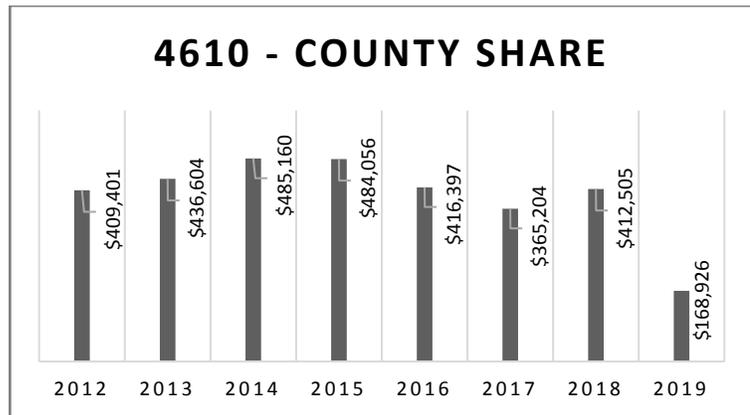


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MISSION STATEMENT

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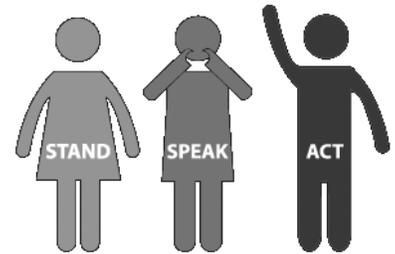
Vision Statement:

Values Statements:

Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE)

Empowerment for All

1. Victims First
2. Boldly Compassionate
3. **STAND** with others to end the culture of Violence
4. Inspire all to **SPEAK** out
5. Unite community to take **ACTION**



WHO WE SERVE

The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides a comprehensive range of direct services to emotionally and physically injured crime victims in Albany County. The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center is available to anyone of any age who has experienced a sexual assault or other interpersonal crime at any time in their life or who has been affected by someone else's victimization. Utilizing therapy, advocacy, community mobilization, prevention education and bystander engagement, CVSVC seeks to change societal conditions that allow and perpetuate oppression. We have been proudly serving victims of crime since 1975.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

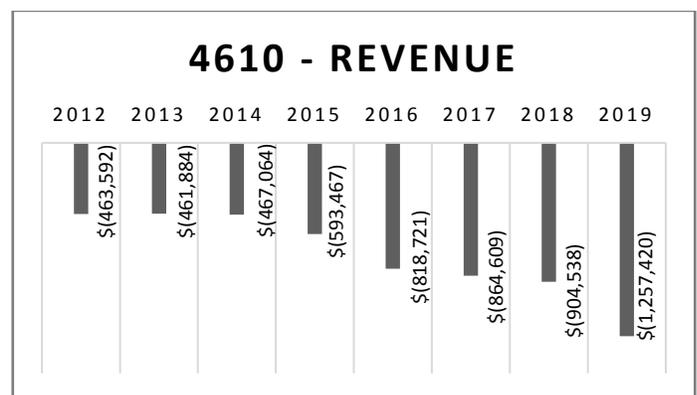
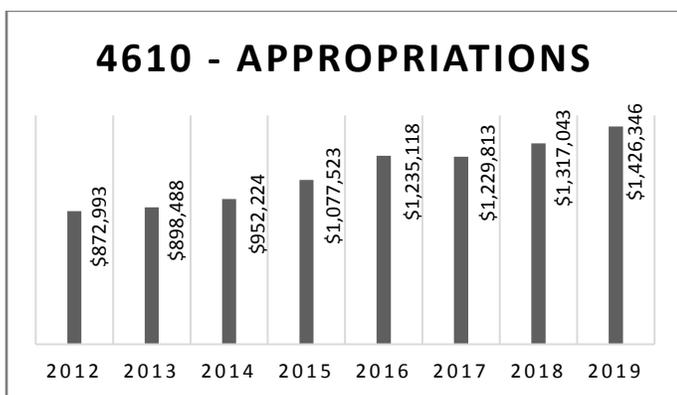
The Center operates a 24 hour crisis hotline for supportive counseling and advocacy at Albany County hospitals and police stations for victims of sexual violence. Free, confidential counseling and treatment is offered to individuals, families, and groups. The Center offers public education programs and community mobilization projects on interpersonal violence prevention for adults and children throughout the County. Our outreach and education efforts reach from urban and suburban to rural areas of our county. The campus coordinator assists college students in Albany County who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, or sexual harassment in any area of their lives -- in or out of school. We also share staff with Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families' Children's Advocacy Center to bridge our two departments to collaborate and maximize community outreach.

The Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center provides information, criminal justice and court advocacy and referral services to all crime victims, and assists them in filing claims for compensation from the NYS Office of Victim Services. Our two case managers provide comprehensive, coordinated care to crime victims dealing with complex needs. Referrals and service coordination with the NYS OVS Vocational Rehabilitation Unit and the NY Civil Legal Network, among others, as appropriate. Specialized services are offered to domestic violence victims and their children, including services offered through Albany County's Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Team. We also work closely with the Albany Police Department to reduce gun involved violence and other community service providers to support Albany's local immigrant and refugee population.

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2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- With an increase in funding from one of our grantors, NYS Office of Victim Services, we have increased our support to immigrants and refugees, providing specialized therapeutic services.
- We have also worked with our local US Committee of Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) to provide expanded resources for our immigrant and refugee client population. We offer translator services and multi-language printed resources to ensure our space and services are both welcoming and inclusive.
- Our Campus Sexual Assault Coordinator has increased our active campus involvement from 8 colleges in 2017 to 13 colleges in 2018. Our work with colleges includes training, workshops, and facilitating both on- and off-campus responses for Campus Sexual Assault survivors.
- We have expanded our interpersonal prevention education and community mobilization efforts, maintaining strong relationships with 11 local school districts and 13 colleges. We have continued to broaden our community mobilization efforts, developing relationships with local educational, faith and public health groups to spread awareness about anti-violence initiatives and empower local communities to foster positive change.
- We have worked with Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families to establish an action plan for identifying survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and Human Trafficking in the Emergency Room.
- We have worked with the Albany County Hill Towns to provide information, resources and referrals to individuals affected by interpersonal crimes.
- We continue to provide direct victim assistance to survivors of crime in Albany County. In the past twelve months, we have provided 15,871 services to almost 4,534 individuals:
 - We provided crisis intervention 1,227 times.
 - We assisted 1,074 clients via our sexual assault crisis hotline.
 - We accompanied over 198 rape victims to the Emergency Room for a forensic rape exam.
 - We provided criminal justice support to 4,160 people.
 - We accompanied 94 people to court appearances.
 - We provided information and referral 4,295 times.
 - We provided individual and family therapy to 1,703 crime victims.
 - We provided a combined 130 community outreach events, prevention education, and professional trainings to approximately 6,600 people.
 - We completed 1,722 Office of Victim Services applications with clients and registered 330 clients for Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE).



2019 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- With the addition of two new grant-funded positions, we will look to add two new Case Managers to our agency who will help to provide individualized case management for survivors working with our agency.
- We are looking to continue to refine our response to CSEC and Human Trafficking survivors by working collaboratively with other service providers and County agencies, including Albany county Department for Children, Youth and Families, to provide immediate, effective advocacy.

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- We continue to expand our community outreach and mobilization efforts by connecting with every facet of our local community, including schools, faith communities, services providers, universities, community groups and other individuals equally dedicated to addressing violence in our area.
- We are engaged in a “Safer Bars” initiative, dedicated to engaging our local bars in becoming front-line engaged bystanders in the movement against sexual violence.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2019 Executive Budget for CVSVC does not include any substantive changes. We have reduced our County share while expanding and improving vital services to Albany County residents.

“Thank you so much for speaking to the Health classes at Bethlehem Central High School last week. The students were so receptive to your presentations, their responses today were all very positive and appreciative to your open and honest assessments of what a healthy and unhealthy relationship may be. They can now identify the difference between a sexual assault and rape. They also understand how important it is to be an active bystander so if they view sexual harassment or assault they can use one of the “4 D’s” to possibly stop the situation before things escalate.

So many of our students go away to college that this information is beyond valuable. It can only help protect them and give them the tools they need to help someone else who didn’t receive this material. Again, thank you for speaking to my classes. I will certainly have you come back to our school next year.”