

Our mission is to build the capacity of communities, organizations, and institutions to advance the right to live free from sexual violence and reduce the harm it causes individuals, families, and society.



**New York City Alliance
Against Sexual Assault**

▶ **2009 Annual Report**

A Message from Executive Director Harriet Lessel

Albert Einstein observed, “We can’t solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.” Over the past nine years, the Alliance has made tremendous strides in sexual violence intervention and prevention by challenging the status quo and thinking outside-the-box.

The Alliance was founded ten years ago by a coalition of NYC rape crisis centers to address gaps in services for survivors of sexual assault and to advocate for citywide reform. As we conducted research on the prevalence and nature of sexual violence in New York City, our charter broadened. Today, we view sexual violence as a public health issue and human rights issue that **can be prevented**. This conviction is at the core of our mission and programming. We are committed to ensuring access to best care for all survivors, and to ending sexual violence in New York City through education, community mobilization and new prevention models.

The Alliance’s commitment to advancing a **Sexual Violence-Free New York City** prompted us this year to change our web site domain to www.svfreenc.org.

It is why our groundbreaking sexual violence prevention demonstration program is entitled, Project ENVISION—as in:

Envision a world free of sexual violence.

This six-year initiative is the most ambitious project we have undertaken to date. The Alliance, in conjunction with NYC rape crisis centers, is working directly with three New York City communities to develop prevention programs that are tailored to each community’s assets and needs.

Over the years, I have come to realize that The Alliance’s challenges in carrying out our mission are also our strengths. New York City is one of the most populous and diverse cities in the world. We have the nation’s largest public school system, law enforcement and judicial systems, and hospital network. Spearheading citywide change requires multi-stakeholder coalitions and collaboration on a grand scale. As a result, our seminal work in intervention and prevention has broad applications, and can serve as a program model for other metropolitan areas seeking to reduce the incidence of sexual assault and improve survivor care and services.

We could never accomplish all that we do without you—our partners, volunteers and supporters. Thank you for sharing our vision of a safer and healthier New York City!

Thank you for your support!



Harriet Lessel
Executive Director



Health & Forensic Services

EDUCATION: New SAFE Health Care Leadership Development Fellowship Program

The Alliance's SAFE Training Institute (SAFETI) is the largest SAFE training program in New York State.



The Alliance's new SAFE Health Care Leadership Development Fellowship program supports the development of young healthcare professionals who would like to play a significant role in the fight against sexual violence. Through an establishing 2009 grant from the New York State Health Foundation, the Alliance provided training scholarships to 18 fellows to receive accredited Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner training at the Alliance's SAFE Training Institute (SAFETI).

This new fellowship program reinforces the Alliance's long-standing goal to provide training and technical assistance to NYC healthcare providers so that they improve their capacity to provide specialized victim-centered care.

Through a competitive application process, the Alliance waives tuition for talented, young medical personnel to

take two SAFETI continuing education courses: the Basic SAFE Certification Course and the SAFE Advanced Practitioner Certification Course. As part of the benefits package, fellows are also offered discounted tuition fees for SAFE recertification and a free one-year membership with The New York Academy of Medicine.

Studying with the nationally recognized SAFETI faculty, fellows acquire the knowledge and skills to comprehensively evaluate and treat survivors, and collect and document forensic evidence. Through this holistic approach to acute care, healthcare providers learn to minister to the physical, psychological and emotional needs of sexual assault victims.

The Fellowship Program is open to registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians licensed in New York State. Each fellow must be

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sponsored by an Emergency Department or current SAFE program and have at least one-year full-time clinical post-graduate experience. In exchange for their free education, fellows commit to a minimum tenure of one year as a SAFE practitioner in NYC.

SAFE Fellows, Inaugural Class of 2008–09

Flora Antwi, Montefiore Medical Center
Michelle Davitt, Montefiore Medical Center
Beth Fajtelewicz, Beth Israel Medical Center
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Manel Silva, Mount Sinai Hospital
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Shara Walters, New York Presbyterian Hospital

“My motivation for applying for the fellowship came from experiencing the strain that a sexual assault examination can put on an over-crowded emergency department not prepared to deal with such crises. This lack of training and understanding by the staff only contributed to making a bad situation worse for patients. Having a staff member who has been appropriately trained and feels confident performing the sexual assault exam makes both the victim and staff feel more at ease. It allows the other staff members to care for medically sick patients without the weight of knowing they might have to leave their patients to perform an exam that could take up to several hours. Overall, victim care has been greatly improved with strict adherence to standards that previously would not be met by untrained providers. A wonderful experience.”

—Anne Kenny, 2009 Fellow, BSN, RN, CEN, Lenox Hill Hospital



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EDUCATION: SAFE NYC



Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Training Institute

Hospital emergency departments are the primary sites where victims of sexual assault come to be treated, especially those who choose to report within 96 hours of a crime. After documenting the disparities in service among hospitals in two companion 2007 reports, *A Room of our Own: Sexual Assault Survivors Evaluate Services* and *How SAFE is New York City? Sexual Assault Services in Emergency Departments*, the Alliance launched the SAFE NYC initiative to develop a service delivery model for the majority of hospitals lacking 24/7 specialized services for sexual assault victims.

On October 6, 2008, the Alliance held a SAFE NYC meeting at the New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) with key stakeholders. The meeting was attended by 24 hospitals, NYC Emergency Medical Services and public agencies. While the new service paradigm is still under

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SAFE Training Institute (SAFETI) At-A-Glance

The Alliance, in partnership with New York Academy of Medicine, founded the SAFE Training Institute (SAFETI) to provide rigorous professional training of forensic examiners. SAFETI educational activities are planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The Alliance plans, develops and administers the SAFE certification training programs. The New York Academy of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Current course offerings include: the 40-hour SAFE Certification Course and 24-hour SAFE Advanced Practitioner Certification Course.



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EDUCATION: SAFE NY

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study, the goals and objectives of the SAFE NYC project received support.

The NYAM meeting demonstrated the pressing need for SAFE NYC services. Currently only 19 out of 55 hospitals in New York City have specialized, victim-centered services.

Eleven public hospitals have SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) programs, and eight private hospitals have been designated SAFE Centers of Excellence. The NYS Department of Health, in collaboration with the Alliance, has determined that these programs provide the highest level of care for survivors of sexual violence.

With the aim to improve access to victim-centered services in underserved areas of New York City, SAFE NYC is now focusing on providing specialized practitioners to patients.

The general opinion of NYAM attendees was that the Alliance should participate in the design, development and implementation of the venture as a key stakeholder. Many functions and activities that are crucial to the success of this new venture are already performed by the Alliance.

To access a list of SAFE hospitals in the five boroughs, please visit the Alliance's Be Safe NYC web site at: www.besafenyc.org. The web site is available in Chinese, Creole, English, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.



BE SAFE NYC.org



Youth Initiatives

EDUCATION: *Through Our Own Eyes: Using Photovoice to Envision A City Without Youth Sexual and Dating Violence*



This summer, the Alliance held the first photo exhibit and panel discussion for its youth-led research project, *Through Our Own Eyes: Using Photovoice to Envision a City Without Youth Sexual and Dating Violence*. New York City youth were taught how to use cameras to convey their perceptions and beliefs about sexual and dating violence. They say “a camera never blinks,” and neither did the teens in confronting violence in their young lives, and expressing their fears, hopes and concerns with images and text. The exhibit was held for policymakers, grant makers and service providers at the Manhattan office of the Nathan Cummings Foundation on June 30, 2009.

The project grew out of the Alliance’s breakthrough research report on the prevalence of teen dating and sexual violence among city high school students. What

“Photovoice embraces the basic principles that images teach, pictures can influence policy, and community people ought to create the images and text that inspire healthful public policy.”

—Caroline C. Wang, co-developer of the Photovoice concept

that study did not address is why sexual and dating violence occurs and what can be done to end it. To get the answers, the Alliance developed *Through Our Own Eyes*, a comprehensive youth violence prevention program consisting of 16 workshops, ranging 2–4 hours in length.

For this year’s pilot program, seven members of the Alliance’s Youth Action Council (YAC) examined the nature and impact of peer-on-peer violence, such as traditional gender roles, healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, and the influence of mass media on youth social norms. After analyzing the findings of the workshops, the participants developed action plans for prevention.

As part of their anti-violence training, the teen leaders learned how to take photos to critically reflect on the questions of “What causes youth sexual and dating violence in NYC and what can we do to end it?” Utilizing

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the social research technique, called “photovoice,” the youth narrated each selected image with a personal essay (or vignette). The process was guided by the acronym, SHOWED:

- What do you SEE here?
- What’s really HAPPENING here?
- How does this relate to OUR lives (or my life personally)?
- WHY does this problem/condition/cause exist?
- How could this image EDUCATE the community/policy makers/etc.?
- What can we DO about it (the problem/condition/cause)?

After learning group facilitation skills, the YAC members led photovoice workshops for 30 of their peers, ages 14–21, drawing from their own prevention training to explore the causes of sexual violence and strategies for prevention. The *Through Our Own Eyes* workshops were coordinated by Meghan O’Connor, Director of Programs, Monica Paz and Laura Fidler, Research and Project Coordinators, and professional photographer, Stacie Joy. A series of public exhibits of the group’s work is planned for spring 2010.

“I am in awe of what our kids have done. With learner’s cameras and no previous training, they have produced images that are honest, heartfelt and informative. Anyone who wants to understand this issue from the teens’ perspective should seek out their art.”

—Stacie Joy, Photovoice instructor and curator

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

What is PAR?

Participatory Action Research (PAR) is a research method that brings together researchers and community members so that they can work together to identify problems faced by the community, empower community members to conduct research and create solutions to those problems to improve conditions in the community.

What is Photovoice?

Photovoice is a participatory research methodology that combines photojournalism and social activism. People are given cameras so they can record aspects of their daily lives to illuminate community issues, concerns and problems. The photographs serve as social commentary, and help raise awareness among community leaders and policymakers.



Photo by Yesenia

Silent Cry, by Yesenia

He forced her when she complained...

Response by Michael Grant, Facilitator

“A large number of these acts of sexual assault go unreported. Sex is a taboo topic, which puts many acts of sexual violence behind closed doors, in silence. Victims are often scared of speaking because of fear of retribution or ostracism. Our society needs to remove these hands of silence and speak out against sexual assault. By eliminating the fear factor, we can help reduce the control perpetrators have over their victims.”

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Photo by Cassidi

All Smiles, by Cassidi

“This is a couple who have a very healthy relationship. They are very honest with each other and have great amounts of love and respect for each other. This is a glimpse of what a world without sexual and dating violence would be.”



Photo by Andrew

Invincible, by Andrew

“This picture is a sun peering through the grass. I liked it because even though it has something blocking the light, it still gets through. This can happen in real life as well. Those that have obstacles in their way can always find a way to overcome them.”

Response by Kyrena Wright, Facilitator

“The facilitator response to this picture is that it came across as a very peaceful picture. As the sunlight is shining through the dense grass it shows hope for the future with a world without sexual violence. It reminded me of the common pictures that are shown when portraying images of heaven. This picture had a very powerful message, which Andrew shows wonderfully.”

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*Serene, by Luvana,
edited by Mahfug Hossain, Facilitator*

“In this picture, there are two women resting on the beach facing the water with sunglasses on. The unseen story is that they are a lesbian couple sitting on the beach, peacefully living their lives. They both are ignoring the outside negativity and living their lives the way they want to. People still have not fully accepted them in their communities because of their sexual preference. However, it is important for everyone, like this wonderful couple, to live their lives the way that they please.”



Photo by Luvana

Youth Initiatives

RESEARCH: Laying the Foundation for Change: Putting Research to Work

NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault's Harriet Lessel (left) and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer announce the release of the teen health map. *NY Daily News*, Dec. 2008

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? While opinions may vary, one can extrapolate from the question a simple truth: for information to have an impact, it must be heard.

As one of the only New York City nonprofit organizations conducting primary research on sexual violence, the Alliance understands that to drive change, critical data must get into the hands of decision and policymakers, as well as the general public. The Alliance's landmark study, *Partners and Peers: Sexual and Dating Violence Among NYC Youth*, co-published last year with Columbia University's Center for Youth Violence Prevention, is a major wake-up call. The Alliance is going to great lengths to make sure it is heard.

Throughout 2009, the Alliance presented the Partners

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and Peers findings and recommendations to key constituencies, framing the issue as a public health issue requiring citywide resources and support. The Alliance participated in the following forums:

- A lunchtime program at the Brooklyn Domestic Violence Court on October 28, 2008, featuring Alliance's Program Director Meghan O'Connor and Eric Pliner, director of the Research and Resource Center of the New York City Department of Education. Introductory remarks were made by the Hon. William Miller, supervising judge of the Brooklyn Criminal Court.
- A panel discussion at the Coalition Against Teen Relationship Abuse Healthy Teen Relationships Conference held in NYC on April 2, 2009, with participation from the Alliance, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Planned Parenthood NYC and Girls for Gender Equity.
- An Alliance presentation on *Developing Effective Sexual Violence Referral Information For Youth*, at the fall 2008 Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in San Diego.
- A December 4, 2008 City Hall press conference with Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Alliance officials to publicize the *Partners and Peers* findings and the availability of the Alliance's Teen Health Map.

Read More on this Important Issue!

The Partners and Peers: Sexual and Dating Violence Among NYC Youth study makes four recommendations:

1. Schools and programs that work with youth should include a focus on primary prevention;
2. School personnel and others who work with youth should be trained how to properly handle disclosures and refer youth to services;
3. Healthcare professionals should speak with adolescents about sexual and physical violence; and,
4. Teens should have access to youth-friendly, culturally appropriate, and language-appropriate referral information.

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE, YOU CAN ACCESS AND DOWNLOAD THE FULL REPORT, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND RESEARCH SUMMARY FROM THE ALLIANCE WEB SITE AT:

www.svfreenyc.org/research_par_3.html



Primary Prevention

RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: Project ENVISION



Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Prevention Institute advocate a public health approach to sexual violence that incorporates primary prevention, this is, preventing violence **before** it occurs.

The Alliance, in partnership with 11 of the city's rape crisis programs (RCPs), is at the forefront of primary prevention with Project ENVISION, a six-year demonstration program to combat sexual violence at the community level. The Alliance is building the capacity of three distinct NYC communities—Williamsburg, Brooklyn; Manhattan's Lower East Side, and the South Bronx—to develop and implement a sexual violence prevention program. The RCPs are collaborating with community members to lead these local initiatives in each of the pilot sites, with ongoing technical assistance and training from the Alliance.

The Alliance's approach to enabling long-term, sustainable change is community mobilization. This spring, the Alliance conducted an intensive training program for its RCP partners in participatory action research (PAR) and community organization. Utilizing these skills, the RCPs are currently working with community members to build strong Project ENVISION coalitions in each pilot community.

By collaborating on a long-term project, the coalitions develop the organizational capacity and working relationships to implement change at the community level. This causes a paradigm shift in thinking. Instead of viewing sexual violence as an individual problem, the coalition members come to view prevention as a community responsibility, and as a public health issue that can be prevented.

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Primary Prevention

RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: Project ENVISION

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Project ENVISION emphasizes meaningful community involvement in designing and implementing primary prevention programming. To this end, the Alliance trained community researchers in participatory action research (PAR) as a community mobilization strategy. Through focus groups and street surveys, the researchers documented the perceptions, beliefs and opinions on sexual violence of hundreds of New Yorkers living and working in the three communities. The PAR research succeeded on multiple levels by:

- engaging community members in a discussion of sexual violence as a *preventable* community problem,
- inviting their participation in the process, and
- marshaling public support for social change.

In the truly participatory spirit of the project, some research participants volunteered to assist with data collection and dissemination in their community, and others have joined the coalition as members.

The Alliance is providing technical training to the RCP leaders and their community coalitions to analyze the research findings and to incorporate the recommendations in formulating primary prevention strategies. The Alliance plans to publish and widely disseminate the research profiles for the three pilots in 2010.

The Alliance wishes to recognize and thank its Project ENVISION partners:

- Bellevue Hospital, Rape Crisis Program
- Beth Israel Hospital, Rape Crisis Program
- Bronx District Attorney's Office, Crime Victims Unit
- Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
- Mt. Sinai Adolescent Health Center
- Mt. Sinai Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program
- New York Presbyterian Hospital, Domestic and Other Violence Emergencies Program
- Safe Horizon
- St. Luke's Crime Victim's Treatment Center
- St. Vincent's Hospital, Rape Crisis Program
- Wyckoff Heights Medical Center



Prevention and Intervention

FROM RESEARCH TO ACTION: ARISE

ARISE members include the Arab American Family Support Center, Dwa Famn, Garden of Hope, the Alliance, Planned Parenthood of New York City, SAKHI for South Asian Women, Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Voces Latinas, Inc.



The Alliance is a founding member of the Action Research for Immigrant Social Empowerment (ARISE) Coalition, formed last year in response to the Alliance study, *Bringing the Global to the Local: Using Participatory Research to Address Sexual Violence with Immigrant Communities in NYC*. Conducted in collaboration with the New School University's Graduate Program in International Affairs, the study exposed the barriers immigrant women face when seeking help, and the issues involved in preventing sexual violence within their communities.

This year, the Alliance worked closely with the other ARISE members to devise a government affairs strategy. The culmination of these efforts was a New York City Council committee hearing, *Oversight: How Can New York City Better Address Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Immigrant Women?* Held in the Council Chambers on June 22, 2009, the hearing was chaired by four committee

leaders: Kendall Stewart, Chair of Immigration; Darlene Mealy, Chair of Women's Issues; Joel Rivera, Chair of Health and Peter Vallone, Jr., Chair of Public Safety.



Meghan O'Connor, the Alliance's Director of Programs, testified about the need for more citywide research on domestic and sexual violence within immigrant populations. She urged the local officials to recognize the work of ARISE members and other community-based organizations, and to tap them as information resources:

"Lastly, just as the needs of immigrant populations are often overlooked, so is the work of the community-based organizations that serve them. These organizations are small, targeted and specific in their approach and the populations they serve...We must think of and go to these organizations first when trying to think about how we, as a city, can better address the needs of immigrant women. They can share nuanced information about their communities with us, provide targeted training and disseminate knowledge in their communities in an appropriate and effective manner."



Public Education and Outreach

IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS



New Alliance Blog

In May 2009, the Alliance launched an informational blog with daily commentary from contributors concerned with domestic and sexual violence. The Alliance created the blog to engage supporters and readers in a lively and informative dialogue over current events and relevant issues concerning sexual violence. Blog entries are posted daily and focus on news stories, policy and legislative issues and human rights discussions.

The Alliance recognizes that interactive social media, including blogs, websites and tweets, have become an important part of the public discourse. An estimated 77% of active Internet users read blogs.

For more information and to view the Alliance blog, please visit <http://svfreenyc.org/blog>

New Electronic Newsletter

In June 2009, The Alliance launched its first electronic newsletter, the eTorch, a bimonthly publication to keep partners and supporters abreast of Alliance news, programs and events. The eTorch is in addition to *The Torch*, the Alliance's print newsletter which comes out twice a year. The first e-newsletter introduced the Alliance's new vision and mission statements.



Public Education and Outreach**SAY SO! EVENTS****SAY SO!****SAY SO! Has Moved to Other Boroughs!**

This year, the Alliance decided to “franchise” its signature all-day, outdoor event SAY SO! (Sexual Assault Yearly Speak Out) to help other nonprofit organizations raise public awareness about sexual violence in their communities. For five consecutive years, the Alliance sponsored an annual SAY SO! event in Manhattan to bring together supporters, advocates and survivors to raise awareness about specialized services for sexual assault victims in New York City, and to celebrate healing and recovery from sexual violence. This year, the Alliance provided technical assistance and resources to help both Safe Horizon in Staten Island and Voces Latinas in Queens to stage a SAY SO! event. Both events were resounding successes.

SAY SO! Staten Island

The first annual Safe Horizon/Staten Island SAY SO! was held July 31st, 2008 at the Cromwell Recreational Center from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. The Alliance worked with Amy Edelstein, a Rape Crisis Center Program Coordinator at Safe Horizon, to organize and plan the event. More than 50 volunteers pitched in, and an impressive roster of local musicians, artists and dancers lent their time and talent to this free public event. Listening to others share their stories, many survivors spoke publicly for the first time about their experiences. All attendees were encouraged to record their feelings and thoughts on a wall-sized mural.

The event was set up like a festival with a variety of fun, experiential activities, including storytelling, art, performance and activities that assisted the recovery process.

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Attendees also were offered self-defense instruction and massages, at no cost. Safe Horizon/Staten Island published a SAY SO! program guide, which contained a list of sexual assault crisis hotlines, and medical and counseling services.

Voces Latinas SAY SO!

The Alliance partnered with Voces Latinas this summer to add a SAY SO! event to its annual Latino HIV Testing Health Fair in Jackson Heights, Queens. In addition to offering free HIV testing and counseling, the Health Fair provided information on confidential and free sexual assault care and treatment services available to local residents. The event featured artists and musicians from the community, and gave survivors the opportunity to share their stories of healing and recovery.

Voces Latinas aims to reduce the HIV transmission rate among immigrant Latinas by providing education, training, mental health resources and advocacy services to those infected by HIV, those at risk for HIV, and those serving the Latino community.

► If you or any of your friends were forced to have sex or were hurt sexually, you can get help for free. Refer to our list (on back) of hotlines, counseling, and medical centers where you can go for help.



Call a hotline anytime.

In the event that a relative, friend or someone you know discloses that they have experienced sexual violence, the most important things you can do are:

- **Listen:** Don't just use your ears—use your eyes, face and body to show that you are listening.
- **Validate:** Do not question the survivor's story and do not blame them for what happened.
- **Inform:** Provide information about services that can help the survivor make a decision for him/herself as to what he/she should do.

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The Cromwell Recreational Center, World of Women, The NYC Parks Department, The State Island Sexual Assault Task Force, The Jewish Home's Foundation, Matt Simon, Shiria Turki, Sara Fish, Yvette Tomarelli, Sandra Charkka, Laura Vito, Carole Weisman, Nicole Chacchiera, Gloria Rodriguez, Kara Luffe, Daniela Baragona, Kimberlina Kuznetz, Krissie Garofalo, Mikela Cardillo, Louise Ricciardi, Susannah Halton, Bernadette Davenport, Mizu North, Ashley Cohen, Randi Liebman, Gina George, Melissa Rivera, Brooke Baranowski, Arnesa Estlin, Christina De John, Adriana Campion, Regina Cucci, Krystal Crompton, Jackie Krieger, Lisa Mendler, Carly Toth, Wagner College, Shana Rubin, Sharon Ricci, Laura Barone-Amesquita, Christine Yargis.

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New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

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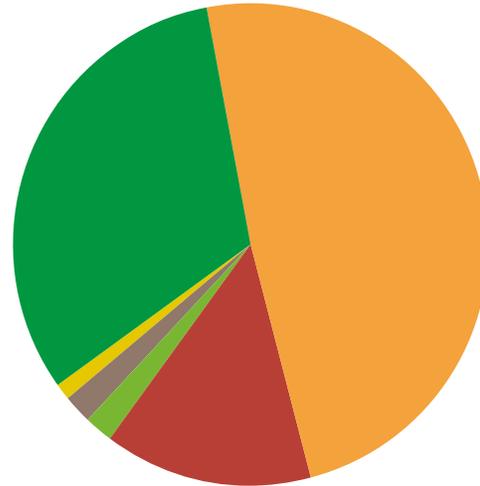
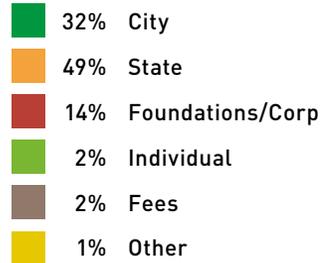
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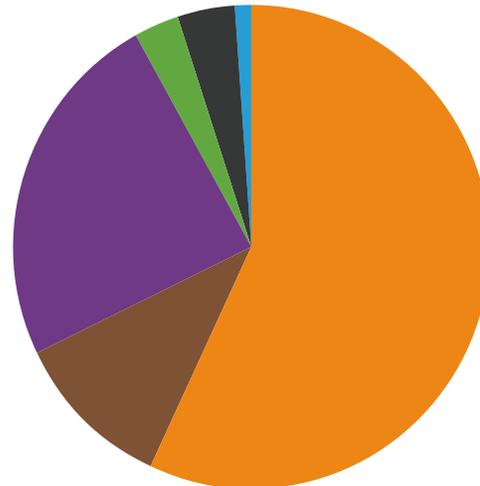
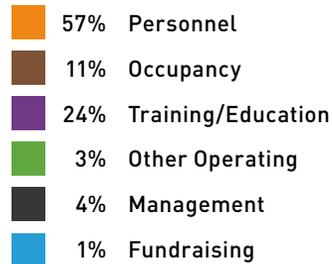
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—Harriet Lessel, Executive Director,
New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

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