

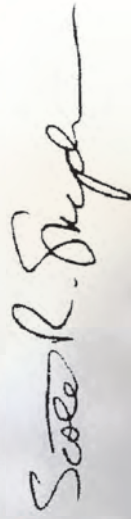
How many hashtags does it take to bring awareness to the issues of sexual assault and harassment?

The media has been filled with disclosures of sexual misconduct recently, from Hollywood to Washington to the Lehigh Valley; from collegiate and professional athletics to the Olympics, bringing an unparalleled awareness to the subject. With the prevalence of social media, we are learning just how extensive this issue is. In the past, it was common for victims to believe they were alone in their experience; however, they are now finding many share a similar story, providing victims the confidence to publicly denounce this behavior. Perpetrators are finally being chastised, scorned, and prosecuted, yet many victims hesitate reporting their trauma, if they report it at all.

This awareness brings an understanding of the difficulty sexual assault victims have in finding the courage to speak out. They may feel shame, fear of retaliation, of being ostracized and perhaps even losing their job. The experience itself is often emotionally traumatic and the negative physiological effects may be extremely detrimental and long lasting. The betrayal and abuse of a relationship that may have existed between the victim and the offender can be especially difficult to acknowledge, much less report.

Regardless of the many reasons for not reporting sexual assault or harassment, it is important that victims no longer feel alone, intimidated, and forced to stay silent. Let's stop asking why victims might delay reporting and instead focus on how we can better reassure and encourage them to take a stand and let their voices be heard.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted or harassed, the Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley can provide support and assistance, whether or not you chose to report a crime. It can be a difficult journey, which no one should have to walk alone.



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ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS

CVC Mission Statement

Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to:

1. Providing confidential services at no cost to the people of Lehigh and Northampton Counties whose lives have been directly affected by crime;
2. Advocating for the rights, welfare and empowerment of all victims of crime and;
3. Developing resources for individual and community education regarding crime victimization and prevention.

In furtherance of our mission, the following values guide our actions:

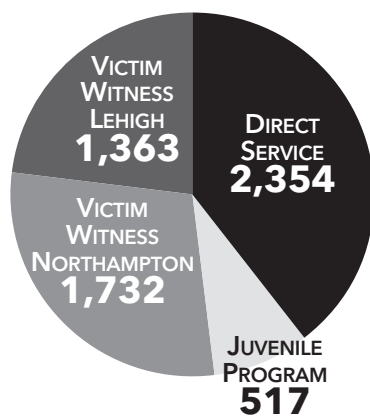
1. Compassion toward those we serve;
2. Cooperation and collaboration with those who share our goals;
3. Integrity in our relationships with those we serve and with whom we collaborate;
4. Foster, respect and protect the individuals' right to make their own decisions regarding their victimization;
5. Pursue knowledge to enhance our professional competence;
6. Provide high quality service to the community.

Outreach Department

- 52 trainings were provided to 1,394 professionals
- 27 community programs were provided to 345 individuals
- 799 school programs were provided to 18,428 students
- 60 community-side events were attended
- There were 148 press releases and 8 media presentations
- 59,985 materials were distributed throughout the Lehigh Valley
- There were 91 posts to Facebook
- Volunteers provided a total of 3,443 hours of service

Clients Served:

Direct Services	2,354
Juvenile Program	517
Victim Witness - Northampton	1,732
Victim Witness - Lehigh	1,363
Total	5,966

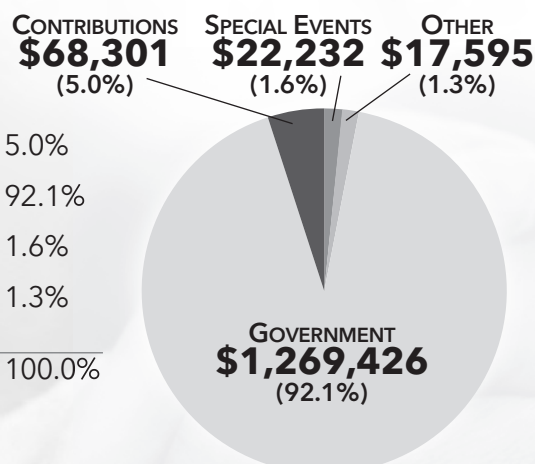


Financial Information

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

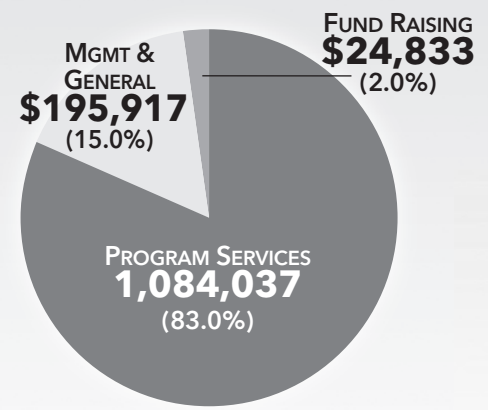
Revenue

Contributions	68,301	5.0%
Government	\$1,269,426	92.1%
Special Events	\$22,232	1.6%
Other	\$17,595	1.3%
TOTAL	\$1,377,554	100.0%



Expenses

Program Services	\$1,084,037	83.0%
Management & General	\$195,917	15.0%
Fund Raising	\$24,833	2.0%
TOTAL	\$1,304,787	100.0%



Victims of Adult Offenders:

Lehigh County Victim Witness
Top three types of crime victims served:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Survivors of Homicide Victims

Top three types of services provided to victims in the Adult Program - Lehigh County

- Accompaniment/Advocacy
- Information & Referral
- Crisis Counseling

Northampton County Victim Witness
Top three types of crime victims served:

- Domestic Violence
- Adult victims of assault
- Survivors of Homicide Victims

Top three types of services provided to victims in the Adult Program - Northampton County

- Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy
- Case Management
- Information & Referral

Victims of Juvenile Offenders:

Top three types of crime victims served:

- Theft
- Assault
- Harassment

Top three types of services provided to victims of juvenile offenders:

- Victim Notification
- Restitution and Victim Impact Statement
- Accompaniment

Special Events 2016/2017

- The 17th annual Rally Through the Valley Motorcycle Poker Run and Pig Roast had 226 riders, raising \$8,951 to support services for victims of crime in Lehigh and Northampton Counties
- The 2016 Annual Holiday Plant Sale raised \$1,609 thanks to the many local businesses, schools and volunteers who helped support this annual fundraiser
- The 2017 Annual Spring Plant Sale raised \$1,750 thanks to the many local businesses, schools and volunteers who helped support this annual fundraiser
- The 2016 Annual Rose Sale raised \$10,581 thanks to the participation of Cedar Crest College, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Moravian College and Muhlenberg College
- The 2017 Allied Professional Awards were presented to the following individuals for their outstanding commitment to victim services:
 - Elise Symia, Communities in Schools, Site Supervisor, Easton High School
 - Lee Ann Kolbe, Title IX Coordinator, Muhlenberg College
 - Michelle Andrews, Community Volunteer

Sexual Assault Victims

Age of sexual assault victims:

Age	Females	Males	Transgender
0-12	11%	33%	0%
13-17	18%	22%	100%
18-24	20%	12%	0%
25-59	50%	33%	0%
60+	1%	0%	0%

Gender breakdown of sexual assault victims:

Female:	87%	Transgender:	1%
Male:	12%		

- 88% of sexual assault victims knew their perpetrators