

SARSSM 2012 STATISTICS OF NUMBERS SERVED

PREVENTION

- School-Based Programs: 7,123 students, 42 schools, 389 presentations
- Community Education: 772 participants
- Professional Training: 402 participants
- Outreach: 816 participants

SUPPORT:

- SART*
- 147 clients
 - 583 direct service hours
 - 102 accompaniments to hospitals, police, court and other appointments
 - Convened and/or attended quarterly meetings – 4 in YC, 4 in CC and 4 statewide meetings
- CRISIS & SUPPORT LINE*
- 2,443 calls
 - 101 accompaniment requests (in addition to SART)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

With a small staff of 10 full-time and 1 part-time employees, we can only do so much. With your financial support, we would like to increase our staff, open an office in York county, and thereby increase the breadth, quality and quantity of our educational programs and support services.

SARSSM FY 12-13 BUDGET

| INCOME | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| State and Federal | \$ 493,284 |
| United Way | 71,000 |
| Private Grants & Foundations | 44,500 |
| Fundraising | 53,000 |
| Program Revenue | 2,200 |
| Agency Committee Funds | 9,842 |
| Total Income | \$ 673,826 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Personnel | \$ 477,710 |
| Consultants | 92,250 |
| Operating Expenses | 97,616 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 6,250 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 673,826 |

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE SERVICES OF SOUTHERN MAINE FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR (SEPT/OCT)

| Support and Revenues | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| Federal and State Grant Income | \$ | 466,309 | |
| MeCASA | | 42,813 | |
| Municipal Funding | | 10,464 | |
| United Way | | 70,842 | |
| Private Grants and Foundations | | 13,500 | |
| Fund Raising | | 48,142 | |
| Program Income | | 1,459 | |
| Other Income | | <u>7,925</u> | |
| | | 681,454 | |
| In-Kind Revenue - Donated Services and Materials | | <u>207,848</u> | |
| Total Support and Revenues | \$ | <u>889,302</u> | |
| Expenses | | | |
| Program Services | | 618,450 | |
| Advocacy | \$ | 23,394 | |
| Support Group | | 160,389 | |
| Educational | | | |
| Supporting Services | | | |
| Management and General | | 80,969 | |
| Fund Raising | | <u>22,379</u> | |
| Total Expenses | \$ | <u>905,581</u> | |
| (Decrease) Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets | | (16,279) | |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year | | <u>48,457</u> | |
| Net Assets at End of Year | \$ | <u>32,178</u> | |



We need your help to grow!

“Thank you for funding these programs, without them I would be fighting a losing battle alone”

-Sexual Assault Survivor who participates in a SARSSM support group

OUR HISTORY

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM), formally the Rape Crisis Center, began advocating for victims of sexual assault in 1973 when a small group of women learned that support and resources were not available for victim/survivors of sexual assault. To address this need, the founding members organized a grass-roots support, advocacy, and referral network. The Rape Crisis Center incorporated in 1976 and opened its first office in 1978.

The following year, a professional answering service was contracted to serve as a 24-hour Crisis and Support Line. The Crisis and Support Line remains active today and is staffed primarily by volunteer advocates. As the agency has grown, awareness and prevention programs have become a central part of our work. We now offer extensive school-based and community education programs. In March of 1995, the center changed its name to Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM) to more accurately depict the work performed and the issues dealt with by the agency.

Sexual Assault Response Services

of Southern Maine



Case for Support

OUR HISTORY
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
FINANCES AND OPERATIONS

Help, Hope, and Healing since 1973



Our Vision

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM) in its philosophy and through its services, strives to contribute to a world where human relations will be egalitarian and without sexual violence. We are both proactive and reactive providing education, promoting healing, empowerment and renewal. We are known for our partnerships with all others committed to this vision. We are an organization that celebrates and advocates for the human potential for change and growth through adversity.

“1 in 5 Maine residents report that they have been the victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.”

~Rubin, Mark. *Maine Crime Victimization Report: Informing Public Policy for Safer Communities*. Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, 2007.

According to the 2009 Maine Department of Public Safety “Crime in Maine” report, the estimated census data for York and Cumberland counties (the two most populated counties in Maine) represent 36% of the state’s population. Included in these two counties are 30 law enforcement agencies, 5 hospitals, 2 District Attorney Offices and only one sexual assault center. Further, according to the report, there were 374 rapes reported to law enforcement in the entire state in 2009. Of those reported rapes, 35% of them occurred in SARSSM’s catchment area: Cumberland and York counties.

JUST THE FACTS...

The Ten Year Average for Reported Forcible Rapes in Maine from 1998-2008 as reported by the State of Maine Crime Report is 340, compared to 20 murders, 294 robberies, and 197 arsons.

(2008 State of Maine Crime Report)

11.9% of Maine high school students – 13.13% of girls, and 10.4 percent of boys – report having been physically forced to have sexual intercourse in their lifetime. 13.6% – 18.1% of girls and 9% of boys – report having been forced to have sexual contact in any way in their lifetime.

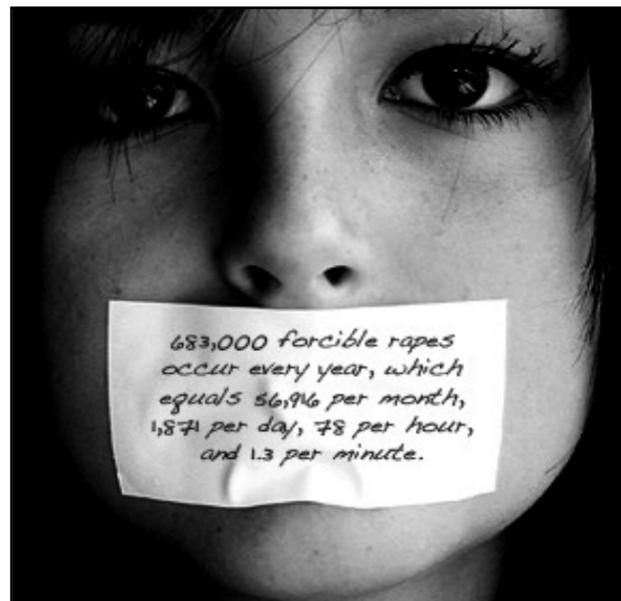
(Maine Centers for Disease Control. (2010). *2009 Maine integrated youth health survey*.)

79% of female victims of rape/sexual assault know their offender.

(Truman, J.L. & Rand, M. (2010). *Criminal victimization 2009*)

Sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes, with 60% still being left unreported. Males are the least likely to report a sexual assault, though they make up about 10% of all victims.

(US Department of Justice. 2005 National Crime Victimization Study.)



State of Maine Crime Clock



“SARSSM is very, and I mean very supportive. I thought, that ever since my Mother started going to the meetings that they should win some kind of reward. She has been going two years, and I think it helps her a lot. Even though I miss her she enjoys going. I have gone in to help stuff envelopes because I wanted to help this agency. I hope I can come help again.”

Written by the 8 year old daughter of a woman participating in a SARSSM support group.

Our Mission

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM) shall develop and provide quality services to survivors of sexual assault and concerned others in York and Cumberland counties who need assistance resolving issues related to sexual assault. SARSSM shall take a leadership role in encouraging a social climate in which sexual assault is unacceptable. SARSSM shall participate in community planning, develop community resources, and promote education and training programs relating to sexual assault.

Our Approach

SARSSM’s has two main foci: to provide support and advocacy to victims of sexual violence, and to provide prevention education and awareness around the issue of sexual violence and exploitation. The following programs address these two main foci: A 24-hour crisis and support line; Support Groups; and Sexual Assault Response Team Advocacy are our direct services programs. School-based Education, Outreach, and Training programs are our prevention and awareness programs.

School Based Education Programs

Community Education

Professional Trainings

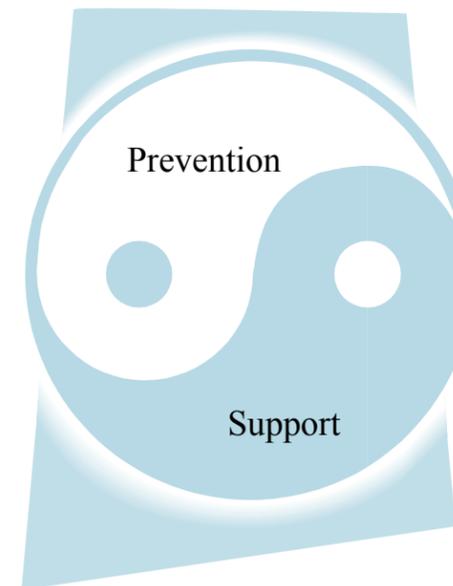
Educational Resources

Community Collaboration

Risk Reduction

Awareness Events

EDUCATE



24/7 Crisis & Support Line

Support Groups

Hospital Accompaniment

Police Accompaniment

Sexual Assault Response Team

Community Outreach

Therapist Referrals

BELIEVE

EMPOWER

New and Innovative Services

Outreach to the homeless

Campus Outreach Program

Education of incarcerated youth

Support and advocacy with incarcerated women

“I think they should keep doing these programs because it gives non-victims and victims a sense of what to do, how to handle it, and then they know that they are not the only victims.”

~A quote from a high school student after participating in a SARSSM School Based Education Program.