



# VIOLENCE FREE

## MINNESOTA

THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE



A statewide coalition of allies, advocates, survivors, working toward preventing sexual violence.

# VIOLENCE FREE MINNESOTA MEMBER PROGRAMS

Violence Free Minnesota is an association of 90 programs that provide critical public safety and crime victim services in all 87 counties.

\*360 Communities/Lewis House  
Advocacy Center of Winona  
Advocates for Family Peace  
Advocates for Human Rights  
\*Alexandra House  
\*American Indian Community Housing Org  
\*Anna Marie's Alliance  
The ARRC Emergency Shelter  
\*Asian Women United of Minnesota  
Battered Women's Justice Project  
Bemidji Area Advocates  
Bluff Country Family Resources  
Bois Forte Victim Services  
Breaking Free  
\*Casa de Esperanza  
\*Committee Against Domestic Abuse  
Community Health Service  
Community Stabilization Project  
Community University Health Care Center,  
Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicios (CLUES)  
\*Cornerstone Advocacy Services  
Crime Victim Resource Center – Mayo Clinic  
Crisis Resource Center of Steele Co.  
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Dakota County Attorney's Office  
Division of Indian Work  
Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs  
Domestic Abuse Project  
East Side Neighborhood Services  
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Family Safety Network  
Freeborn County Crime Victim Crisis Center  
Friends Against Abuse  
Gender Violence Institute  
Global Rights for Women  
Hands of Hope Resource Center  
Hmong American Partnership  
Healing Opportunity Provided Equally (HOPE)  
Hope Center  
\*Hope Coalition  
Hope for the Brave  
Indigenous Women's Life Net,  
Karen Organization of Minnesota  
\*Lakes Crisis & Resource Center  
Le Sueur County Victim Witness Program  
Mahnomen County Victim Services Office  
McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence  
Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless  
Martin County Victim Services  
Men and Masculine Folk Network – a Program of Men As Peacemakers  
\*Mid-Minnesota Women's Center  
\*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Family Violence Prevention Program  
Minnesota Elder Justice Center  
Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center  
\*Missions, Inc./Home Free  
New Horizons Crisis Center  
North Shore Horizons  
Northwest Indian Community Development Center  
\*Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter  
Oasis of Love Crisis Intervention

OutFront Minnesota  
Pearl Crisis Center  
Phumulani  
Pillsbury United Communities  
Praxis International  
Rape & Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead  
\*Refuge Network – A Program of Family Pathways  
Rivers of Hope  
\*Safe Avenues  
\*Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Center  
SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness)  
Sexual Violence Center  
\*Sojourner Project  
Someplace Safe  
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services  
Southern Valley Alliance  
Southwest Crisis Center  
St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention Project  
Standpoint  
ThinkSelf  
Transforming Generations  
\*Tubman  
\*Violence Intervention Project  
Violence Prevention Center  
White Earth DOVE Program  
WISE  
\*Women of Nations  
\*Women's Advocates  
WoMen's Rural Advocacy Programs  
\*Women's Shelter & Support Center  
Yellow Medicine County Victim Services

\*Emergency Shelter Program  
Greater Minnesota Programs

# Programs

- 26 Emergency Shelters

- 11 in five-county metro area
- 15 in Greater Minnesota
  - 5 North West
  - 2 North East (Duluth)
  - 5 Central
  - 3 South

- 64 non-Shelter Programs

- 29 in seven-county metro area
- 35 in Greater Minnesota

55% programs in Greater Minnesota

30% programs are culturally-specific

# Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Provides education, resources, systems advocacy, technical assistance for 66 member programs and partners through state and national programs.

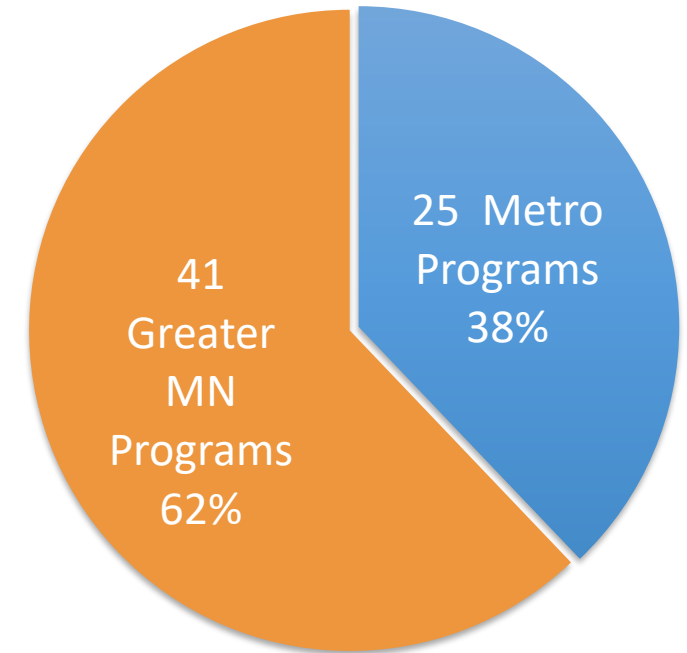
## Partner Programs

- 360 Communities
- 934th Airlift Wing SAPR Program
- Alexandra House, Inc.
- Bluff Country Family Resources
- Bois Forte Tribal Government - Victim Services Program
- Breaking Free
- Canvas Health- Abuse Response Services
- Casa de Esperanza
- Central MN Sexual Assault Center
- Clay County Victim/Witness Program
- CLUES - Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
- Committee Against Domestic Abuse Inc.
- Community Health Services, Inc.
- Community University Health Care Center
- Cook County Attorney's Office
- Cornerstone Advocacy Service
- Crime Victims Resource Center
- Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Victim Services
- Family Pathways
- Freeborn County Crime Victim's Crisis Center
- Friends Against Abuse
- Gustavus Adolphus College
- Hands of Hope Resource Center
- Hmong American Partnership
- HOPE Center
- HOPE Coalition
- Jacob Wetterling Resource Center
- Lakes Crisis and Resource Center

- Mahnomen County Victim Service's Office
- Martin County Victim Services
- Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- Minnesota National Guard SAPR
- New Horizons Crisis Center
- Nobles County Attorney's Office
- OutFront Minnesota

## Ally Programs

- Civil Society
- Isanti County Victim Services
- Kandiyohi County
- Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
- Men As Peacemakers
- Minnesota Elder Justice Center
- Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Olmsted County Public Health
- Reviving the Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
- St. Cloud State University
- Stevens County Attorney's Office
- Through the Jungle
- Unspoken Voices
- Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment
- You Have The Power



# Greater Minnesota Advocacy Needs

- **Overwhelmed Advocates**
  - Too many people seeking help, not enough advocacy available to help everyone.
  - Advocates are overwhelmed with big caseloads. More advocacy dollars needed.
  - Not enough unreserved funding to respond to specific local needs, individual fundraising has slowed.
  - Some rural advocates have called for systemic changes to law enforcement training, education and discipline.
- **Distance**
  - Transportation is a barrier to safety in rural areas.
  - SANE nurses are further away than in metro areas (sometimes hours away).
- **Legal**
  - Lack of legal representation for survivors.
- **Direct assistance**
  - Financial assistance for basic needs is often needed and not available or sufficient.
  - Sexual assault victim/survivors need access to affordable housing, transitional housing.
- **Technology**
  - Increase in technology resources to support advocacy.

# IMPACT AND INCREASED DEMAND DURING COVID

- **Increased calls:**
  - Minnesota's DayOne crisis hotline reported a **26% increase in calls** initially when Stay at Home order was enacted.
  - Sexual Violence Center in Carver & Hennepin County reported a **20% increase** in calls.
  - Programs **continue to report increase of calls** throughout summer into fall.
- **Staffing challenges:** staff isolating due to COVID and COVID exposure, taking leave due to childcare or elder care.
- **Funding challenges:** major fundraising events **cancelled**, smaller foundation **loss**. Most advocacy programs **anticipate funding challenges** in coming year and are simultaneously experiencing **increase in demand and greater client needs**.
- **Increased stressors:** violence increases when there are increased economic or medical stressors.

# Coordination between Sexual Violence Advocacy programs in Greater Minnesota

- **Tribal collaborations**
  - sharing staff and resources
- **Crisis line collaborations**
  - sharing staff to maintain after hours coverage
- **Community Action Partnerships**
  - CAP's help with direct client assistance and hotel when needed
- **Other advocacy programs**
  - Sharing trainings, resources, internal processes
- **Other social service providers**
  - Connect survivors to other's direct client assistance when available
- **Law enforcement departments and child protection agencies**
  - Helping to ensure victim-centered approaches and responses
- **County Attorney's offices**
  - Court watch and communications

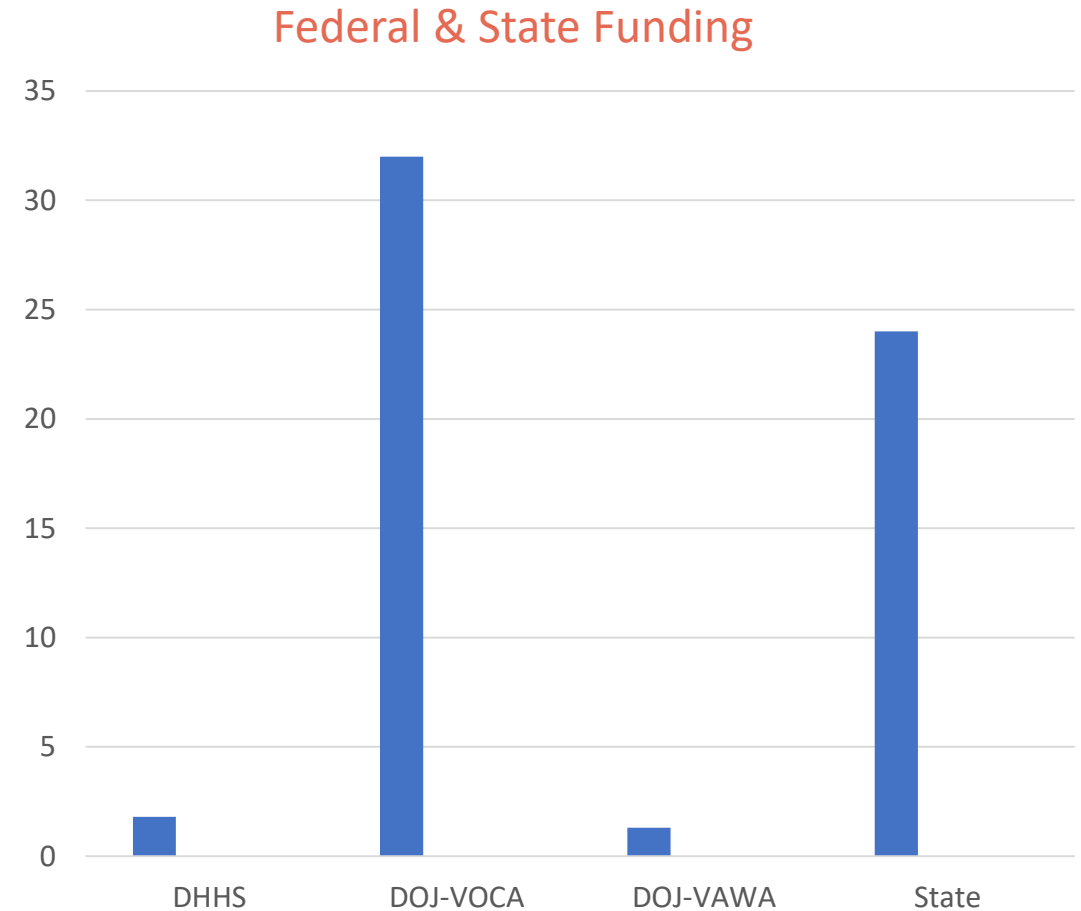


# Government Resources

Office of Justice Programs (OJP)  
Dept of Public Safety

## Funding for Crime Victim Services

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- General Crime Victims
- Abused Children, Parenting Time Centers, Child Advocacy Centers



### Approximate amounts of federal & state funding:

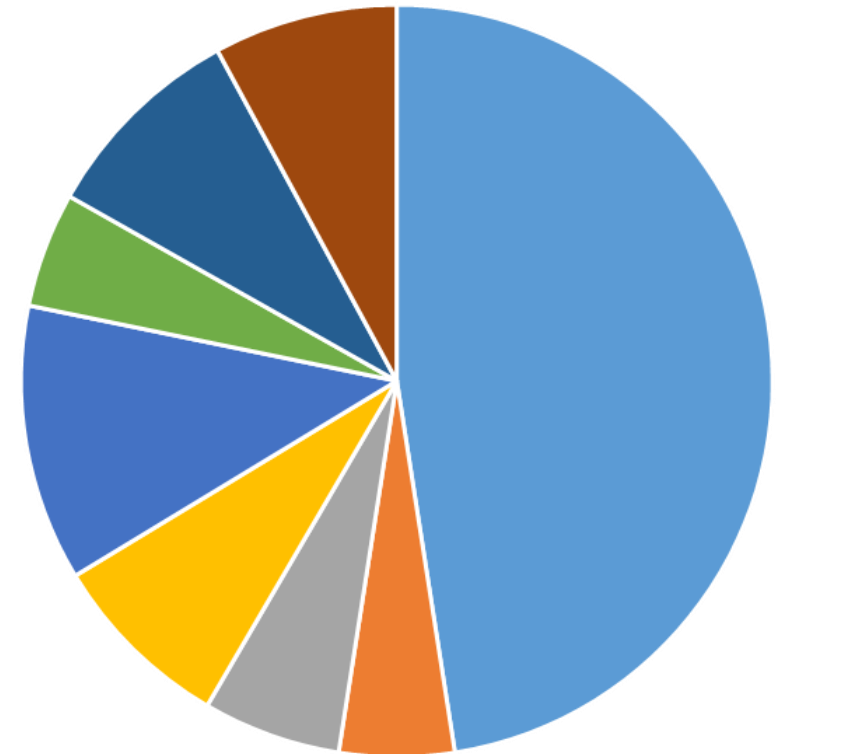
DHHS	1.8M
DOJ/VOCA	32M
DOJ/VAWA	1.3M
State General Budget	24M

# Government Funding by Region

## DV-SA Funding by OJP (State & Federal Dollars)

• Metro:	\$23,583,931	48%
• North West:	\$2,422,106	5%
• North Central:	\$2,896,103	6%
• Arrowhead:	\$3,851,932	8%
• West Central:	\$5,914,096	12%
• East Central:	\$2,277,298	5%
• South West:	\$4,641,664	9%
• South East:	\$3,864,346	8%

Total - \$49,451,475



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■ W Central   ■ E Central   ■ SW   ■ se

# Requests for Legislature

- **Funding for victim & offender services –**  
MN Dept of Corrections & MN Dept of Public Safety
- **Funding for direct victim support funding –**  
MN Dept of Public Safety – Office of Justice Programs
- **Prevention grant funding –**  
MN Dept of Health
- **Housing Support –**  
Emergency Services Program (ESP) MN Housing Finance



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