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**OHIO ALLIANCE TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE NAMES SAMAR AHMAD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV), located at 65 South Fourth Street in Columbus, is proud to announce that Samar Kaukab Ahmad has been named Executive Director. Ahmad will direct the organization in providing support, advocacy, policy information and funding to organizations working to advocate for the rights and need of survivors and co-survivors of sexual violence. “We’re thrilled to have Samar on board as Executive Director,” said interim board president, Julianna Nemeth. “Her experience and dedication to the organization, along with her passion are what we need as Ohio builds a strong coalition against sexual violence.”

April 19 from 6-7:30 pm, Ahmad will be hosting an OAESV open house, "Fairness, Dignity and Respect for Ohio's Sexual Assault Survivors," in honor of National Crime Victim's Rights Week. The event will be free and open to the public.

Prior to serving at OAESV, Ahmad was the Executive Director at SalamCorps, a Central Ohio based community service organization promoting civic engagement within the American Muslim community. Ahmad brings a strong history of working for social justice, and was selected as a 2005 Equal Justice Works Fellow for her work addressing domestic violence within immigrant communities in Southwest Ohio. She received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2005, and attended Oxford University as a participant in an intensive law study program.

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In addition to Ahmad, OAESV brought Jennifer Yoder on board as their Victim Services Coordinator. Yoder, a former volunteer advocate for the Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio, seasoned organizer of Columbus' annual Take Back the Night march, and community self-defense instructor through The Ohio State University, is passionate about ending sexual violence.

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Officially established in April of 2009, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence is a coalition of sexual assault and domestic violence organizations throughout Ohio working to eliminate all forms of sexual violence. The mission of the OAESV is to work to eliminate all forms of sexual violence and to advocate for the rights and needs of survivors and co-survivors of sexual violence.

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