

ORANGE COUNTY
Rape Crisis Center



2015-2016
ANNUAL
REPORT



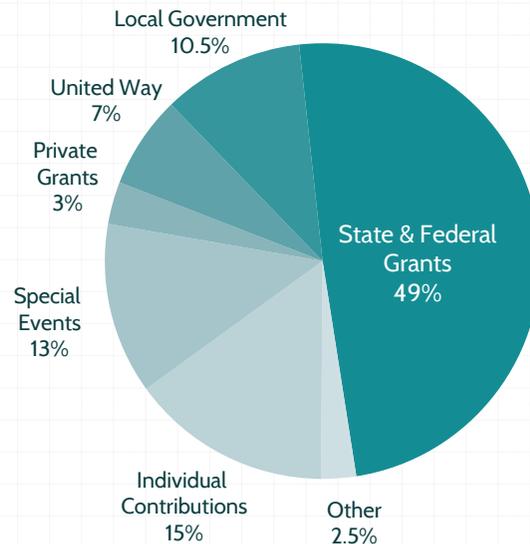
2015-2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Since 1974, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center has championed public health and safety in North Carolina. We are proud of our legacy of service for Orange County and beyond through our 24-Hour Help Line, support groups, and community education programs. With sexual violence at the forefront of the national conversation, we are more dedicated than ever to providing help, hope, and healing to survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones.

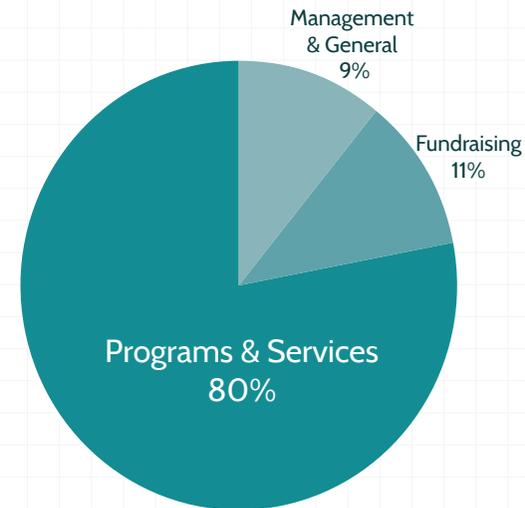
In addition to reaching more and more people with our client services and through our community education programs, we launched our first ever Capital Campaign in early 2016. We have big plans for expansion, such as adding a Bilingual Therapy program, providing additional education programs, offering more professional trainings, and more. This will require more staff, and in turn, more space! Our campaign is truly comprehensive: We're not just purchasing a building; We are ensuring that the Center can grow its services to meet the needs of our community.

As we stretch our resources to provide vital services, we are grateful for the boundless generosity and steadfast support of our volunteers, donors, and community members. We appreciate your dedication to creating a world free from sexual violence. Thank you.

2015-2016 Income



2015-2016 Expenses



2015-2016

Total Income:
\$618,418

Total Expense:
\$624,602

** These figures refer to our annual operating budget only and do not include income and expenses related to the Capital Campaign.*

Staff Members

Pam Andrae, Crisis Response Assistant
Dolores Chandler, Prevention Coordinator
Alyson Culin, Executive Director
Jennifer Grant, Crisis Response Coordinator
Gentry Hodnett, Development & Admin Coordinator
Alexis Kralic, Education & Finance Coordinator
Sarah Pederson, Client Services Assistant
Denisse Horcasitas Ruiz, Latino Services Coordinator
Rachel Valentine, Community Education Director
Bethany Wichman-Buescher, Client Services Director
Anita Woodley, Community Education Assistant

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Providing Help, Hope & Healing

Client Services

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, we served 548 clients. Of those, 71 were Spanish speakers, meaning we saw an 80 percent increase in the number of Spanish speakers served over the past year. Our trained Companions have supported clients through our 24-Hour Help Line, accompanied clients to medical and legal appointments, and given referrals for other vital services. Of those surveyed, 95 percent of help line clients reported having a better understanding of available options and 98 percent reported feeling more understood.

We piloted La Sala, an open support group for Spanish-speaking survivors held jointly with the Compass Center. In total, we offered 7 support groups and 9 workshops this year, reaching 60 English and Spanish speakers. The 2015-2016 fiscal year was our first full year of offering monthly self-care workshops to survivors and their loved ones. One support group participant shared, "I'm still muddling through my journey, but know that on more than one occasion, the Center's support has saved my life..."

In addition to our Help Line and support groups, the Center provided trauma-informed response training for local law enforcement. Representatives from six local jurisdictions attended, including the entire Carrboro Police Department. And after expanding outreach to Orange Correctional Center in 2015, we trained our staff and volunteers on supporting incarcerated survivors. This past fiscal year, we also created *Promotores Latinos*, a new collaboration with St. Thomas More Catholic Church designed to train Spanish-speaking community members on how to support and refer survivors. Through these community partnerships and more, we are able to ensure support for survivors and their loved ones as well as offer resources for professionals and community members.

Community Education

In the 2015-2016 school year, we reached 15,904 youth and adults through 1,006 education programs such as our Safe Touch program for children and our Start Strong program for tweens and teens. Our programs prevent child abuse and bullying by teaching kids to identify inappropriate behavior, develop an understanding of boundaries and consent, and stand against sexual violence in their schools and communities. Our largest program, Safe Touch, is presented annually to every elementary school classroom in Chapel-Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) and Orange County Schools (OCS) as well as to a number of independent schools and private groups. In addition to our youth programs, we offer parent and teacher education programs to help adults talk to kids about safety.

This past year, we hosted workshops on *Sexual Violence in Teen Lives* for parents and teens, partnered with the CHCCS Special Needs Advocacy Council to host a training for parents of children with disabilities, and offered workshops for teachers on how to discuss sexual violence in the classroom. After working with a Capstone team from the UNC School of Public Health to review Title IX best practices for K-12 schools, we trained all social workers and counselors in CHCCS on trauma-informed responses to sexual violence.

Our comprehensive approach -- education for kids, parents, and teachers -- works to empower whole communities in preventing violence through an effective, long-lasting model.

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The Orange County Rape Crisis Center is a nonprofit agency serving the Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough, and surrounding communities. Our mission is to stop sexual violence and its impact through support, education, and advocacy. We envision a just and equitable world free of sexual violence and all other forms of oppression.

Our services include our 24-Hour Help Line, support groups, workshops, and therapy referrals. Additionally, the Center offers education programs for both raising awareness about sexual violence and teaching prevention skills.



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