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As Ohio's anti-sexual violence coalition, OAESV provides training and technical assistance to our state's rape crisis centers, direct advocacy to survivors in counties without local programs, and legislative advocacy on behalf of survivors and the professionals who serve them.

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## Priority Legislation

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### **Senate Bill 162 & House Bill 290 Removes Limits on Prosecuting & Proving Certain Sex Offenses**

These companion bills seek to eliminate spousal exemptions from Rape, Sexual Battery, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Gross Sexual Imposition, and Importuning, as well as remove the statute of limitations for 2907.02 Rape. Along with executive branch efforts to eliminate the rape kit backlog, this legislation is critical to achieving justice for all survivors.

**Sponsors:** Senators Antonio & O'Brien, Representatives Boggs & Galonski

**Committee:** House Criminal Justice, Senate Judiciary



### **Erin's Law - House Bill 321**

Current law does not mandate education addressing the pervasive problems of sexual abuse

and sexual violence. HB 321 would require sexual abuse prevention education in grades K-6, add sexual violence prevention education in grades 7-12, and require additional training for school personnel. Ohio is a regional outlier, as Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York have all passed Erin's Law. Erin's Law curriculum first appeared in public schools in 2009, and Ohio's legislation meets our individual state's needs for district expertise in crafting compliant lessons.



**Sponsors:** Representatives Lipps & Kelly  
**Committee:** Primary & Secondary Education

**Advocate Privilege  
Senate Bill 196 & House Bill 337**

Current law does not protect communications between survivors of sexual violence, human trafficking, stalking, or domestic violence and advocates providing crisis services. Ohio is one of just 14 states without privileged



communications in these circumstances. This bill also clarifies mandatory reporting obligations for child abuse in the provision of crisis services, and creates an exemption from the felony reporting statute for advocates serving these survivors, as is customary in the Ohio Revised Code for privilege holders.

**Sponsors:** Senator Eklund, Representatives Galonski & Stein  
**Committees:** Senate Judiciary, House Criminal Justice

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## 2018 State Rape Crisis Fund Data Update

Each year, Ohio's Rape Crisis Centers budget line item funds sexual violence advocacy and prevention across Ohio. Program data from 2018 demonstrates the line item's reach and the continued need for funding to increase access to services.

# 2018 DATA ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES IN OHIO



Reported by rape crisis programs via the  
OAESV Annual Agency Update, July 2019

<b>30,888</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVIVORS AND CO-SURVIVORS SERVED BY HELPLINES</b>	
<b>22,464</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF SURVIVORS SERVED BY PROGRAMS</b>	
<b>2,970</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF CO-SURVIVORS SERVED BY PROGRAMS</b>	
<b>4,735</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SURVIVORS &amp; CO-SURVIVORS WHO RECEIVED MEDICAL ADVOCACY</b>	
<b>6,686</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SURVIVORS &amp; CO-SURVIVORS WHO RECEIVED LEGAL ADVOCACY</b>	
<b>4,880</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SURVIVORS &amp; CO-SURVIVORS WHO RECEIVED COUNSELING</b>	
<b>5,103</b>	<b>NUMBER OF SURVIVORS &amp; CO-SURVIVORS WHO ATTENDED SUPPORT GROUPS</b>	
<b>5,934</b>	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS/ OUTREACH EVENT PRESENTATIONS</b>	

**Number of participants reached in  
Prevention Education presentations:**

**58,106**

For more information, visit <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Sexual-Violence-in-Ohio-February-2020.html>

For more information and resources, visit [oaesv.org](http://oaesv.org).



## Upcoming Trainings & Events

Register for the events below and check out our 2020 Training & Events Calendar [here](#).



OAESV's  
**8th Annual  
Advocacy Day**  
To End Sexual Violence

Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
9:00-3:00  
Ohio Statehouse Atrium

Formal Legislative Invitations  
Forthcoming!

Excellence in   
Legal Services

training series

OAESV

**Forum Title IX:  
Attorneys as Title IX Advisers**

May 28 & 29, 2020  
9:00-5:00  
OAESV Independence Conference  
Facility

2-Day Continuing Legal Education  
Training, up to 12 credits

### Expertise on Sexual Violence Policy

Join OAESV staff for our monthly discussion of federal and state legislation, regulatory issues, and appropriations updates impacting sexual violence survivors and the stability of Ohio rape crisis services.



# Become a 2020 OAESV Member

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2020 is almost here! That means it's time to renew (or start!) your OAESV membership. Remember that all of our trainings and webinars are for OAESV members, so you will need your member portal password in order to register for these offerings.

[Read more](#)

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