



FUNDING IS CRUCIAL FOR RAPE CRISIS CENTERS

Rape crisis centers across the country are experiencing severe funding issues.

62% of programs have experienced an increased demand for services.

64% of programs received a decrease in funding — the largest decrease was in private giving.

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

The services that we have been able to provide have been invaluable to our clients, and the thought of not having that ability due to funding is heartbreaking.

- A West Virginia Advocate

Inadequate funding delays services and increases barriers for victims and underserved communities

62% of programs have a waiting list for counseling services, with some waiting lists over three months long for an appointment.



One third of programs have a waiting list of a month or longer for prevention education.

We want to reach out to our Spanish Speaking community and cannot do the outreach we'd like to due to limited funding and our inability to increase staff capacity and our inability to hire additional bilingual staff.

- A Illinois Advocate

38% of programs experienced a reduction in staffing — main causes were non-competitive salaries and stress.



35% of programs lack a full-time counselor or therapist on staff to assist sexual assault survivors.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds are critical to maintain our sexual assault services. A decrease in VOCA will translate into a decrease in services to victims.

- A Pennsylvania Advocate

Programs say survivors who are homeless and elderly are especially underserved.

The survivors appear to have more complex trauma that includes stress about paying bills due to loss of income from COVID, children being out of school, death, etc.

- A Florida Advocate



It's time to increase funding for rape crisis centers.

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