

THE NEED

Sexual Violence Impacts Millions in NJ

There are **2.7 million survivors** of contact sexual violence (CDC) in NJ alone.

Does not include survivors of harassment, stalking, or cyber harm, who are also served



A Critical, Specialized System

31 programs serving every county provide highly specialized, not replicable, free, and confidential, 24/7 services:



Hotline



Case Management



Counseling



Court, Police,
& Hospital
Accompaniment

Your Investment Is Working



142,000+ served last year

- 7,153 counseling
- 8,907 hotline calls
- 1,138 SART activations
- 124,842 outreach

A System Under Strain

- \$4.3M cut in VOCA funding for SV services
- \$4.8 loss in ARP funding
- Approx. \$9M total federal loss



Real Impact on Survivors

- Waitlists across 11 programs
- 50%+ staff attrition in 11 counties
- Service declines statewide



Survivors are struggling to access care.

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Protect & Strengthen Services

\$23.6M State Investment in Sexual Violence Services for FY27



- ✓ Preserve historic \$12.2M funding level set in FY2020
- ✓ \$5.9M sustain FY26 increase
- ✓ \$5.5M expand to meet more complex need

Why This Matters

Sexual violence is the **2nd most violent crime** after murder (FBI)

Over **\$122,000** lifetime cost per survivor

Increased risks:

- PTSD
- Depression
- Substance Use
- Chronic Health Conditions



Requires specific expertise (not found in public systems) to address this form of trauma

What Funding Will Do



- Stabilize programs
- Reduce waitlists & burnout
- Expand access:
 - Mobile/community services
 - Outreach & coordination

Bottom Line

Survivors are counting on New Jersey.

State investment promotes access, safety, and recovery.



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