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Gratitude for a Warmer, Stronger Nonprofit Community



We are deeply grateful to the [Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority](#) and the [Rasmuson Foundation](#) for their generous support in funding a new boiler for the United Nonprofits Building!

This unique building on Fireweed Lane—co-owned by STAR, serves as a hub for vital nonprofit organizations including **Four A's, the Federation of Community Councils, Victims for Justice, Covenant House, ACLU of Alaska, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska, and NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Anchorage**. Dedicated exclusively to nonprofits, the building keeps rent affordable so each organization can focus more on their mission and less on overhead.

Built in 1976, the building had long been in need of essential infrastructure upgrades. Thanks to this funding, we were able to replace the aging boiler in a

way that allowed our nonprofit neighbors to continue their vital work without disruption. In a shared space like ours, where multiple nonprofit organizations serve vulnerable populations and provide critical community services, reliable heating isn't just a convenience—it's a necessity. A functioning boiler ensures that staff, volunteers, and clients can work and gather in a safe, warm environment, especially during Alaska's long winters. This upgrade helps protect the continuity of care and support that so many rely on.

Thank you, AMHT and Rasmuson Foundation, for helping fuel the heart of Alaska's nonprofit community!

New Bipartisan Bill Supports Healing Partnerships for Sexual Assault Survivors



[Read the Press Release](#)

Washington, D.C. — A bipartisan group of lawmakers has introduced the *Healing Partnerships for Survivors Act*, a new bill designed to expand trauma-informed care for survivors of sexual assault. Spearheaded by [Representatives Teresa Leger Fernández \(D-NM\)](#) and [Brian Fitzpatrick \(R-PA\)](#), along with Senators [Lisa Murkowski \(R-AK\)](#) and [Amy Klobuchar \(D-MN\)](#), the legislation aims to strengthen collaboration between community-based sexual assault programs and health and wellness providers.

If passed, the bill would authorize [\\$30 million annually for five years](#) to support culturally relevant, trauma-informed services such as therapy, support groups, housing, holistic healing, and case management. These services would be delivered through stronger partnerships with behavioral health, substance use, and disability service providers.

“Sexual violence isn’t partisan—it affects everyone,” said Rep. Leger Fernández. “This bill invests in the people and places that help survivors take their first steps toward healing.”

Senator Klobuchar added, “Survivors deserve support that addresses both their mental and physical health. This legislation ensures they receive comprehensive care throughout their lives.”

Read the original press release [HERE](#).

Take Action: Help Us Strengthen Support for Survivors

Your voice matters. Contact your representatives and urge them to support the *Healing Partnerships for Survivors Act (H.R.4510)*. Together, we can ensure survivors have access to the care and healing they deserve.

- [Find Your Representative](#)
- Share this newsletter with your network
- Join the conversation on social media using #HealingPartnershipsAct

STAR is proud to support this vital legislation, alongside other advocacy organizations committed to ensuring survivors receive the care, dignity, and healing they deserve.

Take a Stand, One Step at a Time



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Join Us at the Dimond Center for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®!

Lace up your pumps, sandals, platforms, wedges, or work boots and join us for the [2025 Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®](#) event on **Saturday, September 27** at the **Dimond Center**! This powerful and symbolic walk invites our community to come together in solidarity to raise awareness about sexual violence and support survivors.

Whether you walk solo, rally a team, donate to a participant, sponsor the event, or volunteer your time - **your involvement makes a difference**. Every step

helps amplify voices, spark conversations, and fund critical services for those affected by sexual assault.

- [Register to walk](#)
- [Sign up your team](#)
- [Donate to a team or participant](#)
- [Sponsor the event](#)
- [Volunteer your time](#)

Everyone is not only welcome but needed - because no matter your gender, age, or background, your voice and your steps help move us closer to a world free from rape and gender-based violence.

Head to staralaska.com/events now to sign up and show your support!

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A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors for your continued support!



Free Training to Become a STAR Crisis Line Responder



FALL 2025 CRISIS LINE RESPONDER TRAINING

40 HOURS OF ONLINE & IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

This free training program will empower you with the skills and knowledge necessary to become a STAR Crisis Line Responder.



OCTOBER 4-17



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**JOIN OUR MISSION TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS BY
FILLING OUT THE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION TODAY!**



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This free training will give you the tools to support people in crisis with empathy and confidence. Whether you're looking to volunteer, gain valuable experience, or simply help others, this training is your gateway to becoming a trusted voice in someone's darkest moment. Sign up today and be the voice someone needs. Start by completing your volunteer application [HERE](#).

Learn more




Prevention and Education




Understanding Grooming Behaviors: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know

The grooming process is a series of deliberate actions and behaviors that an abuser uses to gain a child's trust, break down their defenses, and establish an emotional connection to facilitate abuse. It involves building trust with not only the child, but also with the adults around the child, to gain access and time alone with them. Understanding how grooming works helps parents and caregivers recognize warning signs and protect the children in their lives from abuse that too often hides in plain sight. Unlike what many might expect...[READ MORE](#)

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FREE TRAINING FOR ADULTS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:


- Understanding the impact of child abuse
- Recognizing the signs
- Minimizing opportunities
- Reacting responsibly
- Building a safer community
- How to take action to protect children

END

Child Sexual


ABUSE

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Tuesday, July 29
6:00 - 9:00 PM

ONLINE



Made available thanks to a generous grant from the Municipality of Anchorage.

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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.

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