



2020

Annual Report

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (LCADV) is a statewide network of programs, organizations, and individuals who share the goal of ending domestic violence in Louisiana. LCADV empowers its members and communities through advocacy, education, resource development, and technical assistance.

VISION STATEMENT:

LCADV is dedicated to bringing about change in our institutions, laws, politics, attitudes, and beliefs which will allow individuals to live free of violence.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"While it was not the year we expected, it brought an opportunity to examine our goals, bring our priorities into focus, and recommit to our mission of ending violence."



As our Coalition moves into 2021 and beyond, the landscape is certainly different than it was a year ago.

2020 brought challenges that were unprecedented in every way, from the COVID-19 pandemic, to a nationwide reckoning with racially motivated violence, to the busiest hurricane season in recent memory. Through these challenges and more, we remained guided by our mission and centered by our commitment to survivors.

Throughout 2020, LCADV focused our efforts on meeting the evolving concrete needs of domestic violence survivors and the programs that serve them. We secured funding and resources for domestic violence programs as they provided uninterrupted services to survivors. We invested in expanding our own capacity to provide training and technical assistance in virtual formats, launching an innovative online training and resource hub for our membership. We launched programming focused on meeting survivors' immediate needs, including a groundbreaking housing assistance program and a comprehensive legal assistance program.

We are proud to bring you this annual report of our work in 2020. While it was not the year we expected, it brought an opportunity to examine our goals, bring our priorities into focus, and recommit to our mission of ending violence.

Sincerely,

Mariah Wineski

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

“Despite the challenges of 2020, LCADV met each one with focus and perseverance. LCADV worked alongside its members to support them in ensuring services were seamlessly delivered throughout these difficult times.”



As 2020 approached, the Louisiana Coalition against Domestic Violence pledged to look to the future with a “clearer vision – one with clarity, focus, and purpose.” In reality, at that moment, no one could have envisioned what we would face in the months and year to come.

Domestic Violence has been a national epidemic for years. Domestic violence has flourished in the conditions created by the Covid-19 pandemic, which created more opportunities for abusers to terrorize their victims. Louisiana has seen a rise in the rates of domestic violence. While actions such as encouraging stay at home orders were placed to restrict movement and reduce the spread of this infectious virus, unfortunately, not all found safety in the resulting isolation. These stay at home orders had unintended consequences of making life even more dangerous for victims in abusive relationships - many faced their worst case scenario – finding themselves trapped in their home with their violent abuser. Scenarios like this highlight the necessity of the Louisiana Coalition against Domestic Violence. For example, programming such as the Flexible Housing Assistance Program could not have come at a more crucial time as when LCADV successfully secured state funding to make these funds available to programs to provide assistance to survivors facing economic hardships related to COVID-19. Emergency funding for rent, childcare, transportation, and other financial assistance and essential items were made available to survivors. In addition to Covid-19, an extremely active hurricane season added many more challenges during the pandemic. Many programs faced the task of evacuating survivors multiple times, while others experienced extensive damage forcing those programs to close temporarily.

Despite the challenges of 2020, LCADV met each one with focus and perseverance. LCADV worked alongside its members to support them in ensuring services were seamlessly delivered throughout these difficult times. While the pandemic forced the cancellation of many in-person trainings and awareness events, LCADV adapted by creating innovative methods to accomplish its goals: trainings and roundtables were moved to virtual platforms, successful social media campaigns were created to promote awareness, and the website was revamped to expand the training, donor retention, and membership aspects of the Coalition. In addition to the Flexible Housing Program, LCADV successfully implemented the Legal Advocacy Network Program to provide assistance to its member programs and attorneys working with survivors.

I am so proud of the accomplishments of LCADV. To the LCADV staff, its Member Programs, and the Board of Directors – I am grateful for your commitment and tireless efforts towards ending domestic violence, even more so under the exceptionally challenging circumstances of 2020. As we move into 2021, I have great confidence in our mission and look forward to what the New Year brings.

Sincerely,

Pam Guedry

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MEMBER PROGRAMS

1.888.411.1333
Louisiana Domestic Violence Hotline

Beauregard Community Concerns | June N. Jenkins Women's Shelter

Parishes Served: Beauregard, Vernon
Local Crisis Line: 337.462.6504
www.junenjenkins.com

Chez Hope Family Violence Crisis Center

Parishes Served: Assumption, Iberia, St. Martin,
St. Mary
Local Crisis Line: 337.828.4200
www.chezhope.org

Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (DART)

Parishes Served: Bienville, Claiborne, Grant, Jackson, Lincoln,
Union, Winn
Local Crisis Line: 318-251-2255
www.dartla.org

Faith House

Parishes Served: Acadia, Avoyelles, Evangeline, Lafayette, Rapides,
St. Landry, Vermilion
Local Crisis Line: 337.232.8954
www.faithhouseacadiana.com

Family Violence Program of St. Bernard

Parishes Served: Plaquemines, St. Bernard
Local Crisis Line: 504.277-3177
www.fvpsb.org

The Haven, Inc.

Parishes Served: Lafourche, Terrebonne
Crisis Line: 985.853.0045
www.havenhelps.org

Institute for Indian Development: Domestic Violence Program

Parishes Served: Allen, Avoyelles, Grant, Jefferson Davis,
Lafourche, LaSalle, Natchitoches, Rapides, St. Mary, Terrebonne
Local Crisis Line: 1.800.314.7018

Iris Domestic Violence Center

Parishes Served: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana,
Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana
Local Crisis Line: 225.389.3001
www.stopdv.org

Jeff Davis Communities Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)

Parish Served: Jefferson Davis
Local Crisis Line: 337.616.8418
www.jeffdaviscada.com

Metro Centers for Community Advocacy

Parishes Served: Jefferson, St. Charles, St. James, St. John
Local Crisis Line: 504.837.5400
www.mccagno.org

New Orleans Family Justice Center

Parishes Served: Orleans
Local Crisis Line: 504.866.9554
www.nofjc.org

Oasis, A Safe Haven for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Parishes Served: Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron
Local Crisis Line: 337.436.4552
www.oasisasafehaven.org

Project Celebration, Inc.

Parishes Served: Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River,
Sabine, Webster
Local Crisis Line: 318.256.3403
Shreveport Crisis Line: 318.226.5015
www.projectcelebration.com

Safe Harbor

Parishes Served: St. Tammany, Washington
Local Crisis Line: 985.626.5740
www.safeharbornorthshore.org

Southeast Advocates for Family Empowerment (SAFE)

Parishes Served: Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa
Local Crisis Line: 985.542.8384
www.safelouisiana.org

The Wellspring Alliance for Families

Parishes Served: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll,
Franklin, LaSalle, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas,
West Carroll
Local Crisis Line: 318.323.1505
www.wellspringalliance.org

2020

A YEAR IN REVIEW

TRAININGS

Despite the COVID-19 speed bump that put the country and the world on pause, LCADV was able to conduct a total of **32 trainings**. We trained **538 people** from all backgrounds including but not limited to domestic violence service providers, children and youth service providers, law enforcement, and health professionals.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY

- Domestic Violence dynamics and services
- Trauma informed services and care
- Trauma exposure response
- Addressing disparities in underserved populations for African American and rural residents
- Coordinated community responses
- Community outreach and advocacy to diverse and underserved populations
- Principles of effective advocacy and advocate response
- Survivor centered advocacy
- The intersection of HIV/Aids and domestic violence
- Building healthy relationships
- Evidence-informed practices promotion
- Grants and funding
- Anti-oppression and anti-racism
- Disaster preparedness and response
- Non-profit administration and management
- Mandatory reporting
- Building relationships with faith and religious communities
- Access to public benefits
- Behavioral health and wellness for survivors and advocates
- Safety planning
- Strangulation assessment and response
- Violence prevention
- Legal Access Network
- Domestic Violence in a Pandemic
- Confidentiality
- Moving Ahead financial empowerment curriculum
- Screening techniques and interventions
- Understanding survivor experiences
- Homelessness, substance use, and mental health



CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LEGAL SYSTEM RESPONSE

- Judicial response to domestic violence
- Dual arrests and identifying predominant aggressors
- Domestic violence statutes and codes
- Prosecution practices
- Civil court procedures
- Protection orders and temporary restraining orders
- Sexual assault statutes and codes
- Stalking statutes and codes
- State and Federal firearm prohibitions
- Coordinated community responses
- Batterer Intervention Programming
- Best practices in law enforcement response to domestic violence
- Strangulation investigation and response
- Gwen's Law
- Risk assessment
- Custody orders
- COVID-related court procedure



CHILD AND TEEN ADVOCACY

- Teen dating violence dynamics and services
- Supporting child and youth witnesses of domestic violence
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Child welfare response to domestic violence
- Building self-worth and resiliency in children
- Protective factors for adult and child survivors of domestic violence
- Preventing child abuse and neglect in the context of domestic violence
- Supporting parents who are survivors
- Adapting and strengthening families

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As part of our technical assistance initiative, LCADV responded to a total of **234 calls** and provided approximately **275 hours of assistance** in the following areas to our member programs and allied professionals.

 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY	- Survivor relocation - Stalking safety planning - Service eligibility and crisis call screening - COVID-19 and domestic violence - Data reporting - Management and administration issues - Stalking and Cyberstalking - Lethality assessment - Quality assurance standards - Disaster preparation and response - Equal access to services - Media relations	- Children's programming - Language access - Court preparation - Database confidentiality - Louisiana's hazard pay rebate program - Hand signaling for safety - Working with donors - Financial empowerment programming - Domestic Violence Prevention Commission operations - Services for victims of trafficking - FVPSA CARES Act funding - Injury Prevention	- Involuntary termination of services - HUD data and service requirements - Advocate self-care and wellness - Child and elder abuse - VAWA protections - Subpoena response - Legislative advocacy - Nonconsensual disclosure of a private image - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) - STOP allocations and Notice of Intent process - Flexible Housing Assistance Program
 SYSTEMS RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	- COVID-19 response and administration - Eviction and housing protections - Mandatory reporting - Permanent supportive housing - Transitional housing	- Legislative advocacy - Child welfare response to domestic violence - School system dating violence policies - Teen dating violence curriculum requirements - Domestic violence in the	- workplace - Screening in a healthcare setting - Women's policy and research commission report - Evidentiary standards - Pregnancy associated mortality
 CIVIL LEGAL RESPONSES	- Child custody and divorce - Lease provisions and housing rights - Stalking protection orders - Relocation issues - International and interstate custody - Legal Access Network	- Legal advocacy with survivors - Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act - Title IX - U-Visas - Vehicle liens	- Protective order jurisdiction - Post Separation Family Violence Relief Act - Justice Reinvestment Act - Code of governmental ethics
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSES	- Protective orders and temporary restraining orders - Gwen's Law - Domestic violence fatality data - Coordinated community response team (CCRT) development	- Warrants - Batterer intervention programming - Legal protections for LGBT survivors - Firearm prohibitions and transfer protocols - Predominant aggressor determination	- Battery of a dating partner - Risk assessment (ODARA) - Strangulation protocol - Domestic abuse battery statute - Law enforcement response to marginalized communities



In response to unprecedented challenges emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, LCADV focused on supporting our member programs through this time of uncertainty. We prioritized meeting the programs' evolving needs for training, resources, advice, technical assistance, and safety supplies to continue serving survivors under unique circumstances. LCADV held weekly

conference calls to facilitate idea-sharing among programs. We provided technical assistance regarding a vast array of COVID-related topics, from guidance on paid leave and remote work policies to sanitation, testing, and screening procedures, to vaccine policies, and everything in between. We secured physical supplies necessary to help domestic violence programs function, with masks in the spring and a large shipment of supplemental sanitation supplies in the winter.

In addition to meeting programs' immediate needs, LCADV advocated with state and federal agencies for the programs' needs to be prioritized in COVID-19 response plans and associated funding and resources, helping to secure nearly \$3 million additional dollars for Louisiana domestic violence programs. We provided media interviews regarding the impact of COVID-19 on survivors and programs. We also trained several professionals on the COVID-19's impact, emerging needs of survivors, and safety planning in the context of quarantine. We invested in equipment, software, and infrastructure to facilitate remote work, and enhanced our digital training and resource capacity with the launch of a new online resource hub, Coalition Manager.

While COVID-19 brought many challenges, LCADV has taken the unique opportunity it provided us to refocus our priorities and find innovative ways to accomplish our goals.



In January of 2020, LCADV launched the Legal Access Network (LAN). LAN connects survivors of domestic violence who are unable to afford legal services privately and also unable to access other resources such as legal aid or private attorneys to address their legal needs.

LCADV partners with private attorneys across Louisiana to represent survivors in cases such as protection orders, custody, divorce, and immigration. LAN gives attorneys

the opportunity to change lives by representing survivors with various civil legal needs.

While providing access to civil justice for survivors of domestic violence, LAN also provides mentorship, research assistance, and other resources to attorneys throughout their participation in LAN to expand their knowledge of domestic violence representation.

Louisiana has a vast need for civil legal representation of domestic violence survivors. LAN provides survivors with access to justice through the civil legal system.



In February 2020, LCADV launched the **Flexible Housing Program**. The Flexible Housing Program (FHP) provides funding to our member programs to assist survivors of domestic violence with low-barrier, housing-related assistance to prevent homelessness and facilitate access to stable housing.

Studies of similar programs have found that

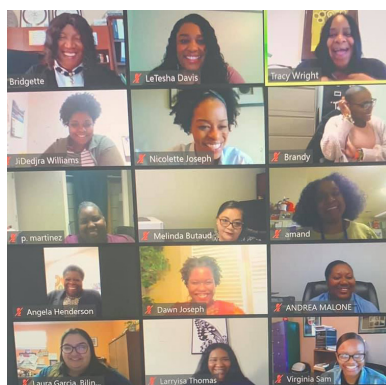
access to immediate, flexible, and personalized housing assistance, combined with advocacy is effective at reducing long-term homelessness, and most importantly, reduce domestic violence re-victimization among participants.

Eligible expenses include both direct housing expenses (rental assistance including arrears, application fees, utility assistance including arrears, moving/relocation expenses) and broader types of expenses that, if not paid, could lead to homelessness (such as childcare and transportation while the survivor works to pay for housing).

LCADV secured \$1.4 million in funding through Louisiana's Justice Reinvestment Initiative to provide this low barrier assistance for survivors. This landmark achievement was the first new investment of state funds into domestic violence services in over a decade.

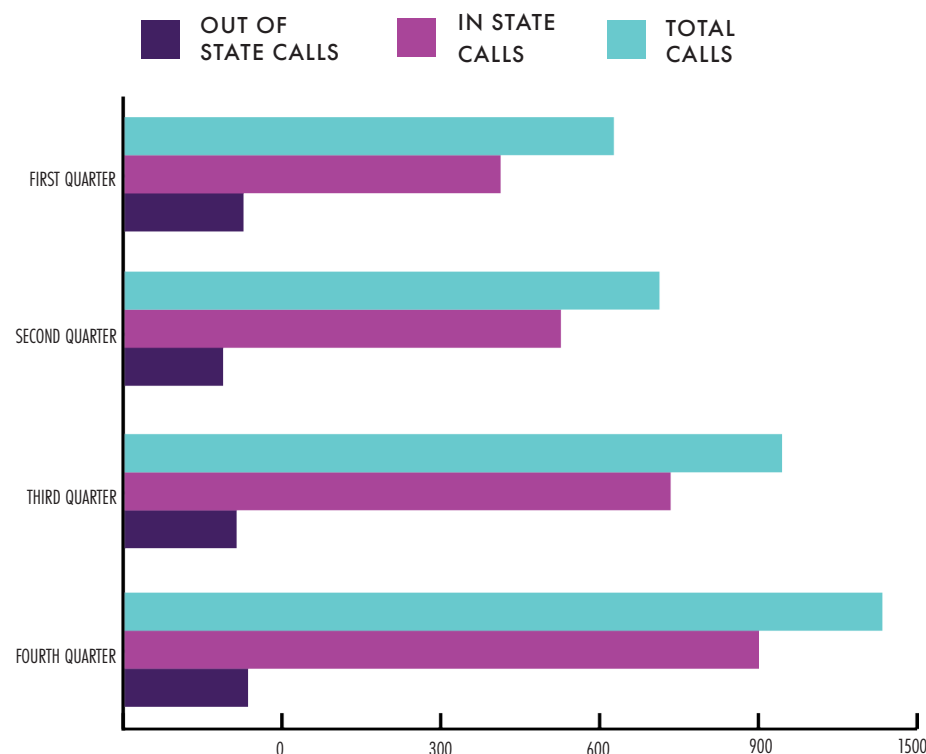
Although the COVID-19 crisis put a little sand in our gears, LCADV was able to host two of our five roundtables virtually. Led by our Children's Advocacy Coordinator, Nicolette Joseph, the **Children's Advocacy Roundtable** was held on September 2, 2020. A total of 10 child advocates from our 16 member programs came together to ask questions, share ideas, and brainstorm strategies that would be helpful for survivors of domestic violence and their children as they prepared for the Fall 2020 school year in the midst of the pandemic. Those in attendance shared that the roundtable was a great time of collaboration, brain storming, and support.

The LCADV **Women of Color Roundtable** was led by our Project Administrator, Dawn Joseph, and held on December 9-10, 2020. LeTasha Davis, our Director of Public Affairs and Ally Engagement as well as Nicolette Joseph served as co-presenters. We had an average of 24 participants on both days from our 16 member programs. On Day 1, our guest speaker was Ms. Tracy Wright from the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault who led discussion regarding life before covid (BC), during covid (DC) and after covid (AC). Advocates were able to share how their lives were affected both personally and professionally. On Day 2, LCADV staff led discussion on how to "Bloom Where You're Planted" in order to grow professionally and successfully serve survivors of domestic abuse.



STATEWIDE HOTLINE

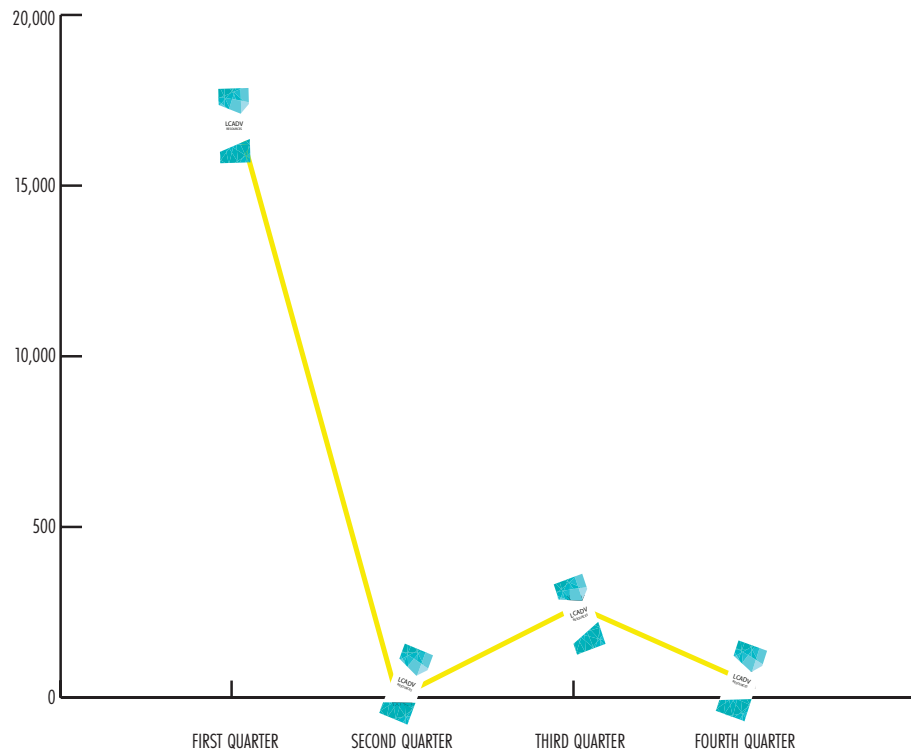
The Louisiana Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline allows survivors of domestic abuse to call one number and be routed to a domestic violence service provider in their area. The hotline is **free**, **confidential**, and available **24 hours** a day, **seven days** a week.



2020 Louisiana Domestic Violence Hotline Data			
	Out of State Calls	In State Calls	Total Calls
First Quarter	224	710	934
Second Quarter	186	824	1,010
Third Quarter	211	1,031	1,242
Fourth Quarter	233	1,198	1,431
Total Calls	854	3,763	4,617

RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

LCADV saw a significant increase in resource requests, orders, and inquiries from our member programs and community allies. In 2020 we distributed a total of **20,248** resources.



2020 Resource Distribution

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Resources Distributed
16,834	0	2,906	508	20,248

LCADV FINANCIALS

INCOME STATEMENT

Source of Income	Amount of Income	Percentages
Dues	12,600	0.9%
Federal Grants	716,329	51.7%
State Grants	517,564	37.4%
Contributions/Other	137,839	10.0%
Total Income	1,384,332	100.0%
Expenses	Amount of Expenses	Percentages
Passthrough for Direct Services	540,090	41.7%
Training & Technical Assistance	669,721	51.7%
Policy & Social Change	10,505	0.8%
Public Policy	23,617	1.8%
Hotline	29,391	2.3%
Resources	7,458	0.6%
Administrative	15,756	1.2%
Total Expenses	1,296,538	100%

This financial statement is unaudited and therefore is being provided for information purposes only.

ASSETS

	December 2020
Current Assets	
Operating Account	147,823.62
Obligated Funds	2,735.00
Disaster Fund	4,690.13
Survivor Stability Fund	12,722.00
Total Checking/Savings	167,970.75
Accounts Receivable	243,418.52
	243,418.52
Prepays	
Prepaid Expenses	3,500.00
Total Current Assets	414,889.27
Fixed Assets	
Equipment & Furnishings	
Accumulated Depreciation	(39,801.00)
Equipment & Furnishings - Other	63,087.00
Total Equipment & Furnishings	23,286.00
TOTAL ASSETS	438,175.27

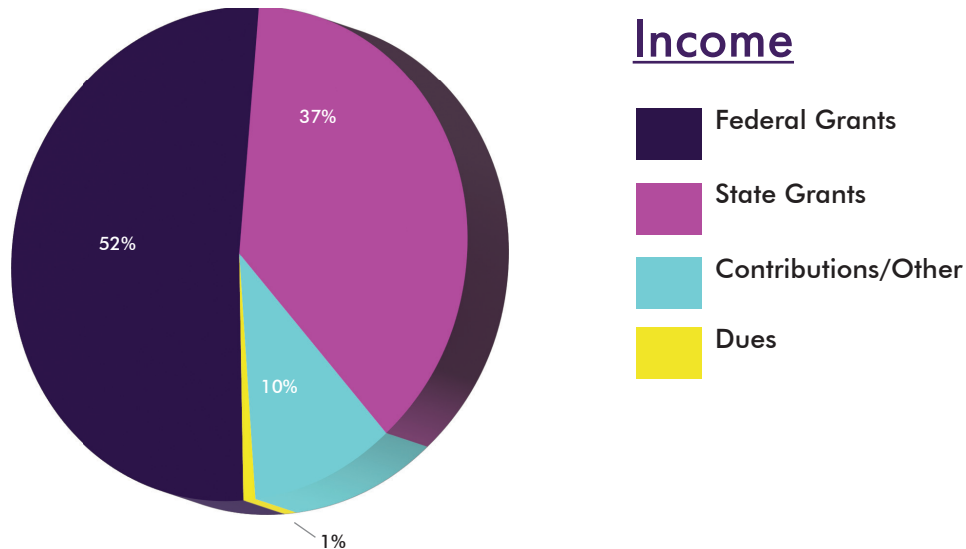
LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	86,380.94
Credit Cards	
Office Depot	60.46
Visa Card FIA Regions	589.52
Total Credit Cards	649.98
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Payroll Expense	16,372.00
Deferred Revenue	12,600.00
Direct Deposit Liabilities	(1,789.27)
Line of Credit (\$30,000)	0.88
Other Payables	58.14
Payroll Liabilities	
Covid-19 Taxes	43.09
Employee Paid Vision Insurance	(160.48)
Employee Paid Life Insurance	(65.70)
941 Liability	4,458.25
Plan 403b	1,489.45
State Income Taxes - Other	343.03
State Withholding	3,572.65
SUTA Payable	189.30
Total Payroll Liabilities	9,669.59
Total Other Current Liabilities	36,911.34
Total Liabilities	123,942.26
Equity	
Retained Earnings	234,059.25
Net Income	80,173.76
Total Equity	314,233.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	438,175.27

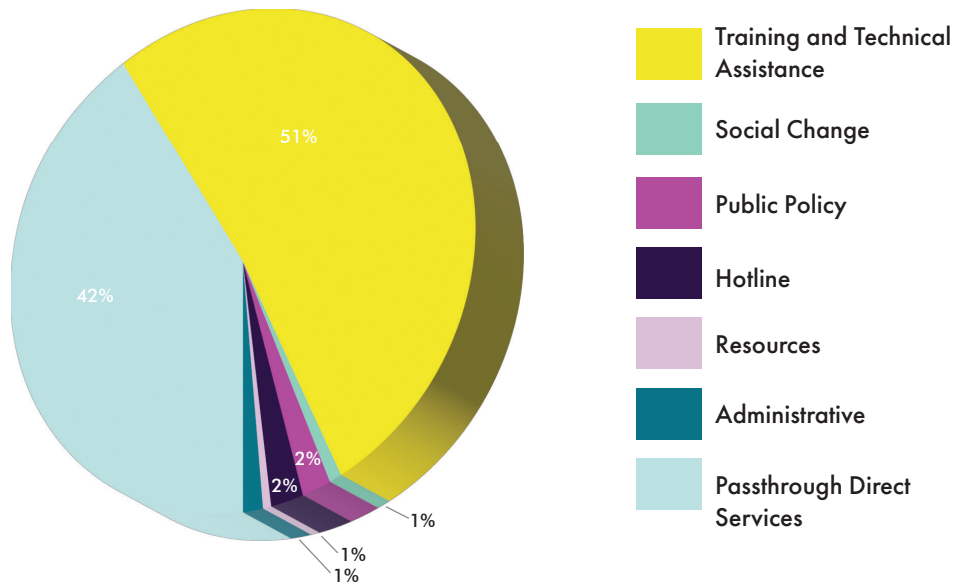
BALANCE SHEET

INCOME & EXPENSES

Income



Expenses



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