

# FUNDING IS CRUCIAL FOR RAPE CRISIS CENTERS

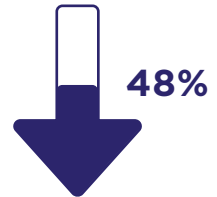
When rape crisis centers are underfunded, they can't meet the needs of sexual assault survivors, and prevention programs are sidelined.



One in five programs has experienced a reduction in staffing.

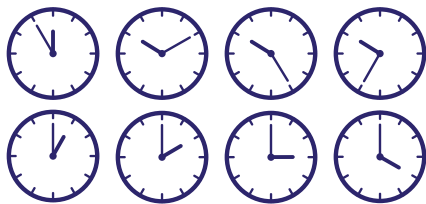


Of programs that lost staff, 80% lost at least one staff member due to lack of ability to offer a competitive salary.



Forty-eight percent of programs have had to decrease the amount of time they spend on prevention services.

Over half of rape crisis centers have a waiting list for counseling.



Many survivors on waiting lists are waiting a month or more for a counseling appointment.



One program had 90 adults and 20 children on their waiting list for counseling.



Almost 1/3 of programs pay full-time direct services staff \$30,000/year or less.



Ten percent of program respondents have only one advocate.

According to a survey by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, nearly half of the states responding reported RPE funding coverage in their state at 20% or less with rural areas especially lacking in access to prevention.

We also only have one preventionist split between 5 high schools, 8 middle schools, and numerous elementary schools. As a 24-hour agency, this is not enough to adequately serve our community.

- Rape crisis center staff member

Other mental health and social service organizations have the ability to pay living wages and offer benefits and we don't have enough funding to offer those at this point.

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## IT'S TIME TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR SURVIVOR SERVICES AND PREVENTION.

