



CARE. PREVENT. SUPPORT.

Our Mission

The Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center provides culturally responsive and inclusive advocacy, support, and services to survivors and families affected by sexual violence including sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse; and provides community education to achieve awareness and prevention of sexual violence.

Our Values

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Neighborhood Engagement Division and Human Relations Committee (HRC)
City of Riverside
3900 Main St, 5th Floor
Riverside, CA, 92522

Dear Neighborhood Engagement Division and Human Relations Committee,

On behalf of the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the commission and California State Representative Sabrina Cervantes for accepting our grant proposal for the "SAAM: Let's Talk About Advocating for Change in Riverside County" project. Your support has been instrumental in the successful completion of our program.

We are excited to announce that our program has successfully concluded, with about 40 participants participating in adult and youth sessions. The youth sessions, which took place at Corona Fundamental Intermediate School, focused on imagining a world without domestic and intimate partner violence. The students recognized the need for societal shifts toward believing in and supporting survivors. These students, who are now Sexual Assault Awareness Ambassadors, pledged to advocate for survivors, raise awareness, and support their peers. They are embodying the change they want to see in their communities.

During our adult sessions, we provided community members with information about the historical roots of sexual and intimate partner violence. They also valued the new trauma-informed care skills they learned. Survey results indicated a notable improvement in understanding the challenges encountered by survivors of color and an increase in reported confidence levels to support survivors.

The impact of this project has been profound, cultivating a more informed, empathetic, and proactive community. We are immensely grateful for your support, which has been vital in achieving these outcomes. Your dedication to addressing and preventing sexual violence in Riverside County is commendable, and we look forward to continuing our partnership to foster further positive change.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Together, we are making a significant difference in building safe communities.

Sincerely,

Eva Nelson
Program Advocate
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center

Cc: Adriane Lamar Snider, CEO; Karla Miranda, Dir of Operations

Agreement

This Human Relations Commission Grant application Agreement is required for funds to be released to you for Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (RARCC) . Please read it carefully, then complete the form with the information requested.

The City of Riverside ("Grantor") and Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (RARCC) ("Grantee") agree to the following:

1. The Grantee will furnish all necessary manpower, technical support, materials, and/or cash match necessary to complete the project as outlined in the grant application. Grantee agrees to provide a report of all expenditures of grant funds to Grantor;
2. The Grantee agrees to complete the project as described in the submitted project timeline;
3. The Grantee will hold the Grantor harmless for any damage to property or injuries sustained by any person associated with the planning and implementation of the neighborhood project as outlined in the grant application;
4. In implementing the neighborhood project, Grantee will not discriminate on the grounds of race, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, or medical condition in the selection of any service provider associated with the above-mentioned neighborhood project;
5. The Community Support Grant funds requested will be received in the form of a City of Riverside check in care of the organization representative and community organization in the amount of \$ 1000.00.

Grant Recipient: Eva Nelson

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E-Mail: enelson@rarcc.org

Signature: E. Nelson

Date: 6/13/24

Final Report

The final report is due within 30 days of the project's completion date, as noted in the application. Must include this summary, photos, and copies of receipts.

Project Title: Let's Talk About Advocating for Change in River

Project Representative: EVA Nelson, Amber McClellan, & Viviana

Project Completion Date: 04/30/2024

Number of Volunteers: N/A

Total Volunteer Hours: _____

Total Project Expenses: _____

Please provide a brief description of your project and how it has enhanced your neighborhood:

Please see attached.

Project Title: Let's Talk About Advocating for Change in Riverside County

Adult Session Dates: April 16th and April 23rd

Youth Session Dates: April 12th, April 19th, and April 26th

Project Purpose:

The project "Let's Talk About Advocating for Change in Riverside County" during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) aimed to empower participants to support survivors and marginalized communities by addressing gaps in community support and informing them about available resources. In partnership with California and Riverside BIPOC and LGBTQ+ organizations, RARCC advocates led presentations on key topics such as survivors' rights, accessing forensic exams, the role of advocates, and the barriers communities of color face when seeking care. These workshops also encouraged reflection on the impacts of white supremacy, slavery, colonization, and patriarchy on cycles of sexual violence (SV) and intimate partner violence (IPV), both within and outside the U.S., and built participants' confidence in providing trauma-informed care. Ultimately, the program increased awareness about SV and IPV support resources in Riverside County, contributing to the social health and wellness of communities impacted by violence by building and repairing community trust.

Session Structures:

- **Adult Sessions**
 - **Day One**
 - Intro/Pre-Survey (Previous survey questions are under agency's SurveyMonkey account)
 - Empowerment Through Awareness: Combating Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence
 - Recognizing Violence
 - Advocating for Change (Activity)
 - Closing/Post-Survey
 - **Day Two (SAAM W2: Combined Presentations)**
 - Intro/Pre-Survey
 - The Impact of Racism & Colonization on Cycles of Sexual & Domestic Violence in Communities of Color
 - How to Report a Sexual Assault
 - The Role of an Advocate
 - Letter Writing for Change
 - Closing/Post-Survey
- **Youth Sessions at Corona Foundational Intermediate School (Plan for a 10 minute activity for each day)**
 - **Day One**
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (Presentation)
 - SAAM Bingo (Activity)
 - **Day Two**
 - Sexual Assault Awareness Ambassadors (Presentation)
 - What Would You Do? (Activity)

Next Steps:

We are nearing the completion of translating our online and in-person presentations, a crucial step in making our educational resources more accessible to a broader audience. This week, staff members and I are brainstorming and finalizing plans to record these presentations in both English and Spanish, ensuring that vital information reaches a greater audience. By offering bilingual resources, we aim to empower more individuals with knowledge and tools to support survivors and advocate for change.

Looking ahead, our CEO has introduced an exciting possibility: hosting a regional conference to delve deeper into the topics covered in our workshops. This conference will expand on crucial subjects such as restorative justice and healing circles, providing a platform for in-depth discussions and collaborative problem-solving. We plan to invite various community partners, including other non-profit agencies, to foster a network of support and shared knowledge. Additionally, the conference will feature a letter-writing and pledge campaign, encouraging participants to take actionable steps in advocating for survivors and raising awareness in the Inland Empire. By developing these partnerships and initiatives, we can strengthen our collective efforts to prevent sexual violence, domestic violence, and child abuse, ultimately creating a safer and more supportive environment for all.

In addition to the conference, we are committed to expanding our Student Sexual Assault Awareness Ambassadors program. This expansion will include increased outreach to CFIS and potentially more schools, providing advanced training for ambassadors, and creating peer-led workshops. These efforts will further empower youth to become advocates within their communities. Through these initiatives, we aim to build a sustainable framework for advocacy and support, ensuring long-term impact and community engagement and building safe communities.

Testimonial from Community Partner:

“I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to attend the recent workshop “Let's Talk about Advocating for Change in Riverside County”.

The sessions were not only informative but also incredibly inspiring. This provided the perfect opportunity to network with other resources for survivors within Riverside County.

Thank you once again for this valuable experience. I am looking forward to future learning opportunity.”

All my best,
Omonike Hutchinson
Assistant Director of Advocacy/CARE Advocate
University of California, Riverside

SAAM PROJECT FUNDING

Items Purchased	Amount Spent
Food for participants	\$881.38
Books for participants	\$1,256.61
Supplies	\$143.79
	TOTAL
	\$2,281.78