



Fiscal Year 2020-2021

ST. CROIX VALLEY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM ANNUAL REPORT



About Us

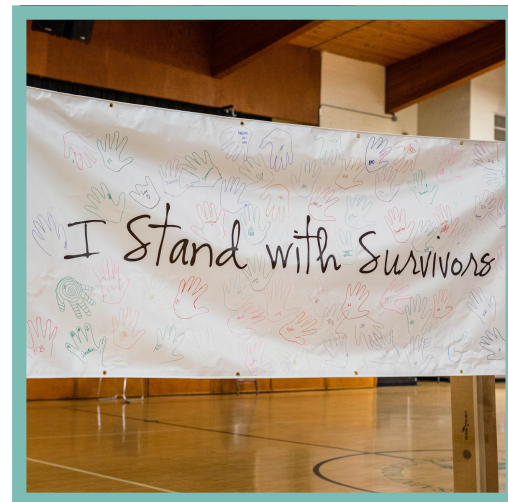
St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team is a 501c3 non-profit; providing medical exams, forensic evidence collection, education and advocacy for survivors of all ages of interpersonal violence, strangulation, human trafficking and sexual exploitation in the counties of Barron, Pierce, Polk, and St. Croix. We are staffed by an Executive Director, Administrative Coordinator, Advocacy Coordinator, Forensic Nurse Co- Coordinators, Forensic RNs, and countless volunteers.



Mission and Vision

Our Mission is to improve community health and safety by providing comprehensive services and resources that respond to and prevent interpersonal violence.

St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team works to end sexual violence through providing comprehensive support and medical services to Victim/Survivors as well as encouraging and teaching social change. We believe through proactive education we can change societal norms and beliefs that allows sexual violence to continue to be perpetrated in our society.



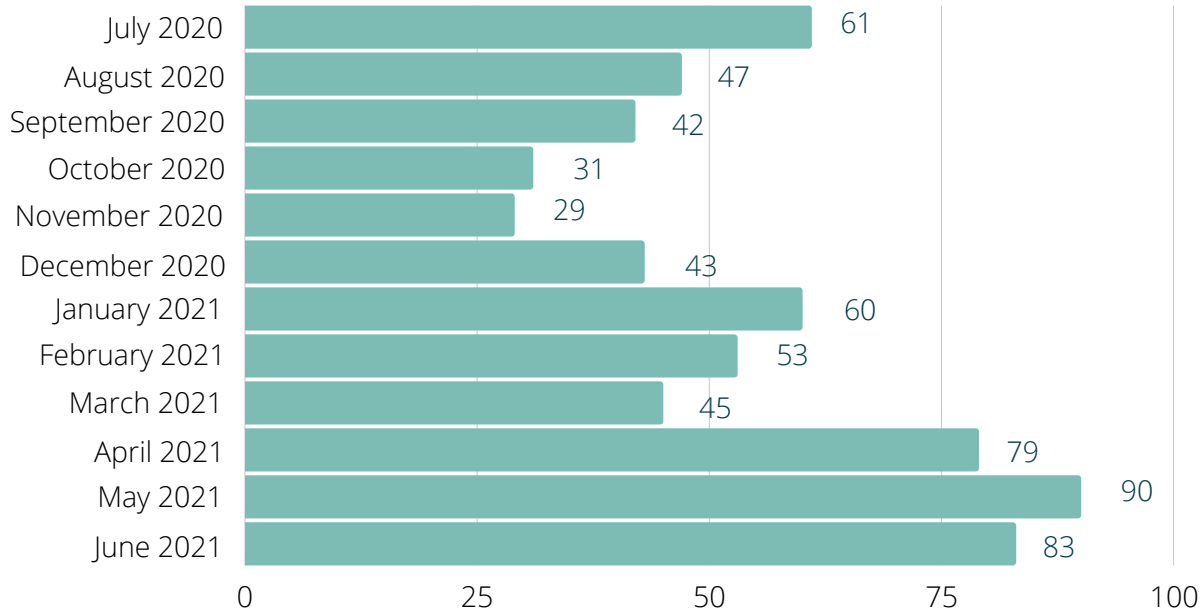
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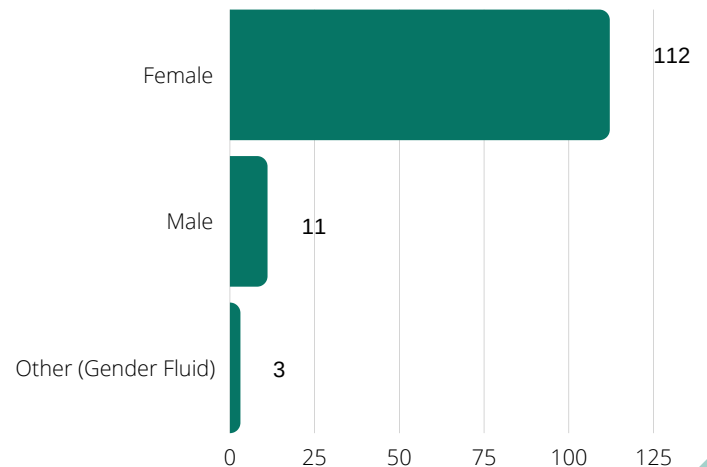


*126 men, women, and children in FY 2020-2021.
With those clients, we had 689 interactions by
providing advocacy, information, and referrals.*

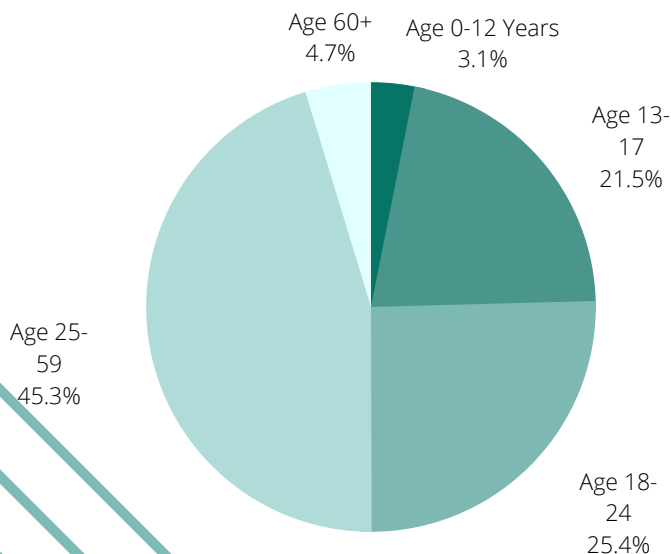
Number of Clients by Month



Gender of New Clients



Age of New Clients

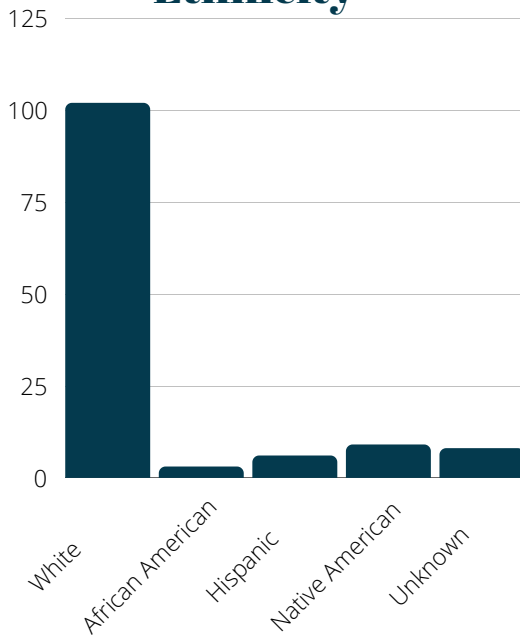


Demographics

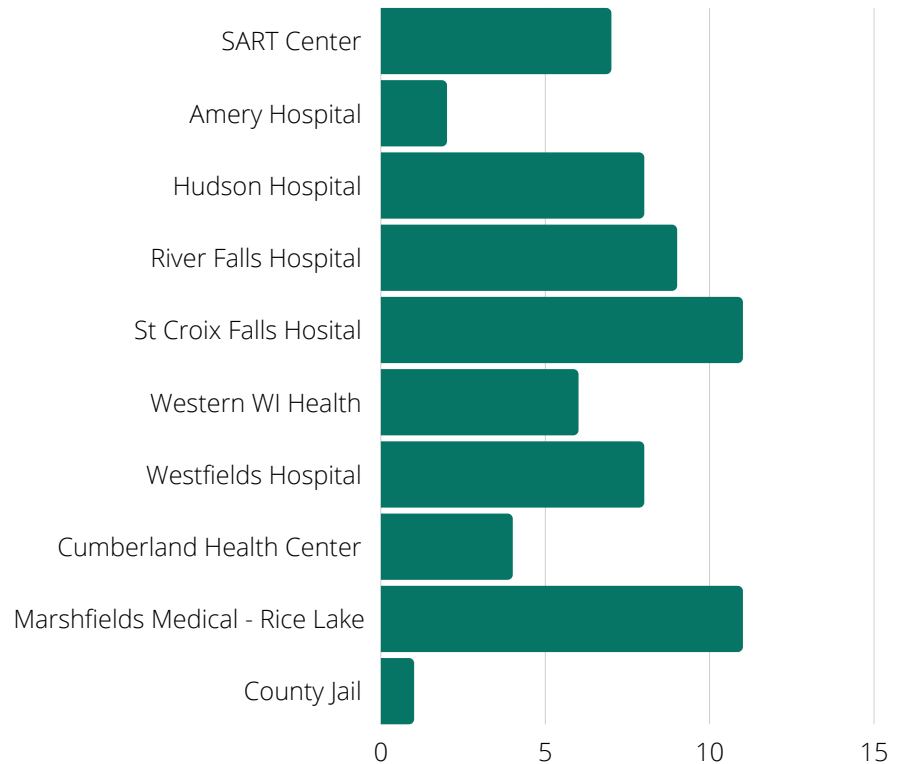
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Ethnicity

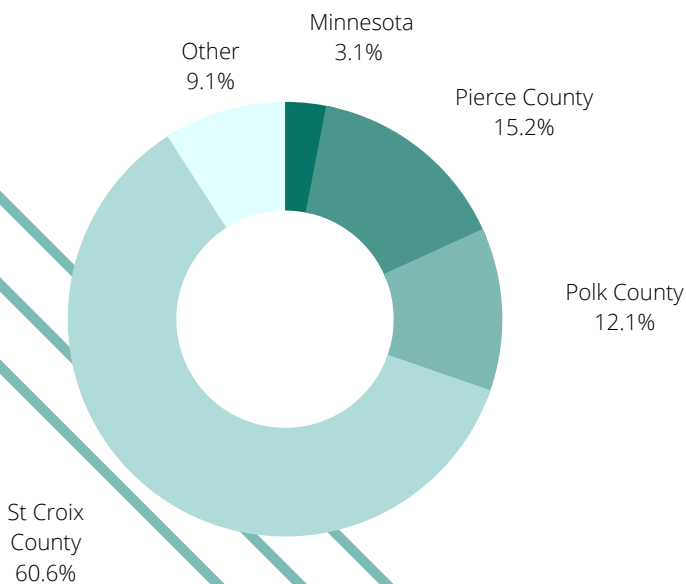


Location of Examination

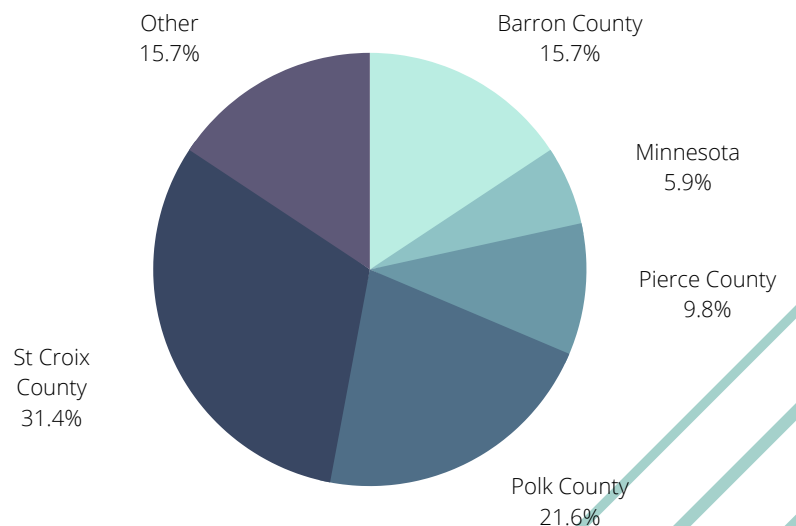


Law Enforcement Involvement

Advocacy Cases



Nursing Cases



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Staff

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Foundation Donors:

- Otto Bremer
- Fred B. and Katherine C. Andersen Foundation
- United Way-St. Croix Valley
- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
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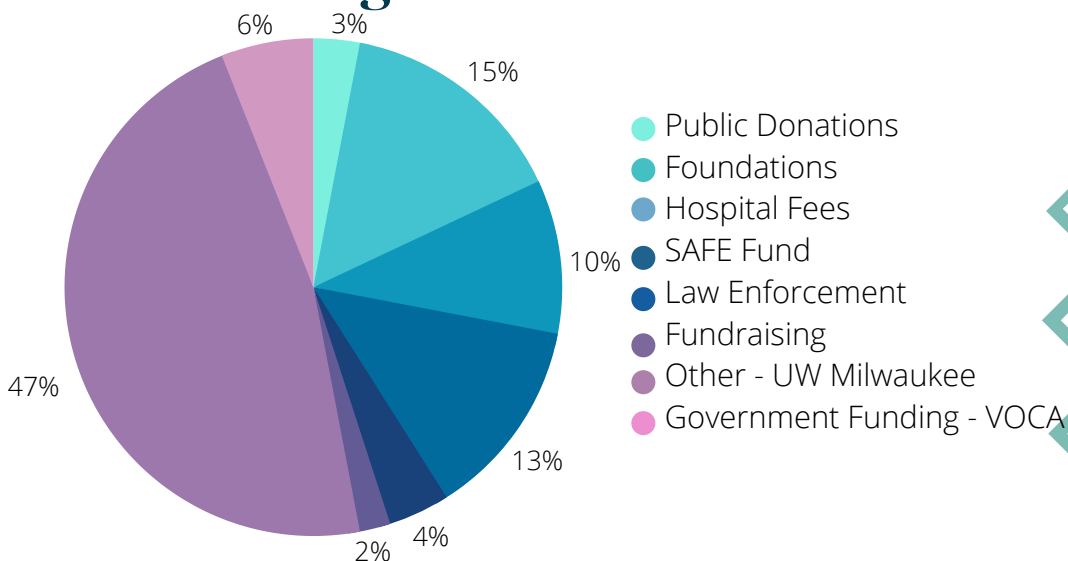
Community Donors:

- Hudson Hospital Foundation
- Pierce-Pepin Cooperative
- Polk-Burnett Cooperative
- New Richmond Area Community Foundation
- Somerset Community Foundation
- Westfields Foundation

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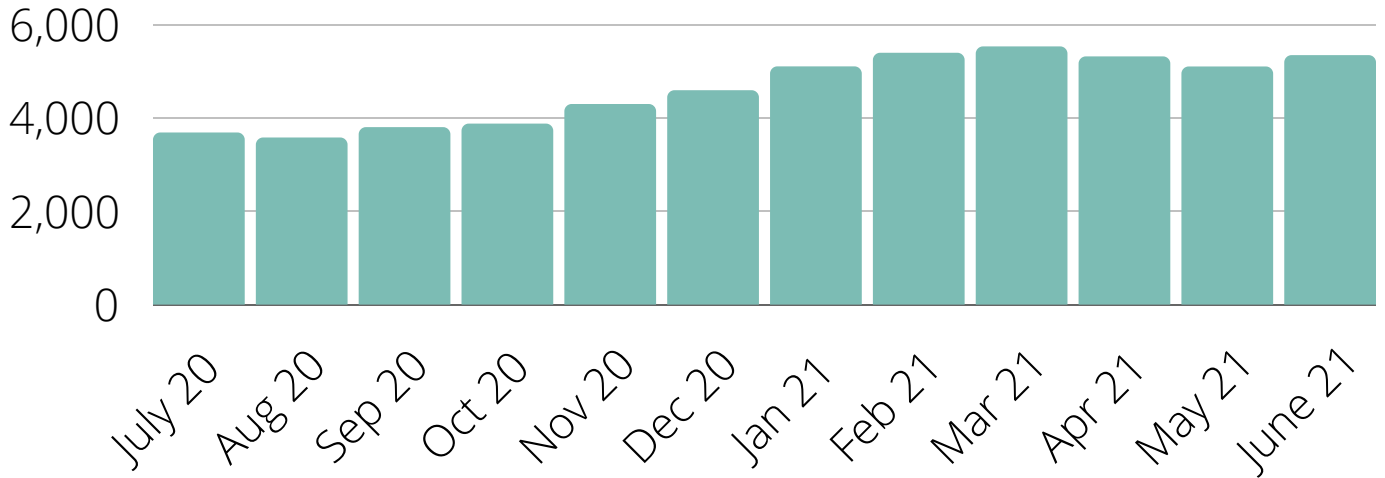
- Amery Hospital
- Cumberland HealthCare
- Hudson Hospital
- Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake
- Mayo Clinic Health System- Northland
- Osceola Medical Center
- River Falls Area Hospital
- St. Croix Regional Medical Center
- Western WI Health
- Westfields

Funding Sources

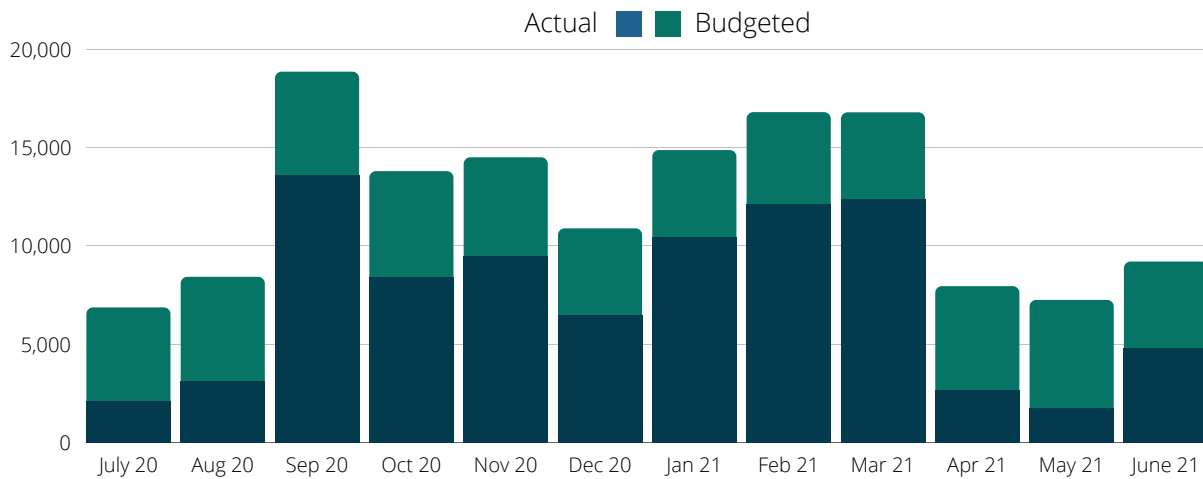


Finances

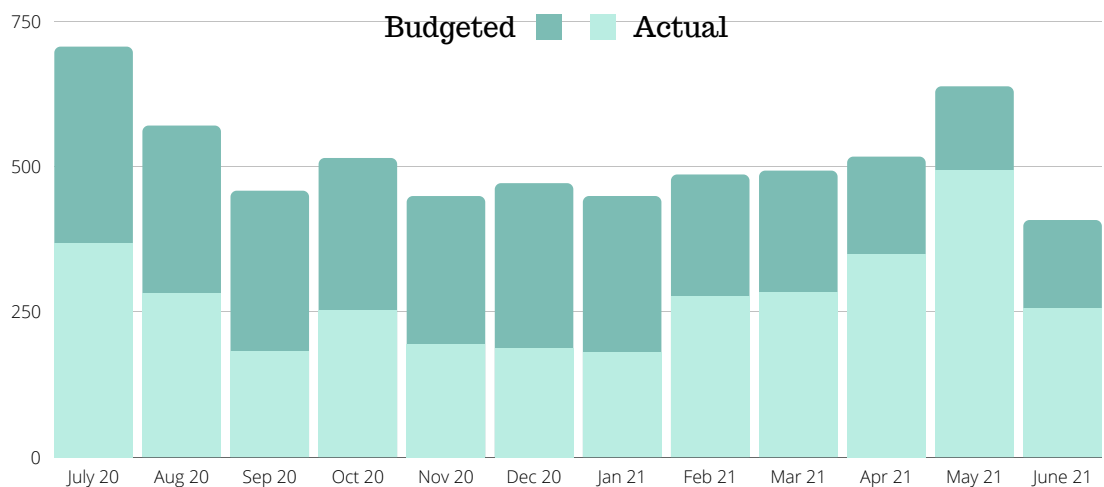
Expense Per Visit



Cost Per Exam: Budgeted vs. Actual

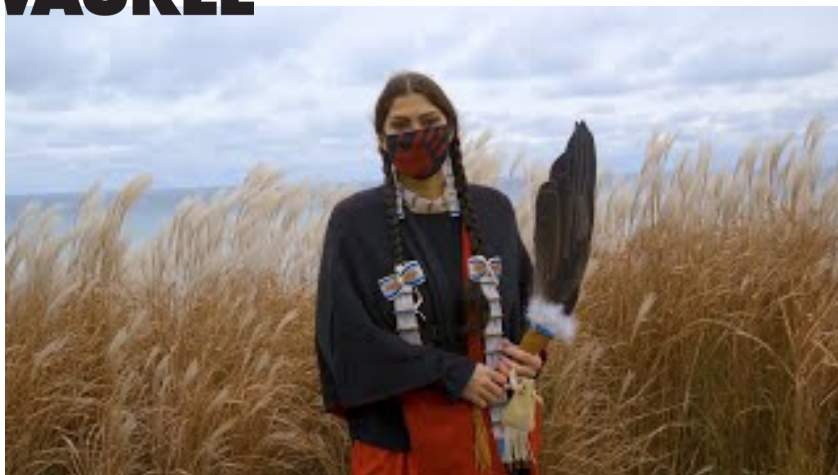


Cash on Hand: Budgeted vs. Actual



UW Milwaukee: 'Tracking Our Truth'

St. Croix Valley SART has partnered with University of Milwaukee-College of Nursing, for project 'Tracking Our Truth'. We recognize that interpersonal violence against women is higher among American Indian Women than any other racially defined group. New services in Northern Wisconsin that Tracking Our Truth will offer will allow for more options provided to survivors of sexual assault, through culturally-supportive advocacy focused medical care at non-system based locations with advocacy provided through partnerships from Oakwood Haven, St. Croix Tribal Health & Human Services and Embrace. 'Tracking Our Truth' is an amazing benefit and opportunity to support and empower survivors in their healing journey allowing them to make the best choice for them in each moment. More information can be found on our website: <https://stcroixvalleysart.org/tracking-our-truth/>



Education

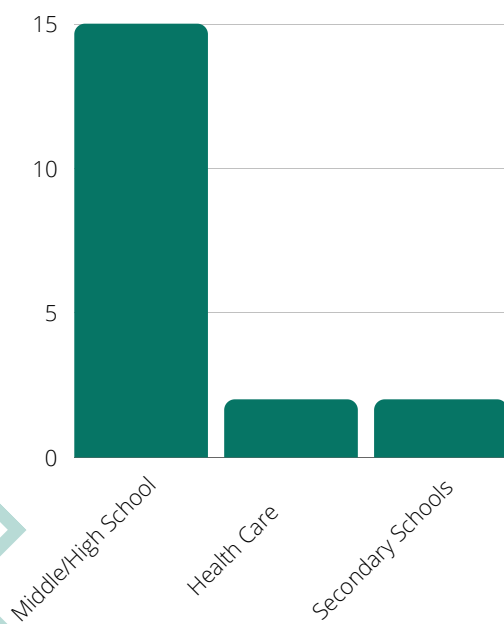
St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team is invited to present at multiple schools in Pierce and St. Croix counties teaching to middle and high school students on the importance of healthy relationships, consent, and forms of abuse.

We are also asked to speak with Law Enforcement, Community Organizations, and other community events and organizations as needed/invited.

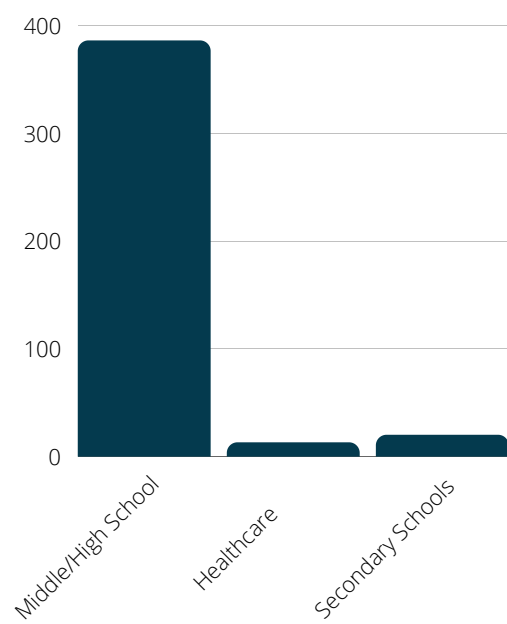
This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our presentation numbers were significantly reduced for safety reasons. However, with 19 presentations consisting of 419 participants, we were able to reach a significant audience to teach about consent, healthy relationships, and abuse.

*Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, presentations and participants were greatly reduced

Number of Presentations



Number of Participants



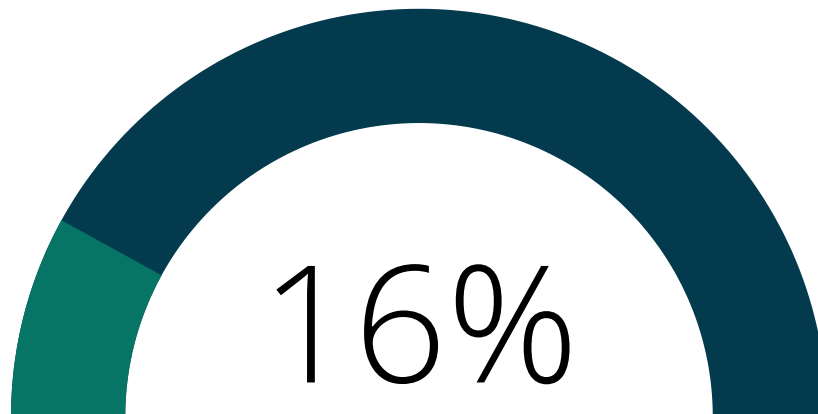
Nursing

All survivors receiving forensic medical exams are educated by our nurses on HIV prophylactic medications and complete a risk assessment. This education and risk assessment allows the patient to make an informed decision about their medical needs.

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Numbers of patients educated: 67

Post education on HIV prophylactic medications and risk assessment, 11 survivors chose to receive HIV medications.



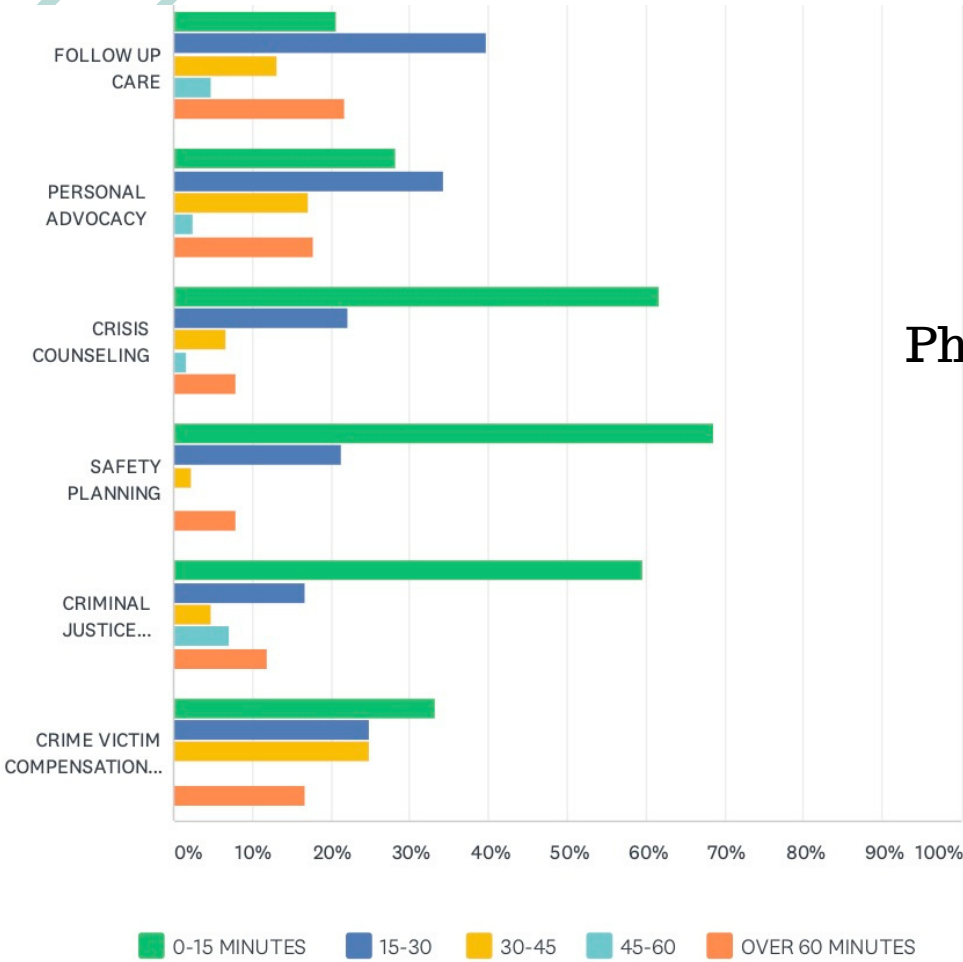
Advocacy

Advocacy does not start or stop with an exam. Many advocacy interactions occur without an exam or after the exam is completed. For the FY 2020-2021, there were a total of 630 advocacy only interactions (no nurse exam completed) for 52 clients. This averages to 12 interactions per client. Interactions include: text check-ins, phone conversations, in-person meetings, etc. Depending on the type of case, the average number of interactions is significantly greater based upon the needs of that population.

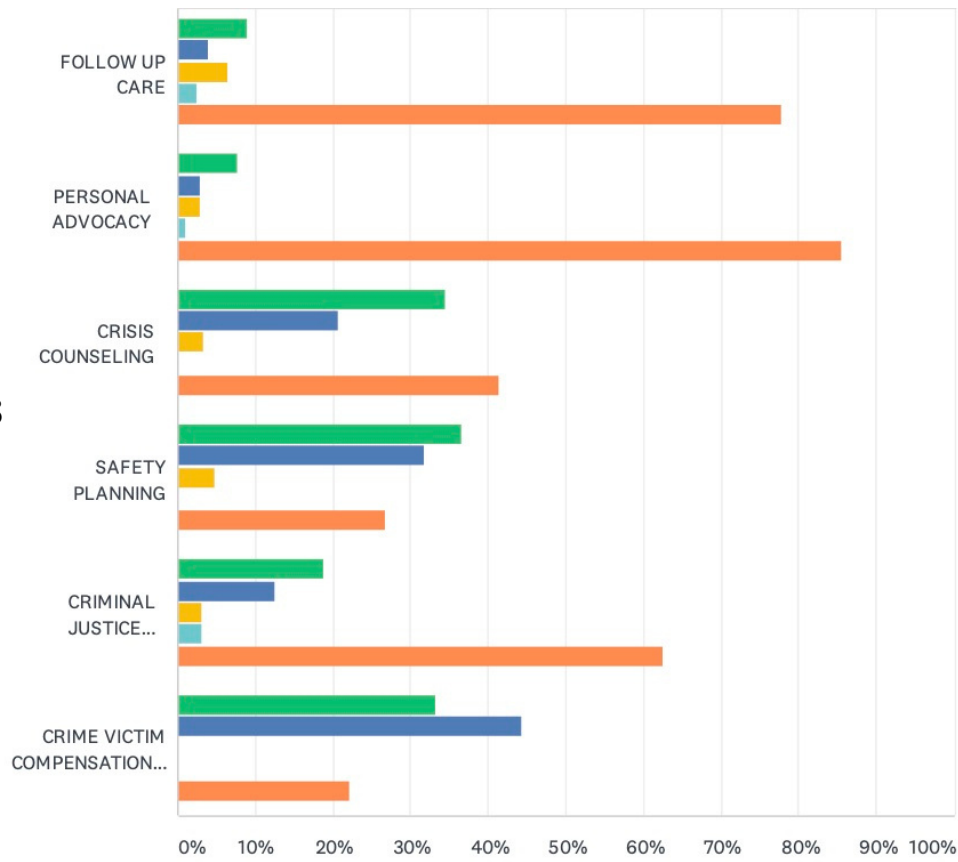
	New Advocacy Clients	On-going Advocacy Client Interactions	Average Number of Interactions per Client
Pediatric Sexual Abuse (Under age of 13)	2	130	65
Child Sexual Abuse (Ages 13-17)	22	201	9
Adult Sexual Assault	19	246	13
Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault	4	8	2
Elder Abuse	1	15	15
Sex/Human Trafficking	2	29	14

Advocacy

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In-Person Services



Events and Fundraisers

St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team hosts an array of events throughout the year including:

Annual Month Long Ice Fishing Contest:

Participants ice fish for the whole month of February competing to win prizes weekly; as well as grand prizes at the end of the competition.



Annual Clay Shoot Fundraiser:

Our annual Clay Shoot is typically held in late Spring or Summer. The event consists of a clay shoot competition, Raffle, Silent Auction, and Dinner/Awards.



Take Back the Night:

Take Back the Night is an annual event held in River Falls, WI during the month of April to show support to Victim/Survivors as well as to educate community members on services available.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Take Back the Night was not held this year, but we hope to next year.



**Thank you to all our supporters,
sponsors, and volunteers.**

**We could not operate or serve
our community without your
dedication and support!**

