen harms

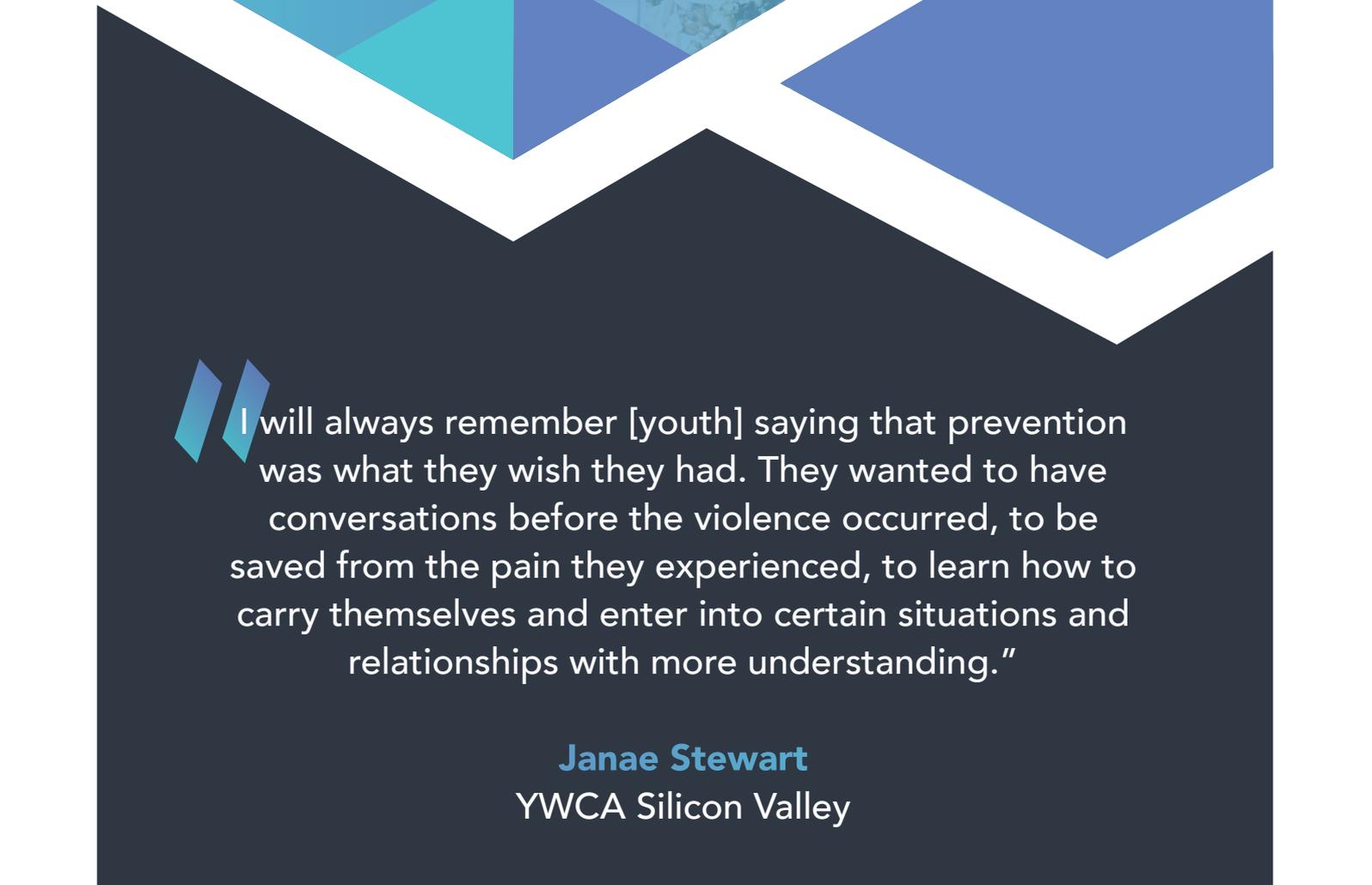
For the past two years, the Governor and legislature saw promise in our request for prevention funding, providing one-time allocations. Please help us build upon this progress today with \$15 million in ongoing funding to prevent sexual and domestic violence. An investment now, during this critical moment in time, will create positive ripple effects for years to come.

1. Smith, S.G., Chen, J., Basile, K.C., Gilbert, L.K., Merrick, M.T., Patel, N., Walling, M., & Jain, A. (2017). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010-2012 State Report. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



“I am a survivor, and I work with survivors and people who harm. I know that people who harm learned aggressive behavior by being harmed and being shown harmful behavior as normal. I would rather see people learn to interact in healthy ways BEFORE there is harm, suffering and a need for healing.”

Kendall Evans, LMFT
Association for Batterers
Intervention Program



“I will always remember [youth] saying that prevention was what they wish they had. They wanted to have conversations before the violence occurred, to be saved from the pain they experienced, to learn how to carry themselves and enter into certain situations and relationships with more understanding.”

Janae Stewart
YWCA Silicon Valley

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTERS

ACCESS Women's Health Justice
ACLU of California
Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
Alliance for Community Transformations
Building Futures
California National Organization for Women
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Center for Community Solutions
Center for Domestic Peace
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Coalition for Family Harmony
Community Action Partnership of Madera County
Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse
Community Resource Center
Contra Costa County
Corona-Norco United Way
Crystal's Senior Services LLC
Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.
eleven24, Inc.
Empower Yolo, Inc.
Eve's Place
Family Services of Tulare County
Family Violence Law Center
Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
Harrington House/Rural Human Services
Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus
Helping Hands Resource Center
House of Ruth, Inc.
Human Options
Interface Children & Family Services
Korean American Family Services
Lake Family Resource Center
Lassen Family Services, Inc.
Laura's House
Legal Aid at Work
License to Freedom
Los Angeles LGBT Center
Lumos Transforms
Maitri
Marjaree Mason Center
Mary Kay Sales Force
Monarch Services of Santa Cruz County
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
Morongo Basin Unity Home Inc,
My Sister's House
National Center for Youth Law
National Compadres Network
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center
Option House, Inc.
Peace Over Violence
Plumas Rural Services
Prevention Institute
Project Sanctuary
Public Health Advocates
RedRover
RISE
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
Rotary District 5130
Safe Housing Now
SafeQuest Solano, Inc.
San Francisco Women Against Rape
SAVE
Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center
Stand Strong
Strategic Prevention Solutions
Strength United
The Positive Results Corporation
The Resource Connection
The Women's Building, San Francisco
The Women's Foundation of California
Tri-Valley Haven
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center
Women's Center - Youth & Family Services
Women's Center - High Desert, Inc.
Youth ALIVE!
YWCA Monterey County
YWCA Silicon Valley

Supporting Crisis Services Impacted By COVID-19

Domestic Violence & Housing

Sheltering in place is needed to stop the spread of COVID-19—but home isn't a safe place for everyone. The State of California must invest \$30 million to support the safety and well-being of domestic violence survivors, and meet these survivors' needs beyond when the sheltering in place orders are lifted.

Housing for domestic violence survivors was an already urgent issue, and has become even more so in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. Current resources simply do not meet the need, and we see survivors waiting for the relief of a safe roof over their heads.

Year after year, we see these impacts in the [National Census of Domestic Violence Services](#). During a 24-hour survey period in 2019, 96 domestic violence programs in California provided 3,307 survivors and their children with emergency and transitional housing. **On that same day, however, 630 requests for housing went unmet due to lack of resources and availability.**

Survivors are often overlooked as a portion of our homeless population, despite the fact that domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness. They must be included in our state's COVID-19 response, with funding reaching domestic violence providers.

Rape Crisis Centers Adapting Service Delivery

For rape crisis centers and sexual assault programs, there has been an immediate need to shift all services that are provided to survivors of sexual assault to now be available remotely. This means that in-person crisis counseling, and even more critically, in-person hospital accompaniments for sexual assault forensic exams, are being conducted virtually. This has also been the case for domestic violence organizations, which have begun to implement remote counseling, legal, and prevention services.

Rape crisis centers have reported that their top expense since the COVID-19 pandemic began has been securing the proper technology for their staff to provide these services at a safe distance, including purchasing laptops, high speed internet, and secure videoconferencing technology. This is an unprecedented shift that we are making in California's safety net, and rape crisis centers are struggling to meet the needs of survivors of sexual assault while operating on reduced funding from prior budget years.

We're calling on the Governor and legislature to support three vital budget requests for domestic and sexual violence services:

- + Senator Rubio is leading a budget request for \$30 million to support domestic violence housing programs and the wrap-around services that go along with them. These programs are the foundation of our state's response to homelessness caused by domestic violence — and include emergency shelter, transitional housing, and the Domestic Violence Housing First program.
- + In the Assembly, Assemblymember Cunningham is leading an effort for \$10 million for the domestic violence emergency shelter program. This is one component of Senator Rubio's comprehensive budget request.
- + A restoration of the \$5 million in funding for rape crisis centers from the 2018-2019 budget, that will directly support providing comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault.



While we all are told to stay at home to save lives, we cannot forget that for sexual assault and domestic violence victims, home is not safe—and may be deadly. The National Crime Victimization Survey reports sexual assault as the most hidden figure of crime. It is the most underreported crime because 90% of the time it occurs within the home by a relative. This figure will become much more concealed during this global pandemic as victims are forced to endure longer periods of time at home where they are being sexually assaulted.

Domestic violence victims are being forced to share custody of their children with abusers intentionally not following orders to prevent the virus. They are using COVID-19 to amplify fear in victims desperate to protect their children.

Abusers thrive on power and control, and the shelter at home order has magnified that power while decreasing escape options for victims. Domestic violence homicides will go up!

We need financial support to maximize safety and support for victims immediately! The demand for services exceeds the cost of what California is currently providing in the budget."

Tina Rodriguez

Executive Director of Community Action
Partnership of Madera County



The increased need for crisis services—especially housing—will continue throughout the upcoming fiscal year. And as we flatten the COVID curve and return to normalcy, we expect the need for services to spike again. The State of California cannot fully address the impacts of COVID-19 and homelessness without addressing survivors' needs. Please add your support as the budget process needs forward.

"An individual's risk of physical and sexual harm significantly increases when they are confined with their abuser. Each day at Center for Community Solutions, our advocates are fielding calls from distressed individuals who are seeking more resources than ever before. We are committed to helping them in any way we can – through our three shelters, 24-hour hotline and advocacy, counseling and legal assistance via phone or video conferencing – but we need more funding to sustain and ramp up our work. We're bracing for an even higher spike in calls when shelter in place orders are lifted."

Verna Griffin Tabor, CEO of Center for Community Solutions

OUR MOVEMENT

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault work to improve resources to vital community organizations throughout the state.

1736 Family Crisis Center
A Better Way Victor Valley Domestic Violence, Inc.
A Community for Peace
A Safe Place
A Window Between Worlds
AACI - Asian Americans for Community Involvement
ADZ Law, LLP
Alameda Health System; Sexual Assault Response & Recovery Team (SARRT)
Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Alliance for Community Transformations
Alpha House A Place for New Beginnings
Alternatives to Domestic Violence
Asian Pacific Women's Center
Asian Women's Shelter
AV Saving Grace
Bakersfield American Indian Health Project
Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)
Building Futures with Women & Children
California State University; Pomona
Casa De Esperanza
Casa de la Familia
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Center Against Sexual Assault of Southwest Riverside County
Center for a Non-Violent Community
Center for Community Solutions
Center for Domestic Peace
Center for the Pacific Asian Family
Center for Violence-Free Relationships
Central California Family Crisis Center
Child & Family Center
Coalition for Family Harmony
Community Action Partnership of Madera County
Community Beyond Violence
Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)
Community Resource Center
Community Solutions
Community United Against Violence
Community Violence Solutions
Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic
DeafSafe/NorCal Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Desert Sanctuary, Inc.
Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County
DOVES of Big Bear Valley
East LA Women's Center
East Los Angeles Women's Center
Empower Tehama
Empower Yolo
Eve's Place
Family Assistance Program
Family Protection & Legal Assistance Clinic, UC Davis School of Law
Family Services of Tulare County
Family Violence Appellate Project
Family Violence Law Center
FreeFrom
Futures Without Violence
Haven Hills
Haven Women's Center
Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus
Home on the Green Pastures
House of Ruth, Inc.
Human Options, Inc
Human Response Network
Human Services Association
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services
Interface Children & Family Services
Interval House
Jenesse Center, Inc
Jewish Family Service Los Angeles - Family Violence Project
Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco
Karen's House
Kene Me-Wu American Indian DV/SA Program
Kings Community Action Organization
Korean American Family Service Center
La Casa de Las Madres
Lake Family Resource Center
Lassen Family Services, Inc.
Laura's House
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
Lideres Campesinas
Live Violence Free
Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
MAITRI
Marjaree Mason Center
Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project
Monarch Services
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center
Morongo Basin Unity Home, Inc.
My Sister's House

OUR MOVEMENT (CONT.)

Napa Emergency Women's Services (NEWS)
Narika
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
North Coast Rape Crisis Team
North County Rape Crisis & Child Protection Center
One SAFE Place
Operation Care
Option House, Inc.
Peace Over Violence
Plumas Crisis Intervention Family Resource and Wellness Centers
Plumas Rural Services
Project Peacemakers
Project Sanctuary
Project Sister Family Services
Prototypes
Rainbow Services, Ltd.
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno
Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention
Rape Trauma Services
Rape Treatment Center at Santa Monica - UCLA Medical Center
RHS Harrington House
Richstone Family Center
RISE San Luis Obispo County
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
Ruby's Place
SAFE Alternatives for Everyone
Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments
SafeQuest Solano, Inc.
Saint John's Program for Real Change
San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services
San Francisco DV Consortium
San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR)
Shalom Bayit
Shelter from the Storm, Inc.
Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center
Sierra Community House (formerly Tahoe SAFE Alliance)
Sikh Family Center
Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center
Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV)
South Asian Network
Southern California Alcohol and Drug Program (Angel Step Inn)
St. Vincent De Paul Society of San Francisco, The Riley Center
Stand Strong
Stand Up Placer
STAND! For Families Free of Violence
Standing Together to End Sexual Assault
Stanislaus Family Justice Center
Strength United
Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition
Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence
Sure Helpline Crisis Center
T.E.A.C.H. Inc.
The Chest Of Hope
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach
The People Concern
The Resource Connection
Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation
Tri-Valley Haven
Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Social Services
University of California Merced; Campus Advocacy Resources and Education
University of California; Irvine; Campus Assault Resources and Education
University of California; Santa Barbara Campus Advocacy Resources and Education
University of California; Santa Cruz; Campus Advocacy; Resources and Education
Valley Oasis
Verity
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center
Waymakers
WEAVE, Inc.
Westside Domestic Violence Shelter
Wild Iris Family Counseling & Crisis Center
WomanHaven
Women Organized to Make Abuse Non-Existent
Women's and Children's Crisis Center
Women's Center - High Desert, Inc.
Women's Center - Youth & Family Services
Women's Center Youth & Family Services
Women's Resource Center
Women's Transitional Living Center
WomenShelter of Long Beach
WomenSV
YWCA Greater Los Angeles
YWCA Monterey County
YWCA of Glendale
YWCA of Sonoma County
YWCA San Diego County
YWCA San Gabriel Valley
YWCA Silicon Valley