

A woman's profile is shown in silhouette on the left side of the page, looking towards the right. The background is a soft-focus landscape of a field under a warm, golden sunset sky. The overall color palette is dominated by teal and blue tones, with a white text overlay on the right side.

# LaFASA

## 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

### **LaFASA supports survivors and works to eliminate sexual violence in Louisiana**

Compassionate hearts and attentive minds are important foundations for recovery. But we can only provide meaningful services by educating advocates and communities in all aspects of survivors' journeys, including the complicated and nuanced parts. LaFASA's initiatives are specifically tailored to deliver this information and guidance to ensure that a survivor is a reality, and eventually, to eradicate the epidemic of sexual violence.

# THE HIGHLIGHTS



11

LaFASA trainings

285+

training participants



255+

LaFASA hotline calls

8279+

LaFASA Member Center  
hotline calls



300+

survivors served by  
LaFASA

1869+

survivors served by a  
LaFASA Member Center

## OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Member Center  
Accreditation



Legislative  
Advocacy



Prevention  
Education



Advocacy Support  
Services



Legal  
Services



Statewide  
Hotline



Campus Sexual  
Assault



Training & Technical  
Assistance



Outreach &  
Awareness

Survivors are strong, resilient and brave,  
but they cannot fight their battles alone.

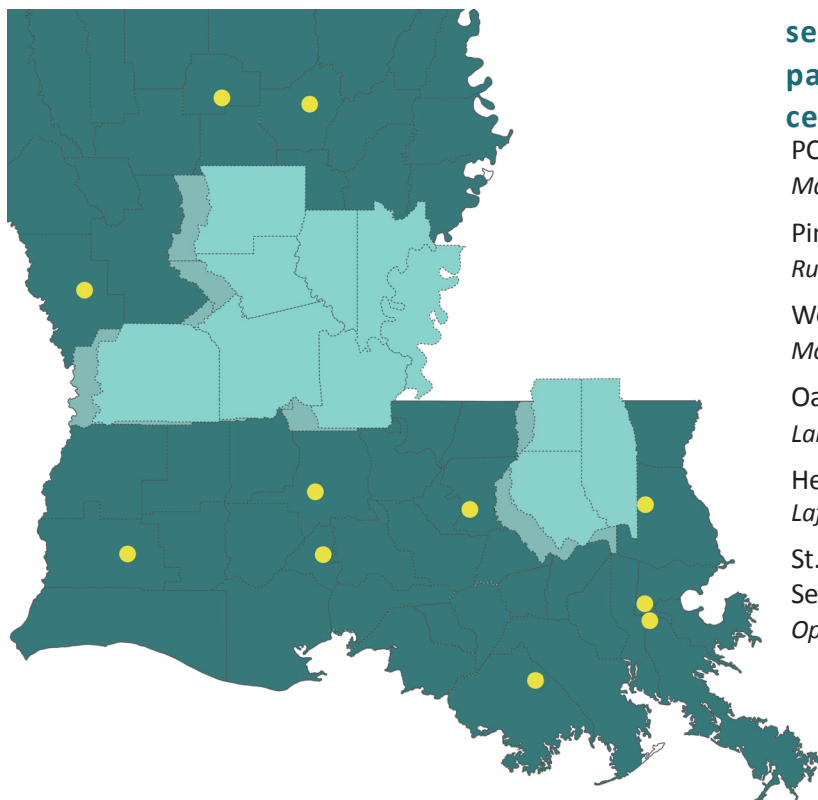
The CDC estimates that 523,000 women and 359,000 men in Louisiana will experience unwanted sexual contact throughout their lives. This includes 330,000 Louisiana women who are raped.

### Sexual violence is preventable.

Through education and outreach, we can debunk rape myths and shed light on what conditions actually contribute to sexual violence. Together we can make a safer Louisiana, free of sexual violence.



# OUR MEMBERS



**In 2016 - 2017, 11 parishes had no accredited sexual assault centers. The remaining 53 parishes are served by the follow 11 member centers:**

PCI Sexual Assault Center <i>Many, LA</i>	ADAPT, Inc. <i>Bogaloussa, LA</i>
Pine Hills Sexual Assault Center <i>Ruston, LA</i>	Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response Center (STAR) <i>Baton Rouge, LA</i>
Wellspring Alliance for Families <i>Monroe, LA</i>	The Haven <i>Houma, LA</i>
Oasis Sexual Violence Program <i>Lake Charles, LA</i>	Metropolitan Centers for Community Advocacy <i>Jefferson, LA</i>
Hearts of Hope <i>Lafayette, LA</i>	New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) <i>New Orleans, LA</i>
St. Landry - Evangeline Sexual Assault Center <i>Opelousas, LA</i>	

## About LaFASA

LaFASA is the statewide sexual violence coalition that represents survivors, member centers and allied professionals throughout Louisiana.

## Our Vision

Safer, healthier, stronger, and better-informed communities throughout Louisiana that are free from the threat of sexual violence.

## Agency Growth

- **Our expended services!** Recent growth now also empowers the agency to provide advocacy and legal services directly to survivors.
- **Our staff doubled!** In 2016-2017 LaFASA created 3 new programs: Legal Services, Advocacy Support, & Campus Sexual Assault.
- **Our new leadership!** LaFASA welcomed our new Executive Director Rafael de Castro

## Legislative Advocacy & Public Policy Updates

- Raised awareness about VAWA and how it helps survivors and service providers throughout Louisiana.
- Louisiana's "sexual assault survivor's bill of rights" centralizes victims' rights provisions for sexual assault survivors and provides new rights, including sexual assault advocate accompaniment at forensic medical examinations.



# Support LaFASA. Support Survivors.

As the statewide voice for survivors, LaFASA needs your financial support to help us continue our work to protect survivors' rights in state and federal policy & legislation.



Membership



Contribute

Go to [lafasa.org](http://lafasa.org) to donate or become a member.  
Your support ensures survivors have a voice in the upcoming legislative session.

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*Louisiana Foundation  
Against Sexual Assault*

Sexual Assault Crisis Centers provide a 24-hour crisis hotline, information and referral, free counseling and more!

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