

Sexual Violence Services Funding

Arizona is one of few states without a rape crisis center or state funding allocated to sexual violence services.



State Funding Needs

There is a lack of recognized places for survivors to receive services following sexual violence. State investment in developing, enhancing, and sustaining sexual violence services will increase access and quality of care for survivors.

The core services provided by rape crisis centers, in a community based location, meet the needs of those who have experienced sexual violence and minimize disincentives to seeking care that can accompany law enforcement based service centers.



Rape Crisis Centers

Rape crisis centers are unique in their potential to effectively serve sexual violence survivors

Community-based organizations providing sexual assault specific care and emergency access to basic needs (shelter, transportation, food)

Service providers with specialized training in the unique dynamics of sexual violence victimization

Crisis intervention, advocacy, and case management through the lifespan, regardless of whether they report to law enforcement

24/7 hotline and/or advocacy services
Trauma-informed counselors
Medical forensic exams
Legal and medical advocacy
Traditional and non-traditional healing opportunities
Support groups

Community outreach, awareness, and prevention education

Community collaboration (Sexual Assault Response Teams)

State funding for sexual violence services is critical in order to meet the diverse needs of survivors in Arizona and provide them with appropriate support.