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Impact Report

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# Letter From Our CEO

*(TW: R\*pe, child sexual abuse)*


My name is Omny Miranda Martone and I am the Founder and CEO of the Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA). As a survivor who is disabled, queer, and nonbinary, I know first-hand the need for systemic change. I founded the SVPA as a coalition of marginalized survivors working to address the root problems of sexual violence systemically. Here is my story.

As a freshman in college, I was raped. This trauma surfaced repressed memories of sexual abuse I endured as a child. I knew this could have been prevented. Why hadn't it been? And who was preventing it from happening to others?

This began my career in sexual violence. I started at small local nonprofits and rape crisis centers. I worked my way up and, after more than six years, I was working with the top organizations in the field. Our work included advocating for survivors' rights, accompanying them to the hospital, supplying legal aid, and providing counseling and other support services. Though this work is incredibly important and impactful, I realized we were helping survivors heal but we weren't preventing sexual violence.

I wanted to prevent people from becoming survivors in the first place. I knew this would require large-scale systemic change including legislative action, institutional reformation, and extensive research.

The lack of systemic prevention wasn't the only issue I had encountered. While working in the field, I experienced discrimination due to being gender non-conforming and disabled. This was especially painful because it brought me back to my own experiences with sexual violence and the times I had been denied services and support due to discrimination. Further, I witnessed discrimination against other employees, clients, and community members. It wasn't just individual issues and microaggressions. Many programs were inaccessible or directly exclusionary to people based on their gender identity, income, disability, or immigration status. Also, most organizations were not centering marginalized survivors in the decision-making process. On multiple occasions, my colleagues and I were silenced or ignored for pointing out racism, transphobia, ableism, and other forms of discrimination.





The rampant discrimination in the field of sexual violence is exacerbated by the fact that marginalized people experience higher rates of sexual violence. Power imbalances and systems of oppression are root causes that fuel sexual violence. Thus, confronting oppression is key to preventing sexual violence.

I began doing research and building community. My research covered effective methods and frameworks for preventing sexual violence in all societal systems. Much of my research has been published and is summarized in my TEDx Talk (page 6). I also began building a community of marginalized survivors. This wasn't intentional at first. I had simply become close friends with other marginalized survivors. But soon we began to realize the power and necessity of collective organizing.

After years of research and grassroots organizing/community building with survivors, I founded the Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA). We are led by marginalized survivors. Our board is 80% survivors of color, 80% LGBTQIA+, and 60% disabled. Our mission is to prevent sexual violence systemically by revolutionizing policy, research, and institutions.

Sexual violence can and must be prevented. The fight to prevent sexual violence must be systemic and led by marginalized survivors. That's what we're doing at the SVPA.

I would like to thank everyone who has donated, volunteered, and supported us. We are a young organization but with your help, we have had a significant impact. This report will outline all of the amazing things we have been able to accomplish. With your support, we can have an even bigger impact in 2024.



Omny Miranda Martone  
Founder and CEO



# About Us

**Mission:** The Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA) is the first and only national nonprofit dedicated to preventing sexual violence systemically.

## Personal

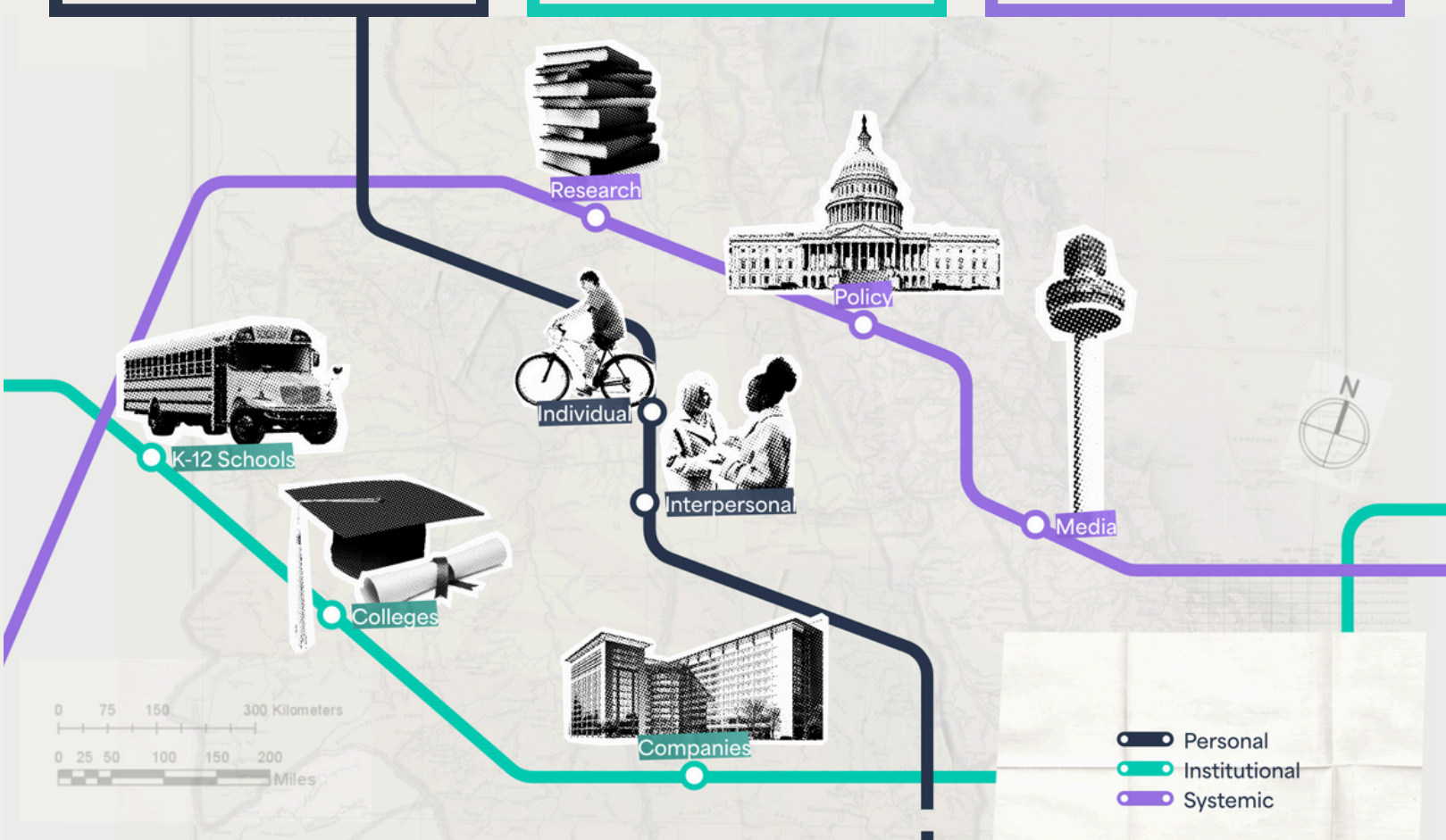
Educating individuals about consent, healthy boundaries, rape culture, bystander intervention, and more. It also includes providing education for parents and bystanders.

## Institutional

Empowering stakeholders within K-12 schools, colleges, and companies to prevent sexual violence through institutional policies, programs, and practices.

## Systemic

Working with media to better address and portray sexual violence, researching effective prevention strategies, and advocating for impactful legislation.



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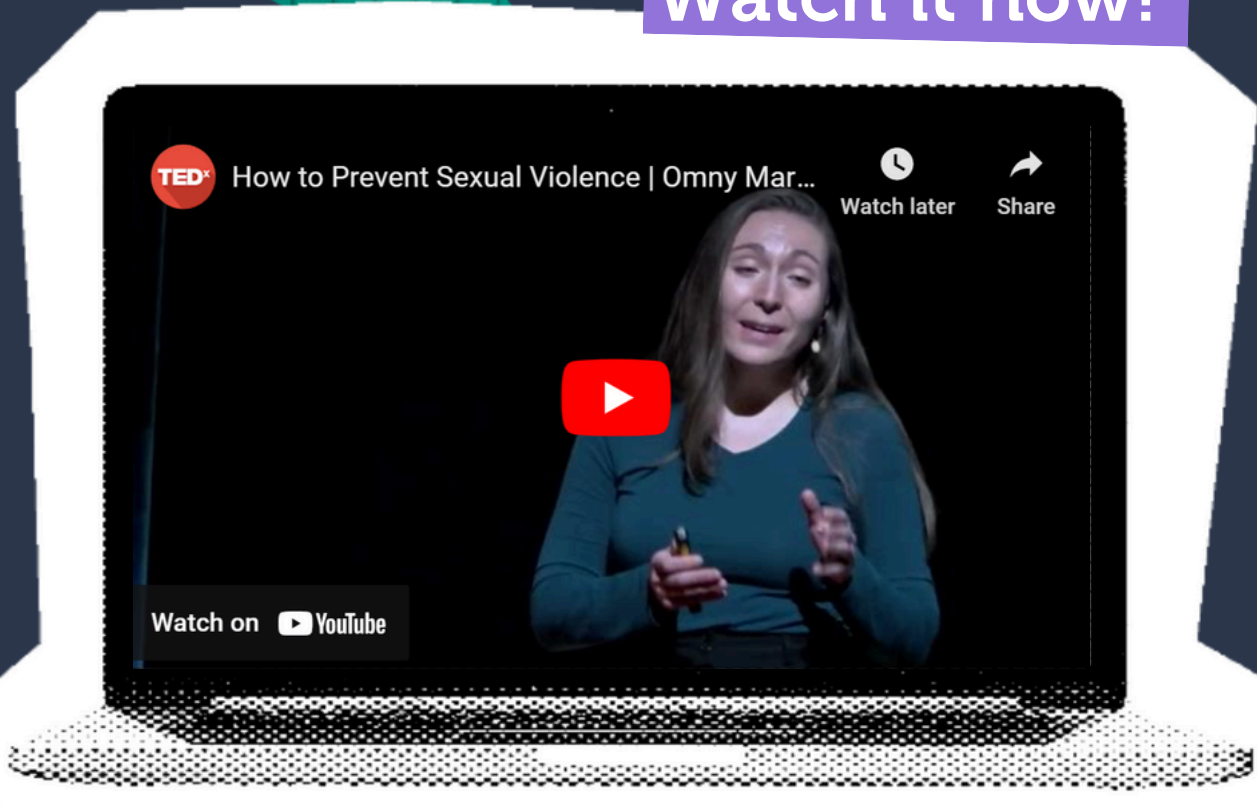
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# TEDx Talk

Our Founder and CEO, Omny Miranda Martone, gave a TEDx Talk titled "How to Prevent Sexual Violence". They discuss the importance of preventing sexual violence before it happens and provide strategies for preventing sexual violence systemically. This TEDx Talk is the culmination of years of research and provides a strong foundation for understanding the work of the Sexual Violence Prevention Association.

## Watch it now!



# Impact at a Glance

Since our start in 2021, the Sexual Violence Prevention Association (SVPA) has been dedicated to preventing sexual violence systemically. Our advocacy, resources, and institutional actions have had broad impact across the country.

**32,917**

**people** educated on sexual violence prevention

**188**

**administrators** improved their campus or workplace policies



**101,504**

**students** served by our campus chapters and programs

**52**

**Legislative advocacy actions**



**8**

**Judicial advocacy actions**



**19**

**Press and media features**



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**Awards and fellowship**



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# Our Programs

Given that over 99% of people are involved with a company, college, or K-12 school during their lifetime, and more than 90% of adults are affiliated with an institution at any given time, these settings represent crucial opportunities for sexual violence prevention. The SVPA enables institutions to combat sexual violence by delivering prevention education to administrators, executives, students, and employees, empowering them to take proactive measures.



**100%**

**of the campuses  
& workplaces**

we've partnered with have  
improved their practices for  
sexual violence prevention



**92%**

**of administrators**

reported that their ability to  
improve campus safety has  
increased due to the SVPA



**101,504**

**students served** by our  
campus chapters and programs

**45**



**student groups**

representing thousands of  
students, received one of our  
prevention programs

**188**



**administrators**

improved their campus  
or workplace policies



**32,917**

**people educated**

on sexual violence prevention



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# Our Programs

## New Website

In August of 2023, we launched our new website. Our new website is a hub of resources that empowers all stakeholders to take action to prevent sexual violence. It also educates the public on the process of systemically preventing sexual violence. The new site also marked a rebrand to ensure our branding was welcoming while maintaining our colors of teal for sexual violence and purple for domestic violence.

[New Website](#)

## Prevention Training

Since our inception in 2021, the SVPA has provided prevention training to individuals, employees, students, administrators, and executives. We also have programs tailored to groups such as unions, student clubs, sports, and greek life. Our prevention trainings cover a wide variety of topics including preventing the red zone, advocating for institutional action, bystander intervention, and systemic prevention.

[Interest Form](#)

## Resource Hubs

In October of 2023, we launched our college resource hub. This empowers students, student groups, professors, administrators, and other campus stakeholders to take action to prevent sexual violence at their schools. We plan to release additional resource hubs for companies, K-12 schools, media, research, and policy in the coming years.

[College Hub](#)

## SVPA Chapters

In January of 2023, we launched our SVPA Campus Chapters. SVPA Chapters are student groups that are founded and run by student survivors. They prevent sexual violence on their campuses through events, student organizing, administration accountability, and advocating for legislation. We now have three campus chapters serving over 50,000 students in Arkansas, New York, and Massachusetts.

[Chapters Page](#)

[Press Release](#)



# Legislative Advocacy

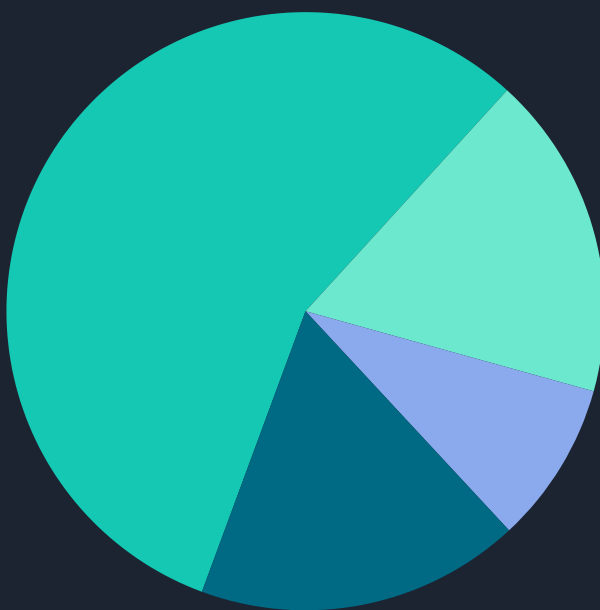
Effective legislation at the local, state, and national level is instrumental for preventing sexual violence. Policy must hold colleges, companies, and K-12 schools responsible for implementing effective prevention practices. Legislation can also help fund research, require data collection, and regulate media coverage. Overall, legislative advocacy is a key element of preventing sexual violence systemically.



**32**

Federal bills  
advocated for

**52**  
Legislative  
advocacy actions



**6**

Times we  
testified



**7**

State bills  
advocated for



**3**

Bills we  
drafted



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# Legislative Advocacy

## Ban Deepfake Porn

We're advocating to prevent and address non-consensual deepfake pornography. We wrote an open letter to Congress urging them to take action. It was signed by 58 organizations in the industry and over 1,600 advocates. In September of 2023, we solidified the final bill text. In November of 2023, we secured a primary sponsor in the House and the Senate. We're on track to introduce the legislation early in 2024.

[Action Page](#)[Press Release](#)

## MA Joint Committee Testimony

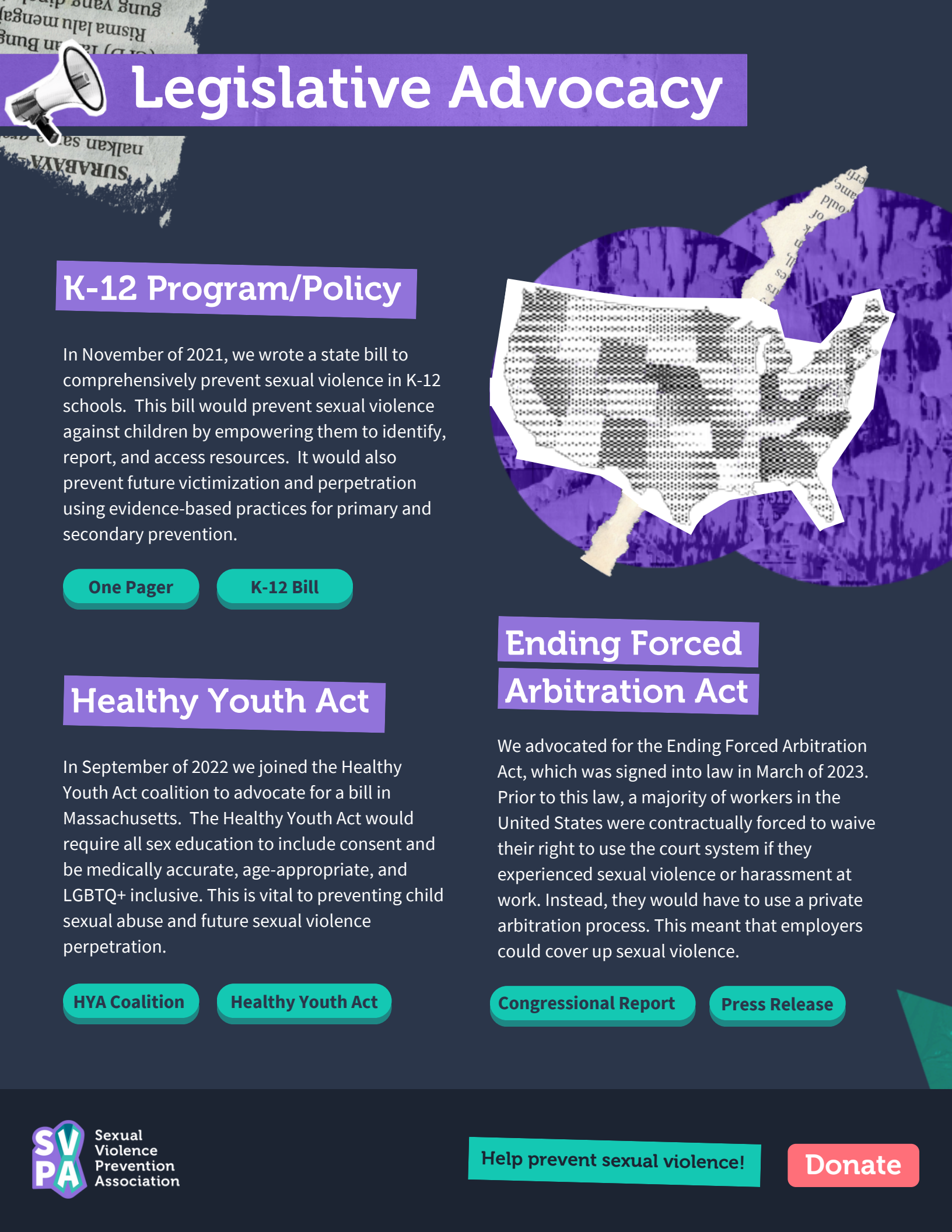
In October 2023, Omny Miranda Martone, our Founder and CEO, testified before the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Education on a number of bills that will help prevent sexual violence. They spoke about their personal experiences as a survivor of child sexual abuse and advocated for multiple pieces of legislation that will prevent sexual violence across the state.

[Oral Testimony](#)[Written Testimony](#)

## Title IX

Title IX is a vital piece of legislation that is key to survivor support and sexual violence prevention on college campuses and in K-12 schools. We frequently advocate for the addition of comprehensive prevention requirements. We have submitted official public comments four times, including testifying live once and submitting three written comments. We have also joined other organizations' public comments.

[Written Testimony - 2021](#)[Written Testimony - 2022](#)[Written Testimony - 2023](#)



# Legislative Advocacy

## K-12 Program/Policy

In November of 2021, we wrote a state bill to comprehensively prevent sexual violence in K-12 schools. This bill would prevent sexual violence against children by empowering them to identify, report, and access resources. It would also prevent future victimization and perpetration using evidence-based practices for primary and secondary prevention.

[One Pager](#)[K-12 Bill](#)

## Healthy Youth Act

In September of 2022 we joined the Healthy Youth Act coalition to advocate for a bill in Massachusetts. The Healthy Youth Act would require all sex education to include consent and be medically accurate, age-appropriate, and LGBTQ+ inclusive. This is vital to preventing child sexual abuse and future sexual violence perpetration.

[HYA Coalition](#)[Healthy Youth Act](#)

## Ending Forced Arbitration Act

We advocated for the Ending Forced Arbitration Act, which was signed into law in March of 2023. Prior to this law, a majority of workers in the United States were contractually forced to waive their right to use the court system if they experienced sexual violence or harassment at work. Instead, they would have to use a private arbitration process. This meant that employers could cover up sexual violence.

[Congressional Report](#)[Press Release](#)

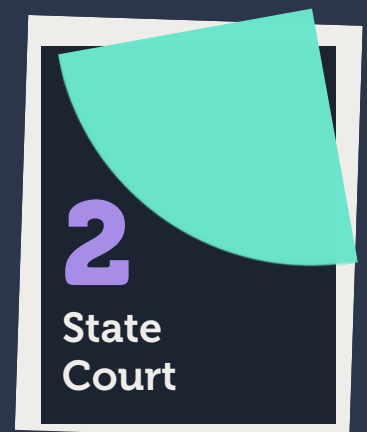
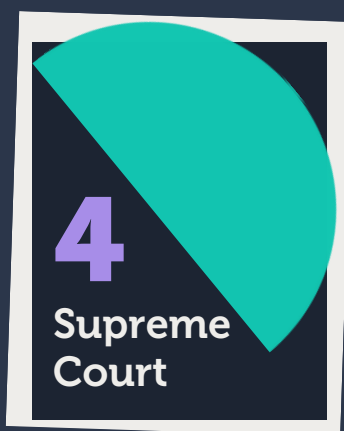
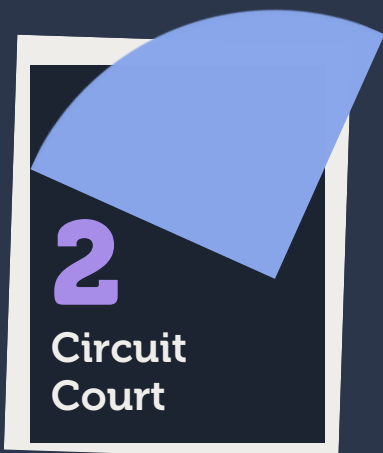
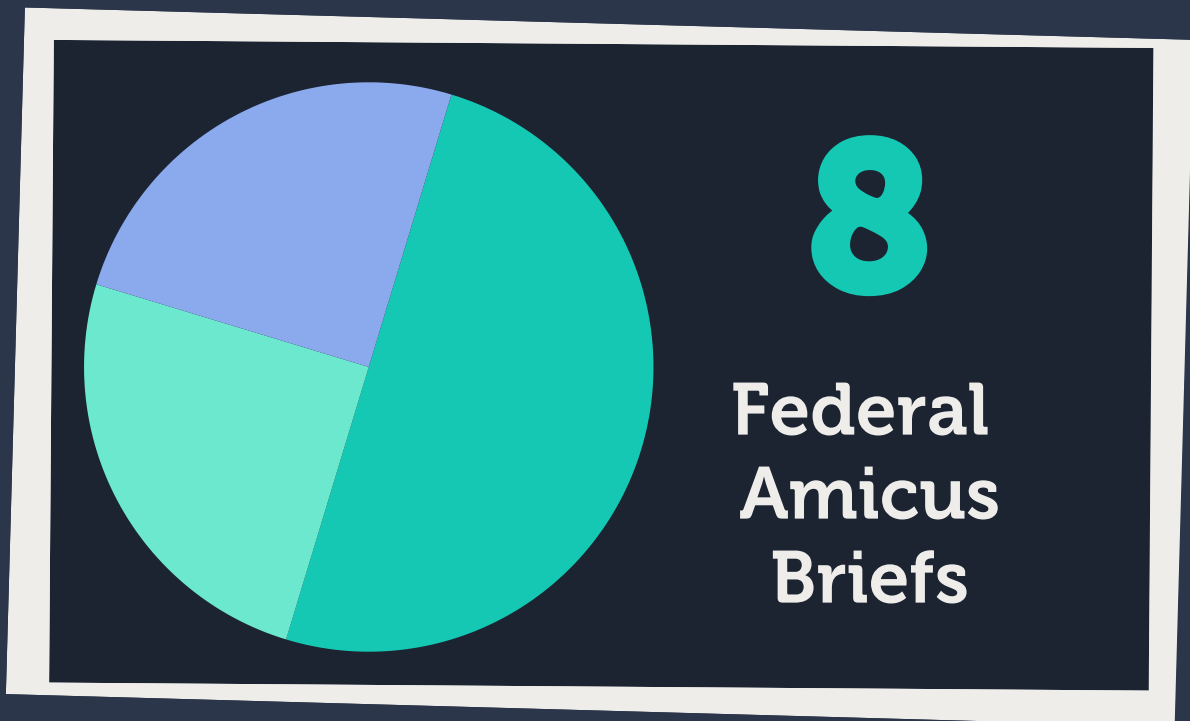
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# Judicial Advocacy

Judicial advocacy consists of providing research and expertise to inform the courts, thus influencing case law and regulations. This is typically done via amicus briefs. Amicus briefs are briefs written by an individual(s) or organization(s) who is not involved in the legal case, but who is permitted to assist the court by offering information, expertise, or insight that will inform the outcome.







# Judicial Advocacy

## Mifepristone

In August of 2023, we signed a People's Brief for the Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of AHM v. FDA. This ruling is an attack on bodily autonomy and reproductive rights that will profoundly impact survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Reversing this court decision is vital to prevent domestic and sexual violence. The Supreme Court is expected to hear the case in 2024.

[People's Brief](#)[Our Statement](#)

## ICWA

In August of 2022, we signed an amicus brief for the Supreme Court in the case of Brackeen v. Haaland. This case threatened the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) which protects Native and Indigenous children. Our involvement was to demonstrate how the ICWA prevents sexual violence and child abuse that is commonly perpetrated against Native and Indigenous Peoples. In June of 2023, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the ICWA.

[Amicus Brief](#)[Press Release](#)

## Rahimi

In fall of 2023, we signed two amicus briefs for the Supreme Court in the case of US v. Rahimi. This case will determine if someone who is the subject of a domestic violence restraining order is allowed to own firearms. Evidence shows that when perpetrators of abuse own a gun they are significantly more likely to commit further abuse, sexual violence, or homicide. Gun control for perpetrators is a key element of sexual violence prevention.

[Supreme Court Rally](#)[Amicus Brief](#)[Our Statement](#)

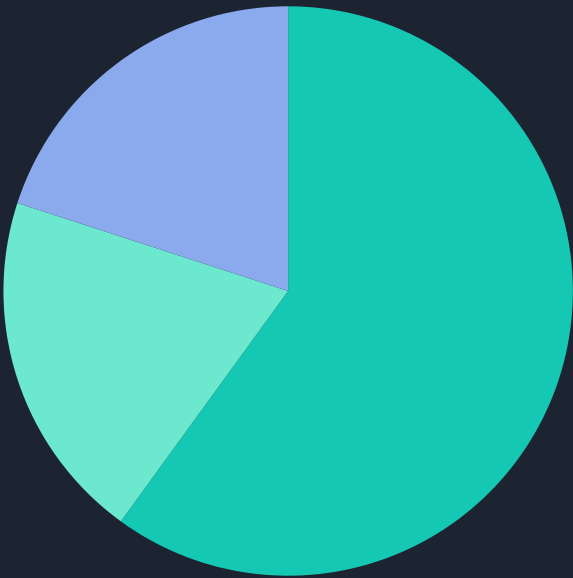


# Coalitions & Groups

The SVPA has been invited to join several coalitions, groups, and committees. We work with our peers to advocate for and amplify the necessary actions towards sexual violence prevention. These groups have been invaluable in helping us trade ideas with and seek support from fellow advocates. We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with these amazing groups.

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Coalitions  
& Groups



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State

3

National

1

International



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# Coalitions & Groups

## White House Gender Policy Council

From 2021 through 2023, we were invited periodically to advise the White House Gender Policy Council as they created the first-ever National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. The National Plan was released in June of 2023 and outlined several strategies for preventing sexual violence, domestic violence, and gender-based violence systemically in the United States.

White House GPC

National Plan

## NAESV Policy Watch Group

From 2021 through present day, we have been part of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Policy Watch Group. The Policy Watch Group advocates for domestic and sexual violence legislation at the federal level. This year, NAESV hosted a congressional briefing and advocated for increased service funding.

NAESV

## USOW Gender Equity Coalition

In February of 2023, we joined the United State of Women, Gender Equity Coalition. This impactful group consists of national organizations dedicated to gender equity, human rights, reproductive rights, domestic violence, and sexual violence. The Gender Equity Coalition advocates for legislation, mobilizes constituents, organizes community, and educates the public.

USOW GEC

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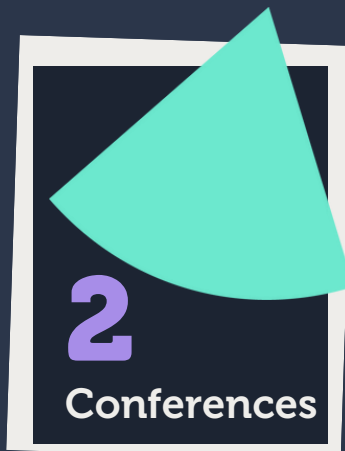
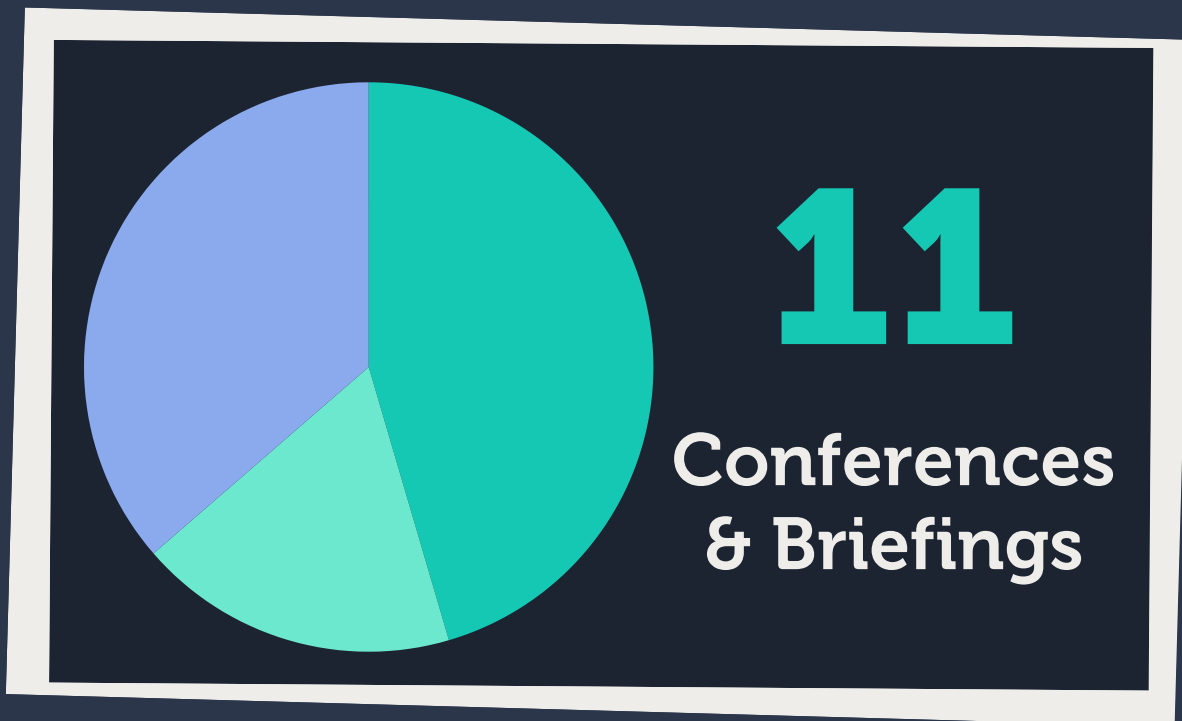






# Conferences & Briefings

Conferences, congressional briefings, summits, and other events have been instrumental to our work. They empower us to keep up to date on breakthroughs in the prevention field, spread the news about our work, and develop a strong network in the field. We deeply value the community we have built through these events.





# Conferences & Briefings

## Congressional Briefings

Congressional briefings are a key tool for legislative advocacy and government action. They bring together Congress members, staffers, organizations, and experts. Throughout the past three years, we have been invited to four Congressional Briefings. The topics have covered service provision and funding, coordinating a national response, and sexual violence against migrant women.

[Congressional Briefing](#)

## NSAC & NCSAM

We regularly attend conferences and summits. Most notable is the National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC) which covers sexual assault response and prevention. We have been an exhibitor and/or attendee at NSAC since 2021. Every year, we are also partner sponsors for the National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) Summit which covers violence prevention at colleges across the US.

[NSAC 2023](#)

[NCSAM Summit 2023](#)

## USAID

We were invited to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launch of their Vision to Advance Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. This vision covers many topics including pay equality, education equity, reproductive health, and child marriage. It also covers strategies to address and prevent domestic and sexual violence.

[USAID Event](#)

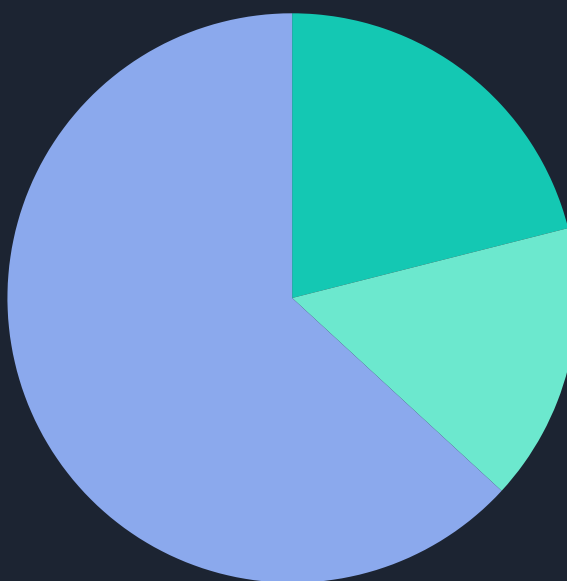




# Press Features

Press and media are instrumental in advocacy and sexual violence prevention. These platforms help us to amplify our education, research, resources, and advocacy. Further, we use the press to empower action by our peers in the field and the general public. Over the years we have had the opportunity to meaningfully collaborate with the press towards these efforts.

**19**  
Press  
Features



**4**

Pieces  
Authored

**12**

Expert  
Interviews

**3**

Biopics



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In 2022, we researched the connection between campus sexual violence and student loans. As a result of campus sexual violence, many students experience increased student loans. This may be because they retake classes, transfer schools, etc. A summary of our research was published in Teen Vogue.

## Teen Vogue Article

## NBC Article



In February of 2022, our Founder and CEO was interviewed by Aljazeera about sexual violence within virtual reality. The Metaverse, Genesis Worlds, and other virtual reality platforms have a growing problem with sexual harassment, stalking, and grooming. In the interview, Omny discusses strategies for preventing virtual sexual violence.

## Aljazeera Interview

## Washington Post: Night Life Safety

In November of 2021, our Founder and CEO was interviewed by the Washington Post for an article in The Lily about effective methods for preventing sexual violence at bars, clubs, and other nightlife venues. They discussed angel shots, staff training, culture change, and systemic prevention strategies.

## WaPo Article



# Awards & Fellowships

Since our inception, we have received numerous awards and recognitions for our work preventing sexual violence. We have also won fellowship opportunities and have graduated from some of the top incubators and accelerators in the social impact field. The SVPA is very honored whenever our work preventing sexual violence is recognized.

# 13

Awards & Fellowships

# 7

Awards

# 4

Incubators

# 2

Fellowships

## Timeline of Awards & Fellowships

- Oct, 2023** [Social Shifters Global Incubator](#)
- Aug, 2023** [6 Nonprofit Leaders You Need to Know About](#)
- May, 2023** [Echoing Green Fellowship Finalist](#)
- Feb, 2023** [Great Nonprofits Full Star Organization](#)
- Dec, 2022** [Global Giving Accelerator](#)
- June, 2022** [Promising Practices Accelerator](#)
- Jan, 2022** [32 Nonprofit Leaders Who Will Impact the World](#)
- Nov, 2021** [Social Impact Pitch Competition, Bronze](#)
- Sept, 2021** [Greater Sum Incubator](#)
- 2021-2023** [Global Giving Vetted Organization](#)
- 2021-2023** [GuideStar Platinum Organization](#)
- Dec, 2019** [United Nations Millenium Fellowship](#)
- Dec, 2018** [Clinton Foundation Global Initiative](#)



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# Looking to Next Year

## Advocacy & Systems Change

In 2024, we are going to continue to expand our work in legislative and judicial advocacy. We are also going to continue to grow our institutional advocacy efforts within colleges, companies, and K-12 schools. Our legislative and institutional advocacy have a direct impact preventing sexual violence systemically.

## Internal Infrastructure

We've grown significantly since our creation in 2021. In order to catch up to our impact and continue our growth, we need a strong foundation of internal infrastructure. In 2024, we will be expanding our internal teams, improving our project management system, increasing recruitment, and improving our internal infrastructure.

## Funding Focus

Due to our unique mission and strong values, it is difficult for us to find funding. Most opportunities are specifically for responding to sexual violence, not preventing it. Because of this, we are mainly sustained through crowdfunding. In 2024, we will be focused on increasing our funding and diversifying our funding sources.





# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has helped us! We are deeply grateful to all of our current and former team members, volunteers, board members, interns, and co-ops. We also appreciate all of our partners and supporting organizations. Lastly, we appreciate all of our donors. Our impact would not be possible without you!



## Please consider donating!

Our work is proven to be effective at preventing sexual violence. But we need your help! With your support, we can do even more in 2024!

[Donate here!](#)

