



# SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH NEWSLETTER

## Uplifting Survivors of Sexual Violence



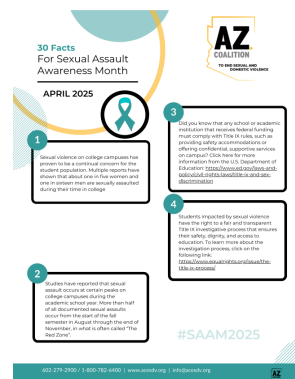
April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence and supporting survivors.

Thank you for joining us in uplifting survivors, challenging harmful norms, and helping to create a safer community in Arizona.

### 30 Days of SAAM Facts 2025

Each day of April, our Sexual Violence Response Team shared a fact related to sexual violence.

View and download a copy of our 2025 SAAM 30 Days of Facts to learn more.



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Legislative Update:

## Track Kit Bill HB 2581

We're pleased to share that the Track Kit Bill, HB 2581, that would **ensure transparency to survivors and accountability in the handling of sexual assault forensic exams is one step closer to becoming law**. This bill would mandate the use of the statewide system that allows survivors to track the status and location of their sexual assault kits from collection through analysis and storage.



The need for this legislation is clear: **survivors deserve the right to know what is happening with their kits**. Survivors deserve an end to the backlog of kits. The implementation of a tracking system is a vital step in restoring trust and improving our response to sexual violence.

However, this progress hasn't come without resistance. As the only non-participant in the statewide tracking system, the City of Phoenix raised significant objections to the bill, citing concerns over duplication, implementation, and costs. As a result, the bill was subjected to a hostile amendment that would have exempted the City, undermining the intent of the legislation.

**Thanks to the unwavering advocacy of allies and legislative champions, the bill was restored to its original language through a conference committee.** It is now awaiting a final vote in both the House and the Senate.

We remain committed to seeing this bill through to passage and implementation. **Survivors deserve accountability** and we are hopeful that our lawmakers will uphold their commitment to justice by giving the Track Kit bill their full support in these final votes.

## Sexual Violence Response Department Update

For the month of April, the Sexual Violence Response Department has been hard at work fulfilling training requests for individual agencies as well as facilitating our Rural Webinar Series for the community. Some of these trainings have included Responding to Survivors in Rural Communities and Creating and Maintaining Sexual Violence Support Groups in Rural Communities. We have continued to provide Lunch and Learn trainings for rural community health centers and are happy to connect with any CHC's who might be interested in arranging training for their staff on best practices in serving survivors of sexual assault.

We are getting ready for our May iteration of Community Partners Addressing Sexual Violence (CPASV), which will be in Yavapai County. Finally, the Sexual Violence Response Team has been showing support to our member organizations all across the state by coming out to table and participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We have been to some incredibly moving and powerful awareness events and want to thank everyone in the community for their hard work

## Community Outreach and Events



**March 27th-** Take Back the Night in Tempe.

**April 1st-** City of Phoenix Employee Seminar in Phoenix.

**April 2nd-** Take Back the Night in Tucson.

**April 2nd-** Northern Arizona University's Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Flagstaff.

**April 10th-** Arizona State University's Devils in the Bedroom in Tempe.

**April 19th-** Northern Arizona University's SAAM 5k Run in Flagstaff.

**April 22nd-** El Mirage Cares in El Mirage.

**April 23rd-** Consent and Beyond in Glendale.



## ACESDV Program Member Recognition

We are so thankful for all of our Program Members who provide sexual violence or dual services. Thank you!

- A New Leaf
- Address Confidentiality Program
- Against Abuse, Inc.
- Alice's Place, Inc.
- Area Agency on Aging Region One
- Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services
- Community Alliance Against Family Abuse- A New Leaf
- City of Mesa Prosecutor's Office and Family Advocacy Center
- City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center and Human Services
- Colorado River Regional Crisis Services
- Chicanos Por La Causa De Colores
- Deaf Abuse Network and Education
- Defenders of Children
- DOVES Network
- Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse
- Eve's Place
- Friendly House, Inc.
- HAVEN Family Resource Center
- Kingman Aid to Abused People
- La Frontera Empact Suicide Prevention Center
- Legal Services for Crime Victims in Arizona
- Mt. Graham Safe House Inc.
- New Life Center
- Northern Arizona Care and Services After Assault
- Northland Family Help Center
- Proverbs 31 Home
- Safe House - Catholic Community Services
- Sojourner Center
- Southwest Family Advocacy Center
- Survivor Advocacy at the University of Arizona
- The Olive Press
- Thrive Center Inc.
- Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse
- Verde Valley Sanctuary
- Victim Witness Services of Coconino County
- WestCare Arizona I, Inc.
- White Mountain SAFE House
- Yavapai Family Advocacy Center - Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

*Are you an ACESDV Program Member providing SV services, but not listed above?  
Update your Coalition Manager profile [here](#), or reach out to [maggie@acesdv.org](mailto:maggie@acesdv.org).*

## ACESDV Merch

Thank you for purchasing our limited  
time edition SAAM shirt! We're proud  
to share that we've sold over 90  
ACESDV SAAM t-shirts this month!  
That's 90+ community members



walking billboards for awareness!  
Every purchase helps fund our mission to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona.

Stay tuned for our next merch drop, coming soon.

[ACESDV Merch Store](#)



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Thank you for standing with us, speaking up, and being part of the solution. Whether you're wearing teal, sharing resources, donating, or educating others—you are helping shift the culture and amplify the message that **#EVERYsurvivor** matters.

Let's continue this momentum, together.

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For future Newsletters, what topics would you like to hear about?

Getting to Know ACESDV Staff

Helpline Success Stories

History of ACESDV

Pets and ACESDV

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