

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# POSITIVE CHANGE

FISCAL YEAR 2022 (JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022)

STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RAPE (STAR)



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## MISSION:

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.

## CORE PURPOSE:

Lead prevention and statewide response to sexual trauma.

## CORE VALUES:

Prevent | Educate | Support

## LONG-TERM GOAL:

All Alaskans live free of sexual trauma.

# DIRECT SERVICES



## TOTAL DIRECT SERVICES SUPPORT

Advocacy services include referrals for basic needs and/or financial assistance, housing, counseling, support groups, transportation and court accompaniment



3,460

## CRISIS LINE CALLS



847

## 1 X 1 APPOINTMENTS



246

## SART CALL-OUTS

SART:  
Sexual Assault Response Team

## One Client's Story...

submitted by a STAR Direct Service Advocate

*"I met with a client at the start of this year just hours after she barely escaped a brutal attack by her husband. She was underweight, heavily bruised, her eye was swollen shut, and she spoke in a whisper with what little voice she had been spared when he had strangled her. She told of many previous attacks over the years—all horrendous—but detailed how she knew this attack would've likely ended with her death.*

*Her husband had isolated her from her family and friends, controlled what she ate and where she went, and kept her from working to keep her from having her own income.*

*She expressed that she never would have believed that anyone, especially herself, could start a whole new life at almost 60 years old.*

*Within the first three months after starting services with STAR, she was actively engaged in trauma therapy sessions, had secured stable, full time employment, applied for housing, had reconnected with one of her children after many years, and her injuries had healed significantly. She holds the manager position at her job and is in the process of getting a divorce from her husband, who is now incarcerated. When we talk over the phone now, she laughs and makes jokes and expresses gratitude for things like fishing with her cousins in the sun, dancing with her grand babies, and going up a pant size. She has regained full control of her voice and says she plans to use that voice to share her story and empower others one day."*

# PREVENTION & EDUCATION

At STAR, our team of specialists work to connect with the community to create awareness and lead conversations to cultivate a safer Alaska for everyone. We believe that if we reach as many people as possible with this information, especially youth, we will see greater change.



## 2,270

### YOUTH SERVED

At school presentations



## 114

### PRESENTATIONS

Age-appropriate presentations for K-12 Students



## 258

### ADULT PARTICIPANTS

At community & workplace presentations

## Feedback

from some of our classroom presentations

*"(STAR specialist) is an outstanding teacher! He has a natural talent for pacing and classroom management. He was able to connect to students of all ages while delivering serious material in a fun way. He is a great presenter."*

**Airport Heights Elementary**

*"The information was presented in a succinct order which was easy to understand. (I) like the class participation encouragement."*

**Dimond High School**

*"Information is very valuable for students. Many of these students were unaware of many of these facts and laws."*

*"The curriculum continues to be very age appropriate for each grade level."*

*"The presenter was very good at redirecting when students were unsure about material. The swag has also been good for each grade level's interests."*

**Alaska Native Cultural Charter School**

*"(STAR specialist) is a great speaker and understands this age group."*

*"Perfect presentation. Fits right with social health unit, students were very interested and engaged."*

**Begich Middle School**

# COMBINING FORCES FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

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**Nearly four years after it's inception, House Bill 5, sponsored by Anchorage Representative Geran Tarr, was still in the House Finance Committee on May 17 - just before the end of the 2022 legislative session.**



That same day, Rep. Tarr worked with Representative Sara Rasmussen to add the language into House Bill 325. HB 325 addressed a legal remedy regarding revenge porn, making it actionable for victims to file a domestic violence protective order in response to this horrific crime.

HB5 included the rewriting the consent definition to a yes means yes affirmative definition - now the law says consent is a freely given, reversible agreement specific to the conduct at issue. It also criminalizes the act of rape by fraud, and concludes a multi-year Rape Kit Reform Initiative to require rape kits be tested within six months.

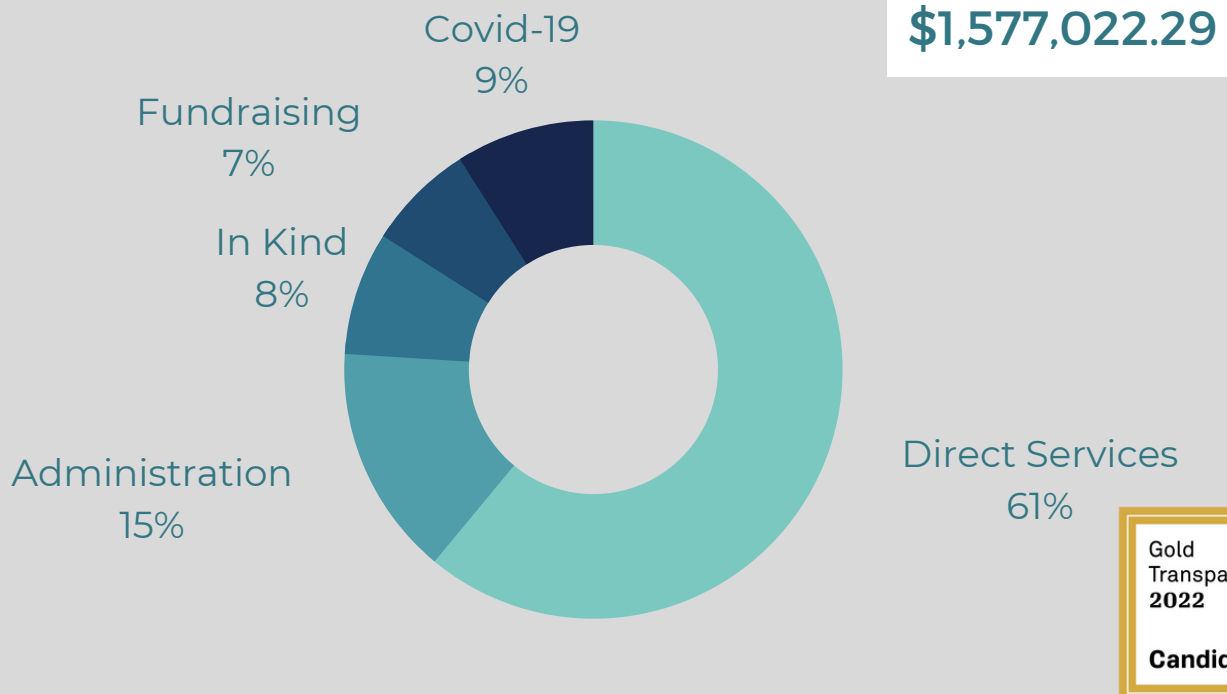
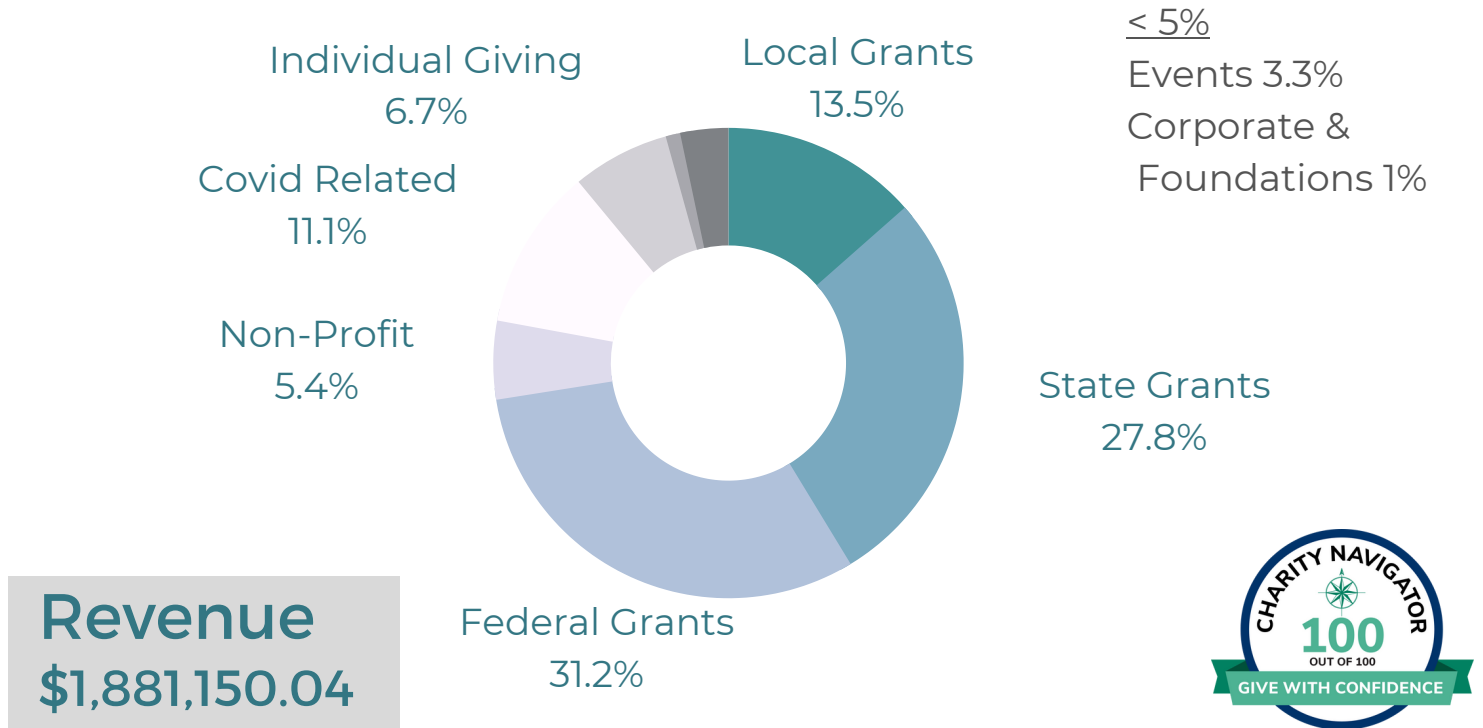
Senator Shelley Hughes and Senator Jesse Kiehl made impassioned arguments for adding Tarr's House Bill 5 as an amendment to HB 325, which was on the floor. The Senate then voted unanimously to pass the amendment and the bill, then the House voted unanimously to concur with the changes to the bill.

Governor Mike Dunleavy signed the bill into law on July 8, 2022.

We humbly thank Representative Geran Tarr for her determination to move this legislation and for working with key partners on the necessary revisions to push it forward. We also owe a great deal of thanks to the bill's co-sponsors, and to every person who wrote to their legislators, and to everyone who testified in public hearings.

This important bi-partisan initiative was an enormous undertaking, and a step in the right direction to hold perpetrators accountable while removing barriers to gaining justice for Survivors.

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**July 30, 2022**

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®  
Cuddy Family Midtown Park, Anchorage



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
AWARENESS MONTH

**October 2022**

Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month



**November 29, 2022**

Giving Tuesday



**January 2023**

National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



**February 2023**

Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month



**April 2023**

- Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- April 22: STAR Annual Masquerade Ball, Marriott Anchorage Downtown
- April 26: International Denim Day



**May 5, 2023**

National Day of Awareness for  
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women



**June 2023**

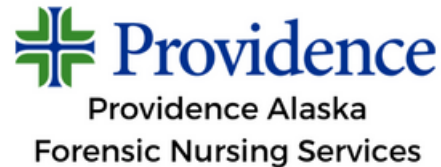
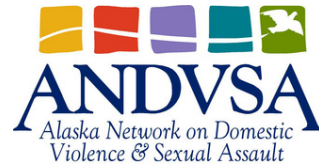
Pride Month

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