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STAR's mission is to prevent sexual trauma and provide comprehensive, collaborative crisis intervention, advocacy and support to victims/survivors, their families, and our communities.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the STAR Board of Directors and Staff, it is my pleasure to present our 2019 Annual Report. STAR (Standing Together Against Rape, Inc.) is a grassroots non-profit dedicated to serving survivors of sexual trauma, their families and providing prevention strategies and training to our community and state.

STAR has been providing services in Anchorage for over forty years and offers comprehensive, 24/7/365 critical response to those impacted by sexual assault, child sexual abuse, sexual harassment, human trafficking and stalking. While based in Anchorage, STAR does not serve one single geographical area. STAR Direct Service Advocates are often dispatched by State Troopers and other law enforcement jurisdictions to support victims of sex crimes from areas all over the state.

As we continue to stand with survivors and their loved ones, we also remain committed to preventing sexual violence in Alaska. Thank you to our dedicated board of directors, staff, volunteers, community partners and donors for making this work possible.

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# **Alaska Crime Reporting Rates**



According to the latest FBI Uniform Crime Report, Alaska has the nation's highest rate of sexual assault, and violent crime has increased in the state. On average, a rape occurs every 7 hours in our state.

Further, Alaska reports four times more sexual assaults than the national rate: 161.6 per 100,000 Alaska residents compared to 42.6 per 100,000 people nationally, and reported rapes have increased 11% from the previous year.

# "An Ounce of Prevention..."

STAR's Prevention & Education Department has dedicated Staff who work daily to reduce the number of individuals harmed by sexual violence by providing community members of all ages with comprehensive prevention programming - ultimately changing norms that are in place that are tolerant of sexual violence, creating a safer Alaska.

#### Julie Dale Prevention & Education Manager

# Looking Ahead

STAR's Prevention & Education Department is continuously updating our curriculum and materials to be more culturally relevant. As our organization shifts our focus to prevention, it is critical for us to expand our capacity to provide more trainings to the community.



STAR'S PREVENTION & EDUCATION F	<u> Y19 OUTREACH</u>
K-12 Students	5,241
Rural Service Providers	288
First Responders	236

# **FY19 DIRECT SERVICES**

# DIRECT SERVICES

Crisis & Support Calls	5,270
People served at SART* Call-outs	322
New Clients	287
Legal Advocacy Support &	3,955
Referrals	

\*SART: Sexual Assault Response Team. In FY19, there was a 28% increase in SART investigations.



STAR's full-time trauma therapist provides free therapy services to survivors of sexual assault and abuse who do not have access through any other means. It is trauma-focused and geared toward crisis stabilization. In FY19, STAR provided 988 free counseling hours.

## VOLUNTEERS

Number of Crisis Line Volunteers: 29 FY19 Volunteer Hours answering the Crisis Line: 2,830

# Looking Ahead: Growing to Meet Capacity

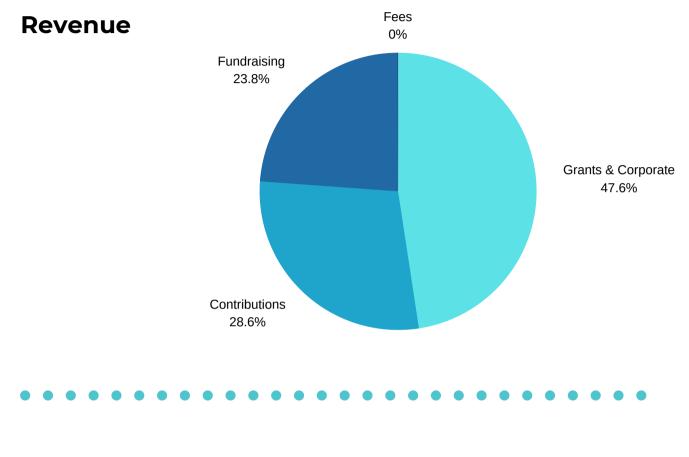
In Fiscal Year 2018, STAR saw a significant increase in requests for services, serving a total of 1,273 unduplicated individuals. There was a 70% increase in office visits and a 20% increase in calls to the statewide sexual assault Crisis Line. In FY 2019, SART responses to support victims of sexual assault report and have evidence collected increased by a significant amount (from the previous high of 260 in 2016 to 322), and calls to the crisis line increased another 17%.

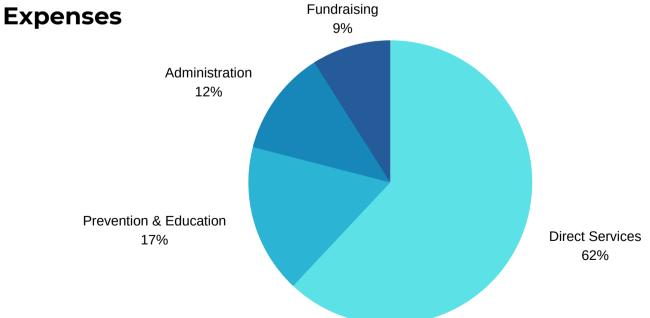
With the ever-increasing need for STAR's Direct Services, we have had to frequently limit scheduling of office visits over the course of the last year due to not having enough staff nor enough space. STAR currently has two intake rooms and a small waiting room. There have been days when staff needed to utilize STAR's conference room, employees' offices, and even a vacant suite in the building to comfortably and confidentially serve emergent walk in clients.

In the fall of 2019, we took action. We decided to expand our office space to make room for more client intake rooms, a secure file storage room and, most importantly, expand our Direct Services to ensure there are enough advocates to provide quality support to victims of violent crime. We expect this project to be completed by the fall of 2020.

If you or your workplace would like to support this project, please contact us at (907) 276-7279 or email jbrown@staralaska.org.

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We invite everyone to join our Constellation Club! Being a part of this giving society means that by giving on a consistent monthly basis you can ensure that when someone needs support, STAR can provide it. Your monthly contribution will help us provide the best possible services that meet the needs of survivors and their loved ones. and will allow us to continue our prevention, education and advocacy efforts.

# **2020 EVENTS**



## **EVE ENSLER'S THE VAGINA MONOLOGES**

February 6, 2020 Bear Tooth TheatrePub



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### **APRIL 2020**

Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month

- 4/5 /vib/ cycle fundraising ride
- 4/6 Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Make it Monday Lunch
- 4/7 Wear Teal Day
  4/18 Flash Tattoo Event at The Hole Look

#### WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES®

April 25, 2020 at The Dimond Center Mall

#### INTERNATIONAL DENIM DAY

April 29, 2020





## Client Feedback: Direct Services What did you most like about your experience at STAR?

<mark>"(My advocate) was easy to talk to and</mark> made me feel comfortable and safe. Thank you."

"The respect and the feeling of actually being heard/cared for."

"Thank you for being here to listen. It has never been easy to talk/acknowledge what happened to me. This means so much to me to be able to/in a spot to move on instead of holding it inside. (My advocate) was amazing."

## **Feedback: Prevention & Education Presentations**

"STAR's Prevention Specialist did a wonderful job setting the tone for such an important topic of conversation. Very clear and easy for students to understand. The positive interaction between the presenter and the students was fantastic."

#### Anchorage School District Educator, Grade 3

"I am truly impressed with how articulate both of your presenters are and how well they carry themselves. They are confident and command a room well and know how to interact with their audience Everything about the presentation was helpful. The slides were well done, and the prevention specialists did an excellent job of conducting training and answering questions. They work incredibly well together and balance each other nicely. One of the best teaching teams I've had the privilege of working with."

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