

ANNUAL REPORT

ST. CROIX VALLEY
SEXUAL ASSAULT
RESPONSE TEAM

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FISCAL
YEAR
2022-
2023



WHO ARE WE

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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, Rusk and St. Croix. We are staffed by an Executive Director, Operational Manager, Advocacy Coordinator, Part time Advocate, Forensic Nurse Coordinator, Forensic Nurse Supervisor, Forensic RNs, and countless volunteers.

OUR MISSION

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.



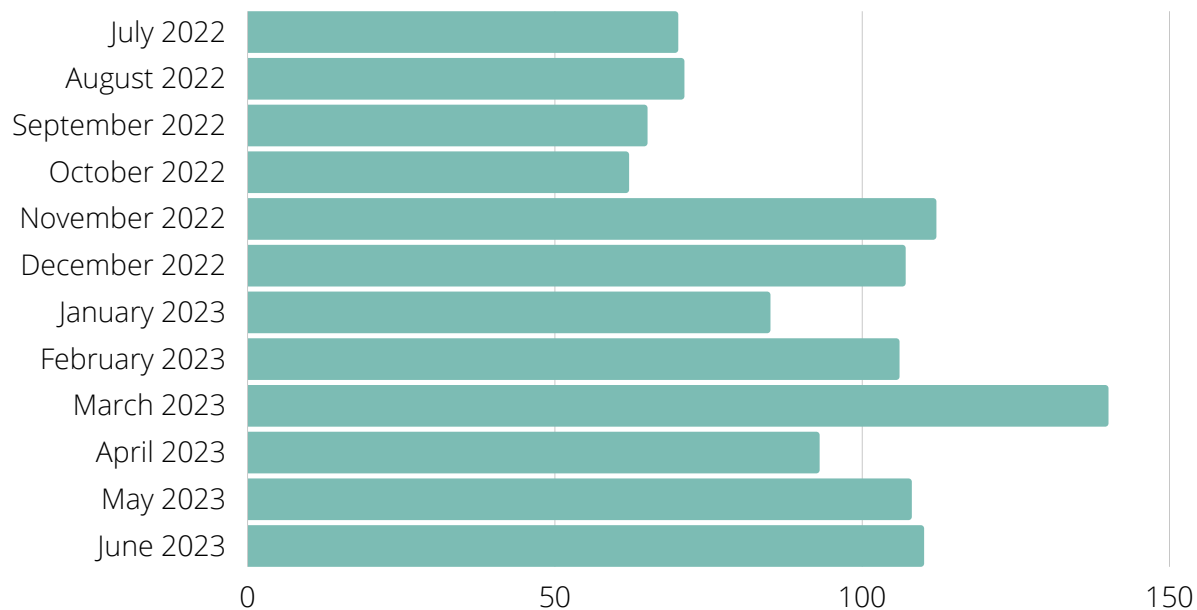
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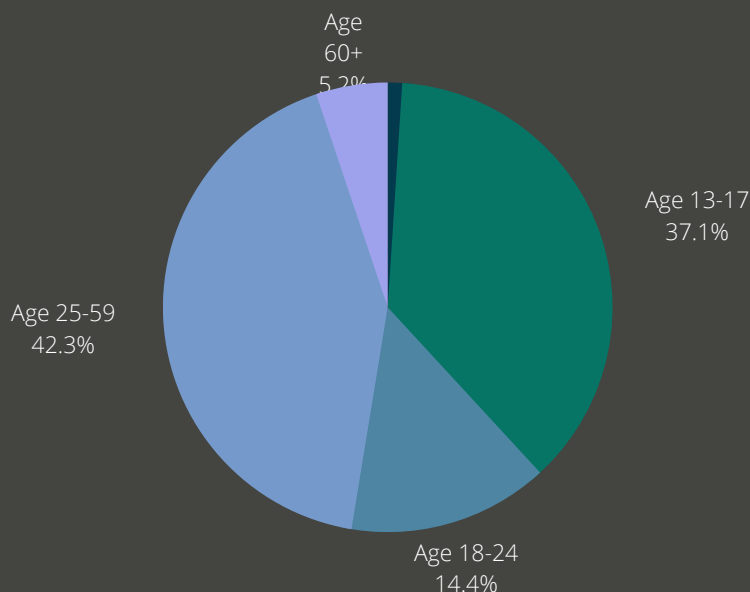


103 adults and children in FY 2022-2023. With those clients, we had 1,130 interactions by providing advocacy, information, and referrals.

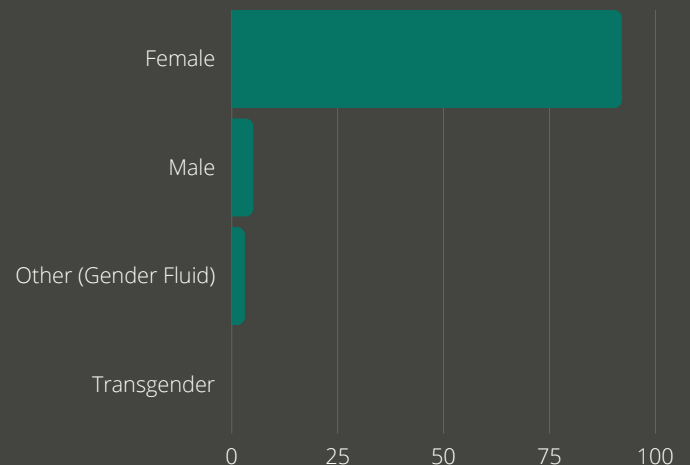
NUMBER OF CLIENT INTERACTIONS BY MONTH



AGE OF NEW CLIENTS



GENDER OF NEW CLIENTS

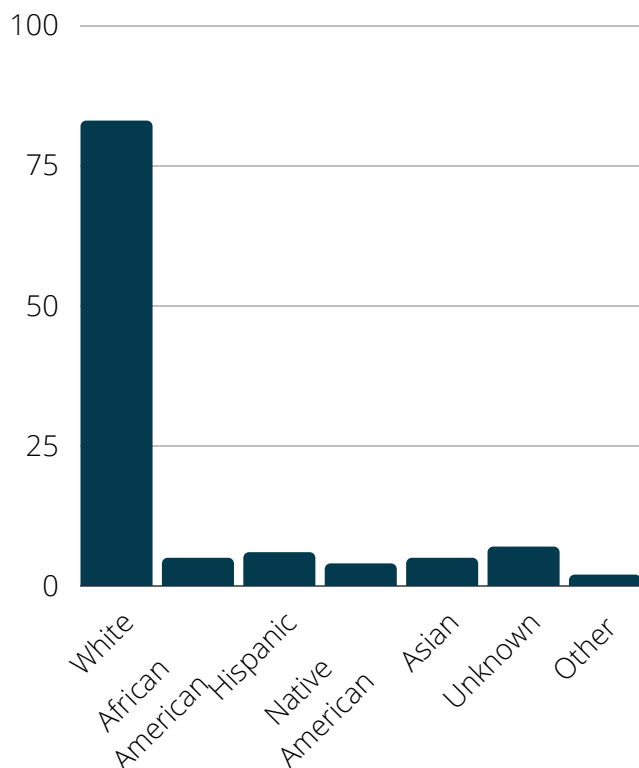


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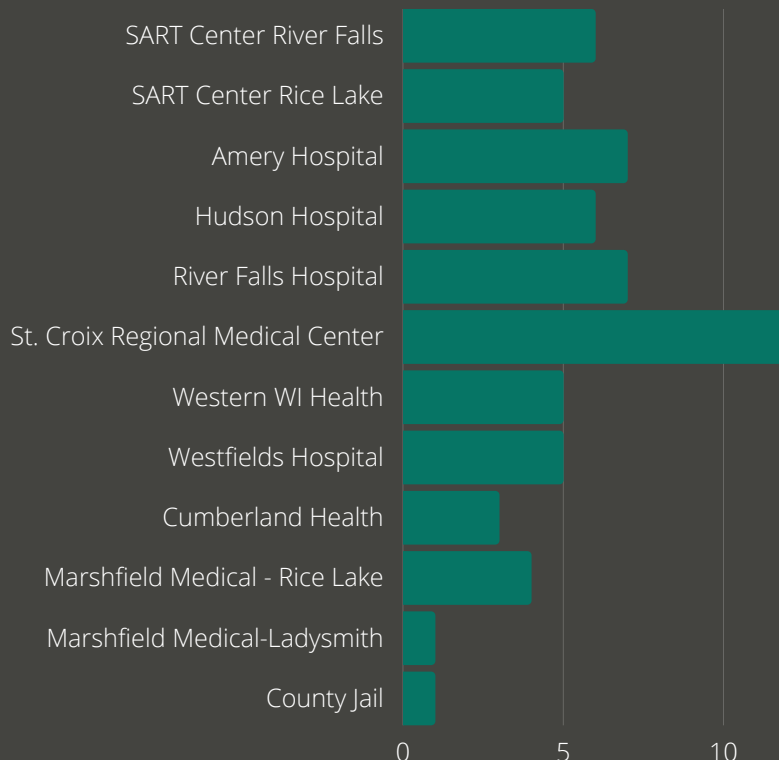
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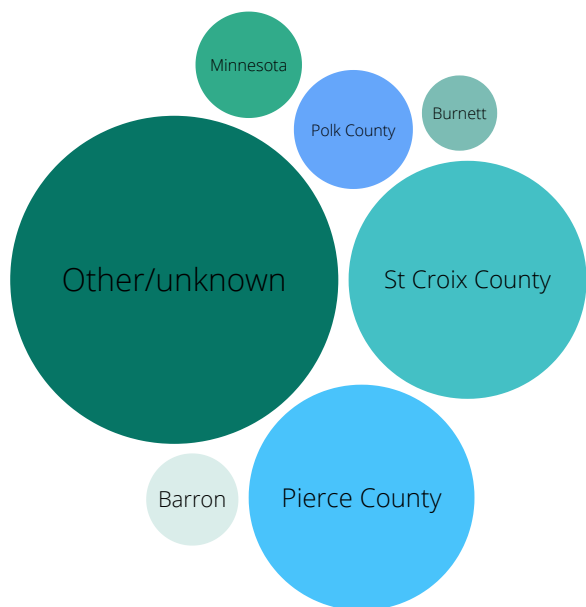


LOCATION OF EXAMS

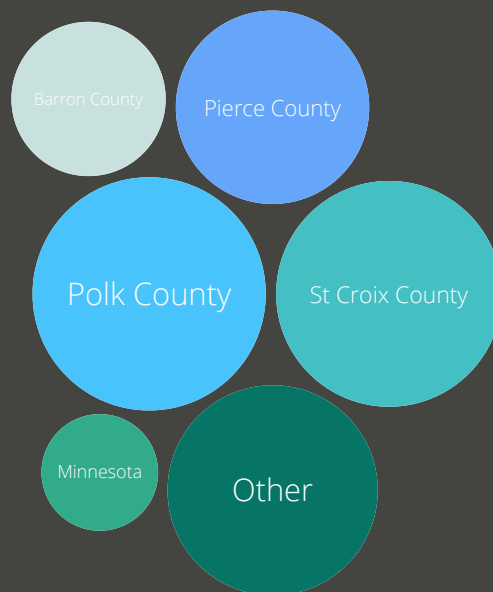


LAW ENFORCEMENT INVOLVMENT

ADVOCACY CASES



NURSING CASES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Gunderson, Chair
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STAFF AND NURSES

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STAFF

Melissa Vesperman ~ Executive
Director & Forensic Nurse
Coordinator

Wendy Dernovsek ~ Operational
Manager

Annelise Hughes ~ Advocacy and
Community Outreach Coordinator

Molly Quinn ~ Part Time Advocate

NURSES

Melissa Vesperman

Allison Mork

Jodi Simmons

Rose Smith

Chelsea Collins

Clara Hayman

Tara Duncan

Kelsey Green

Rosa Barboza-Schletty

Alexandria Fox

Ashley Price

Dawn Quaderer

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Melanie Carey

Evyn Engelhardt

Tonya Steines

Annie West

Chelsea Collins

DONORS AND PARTNERS

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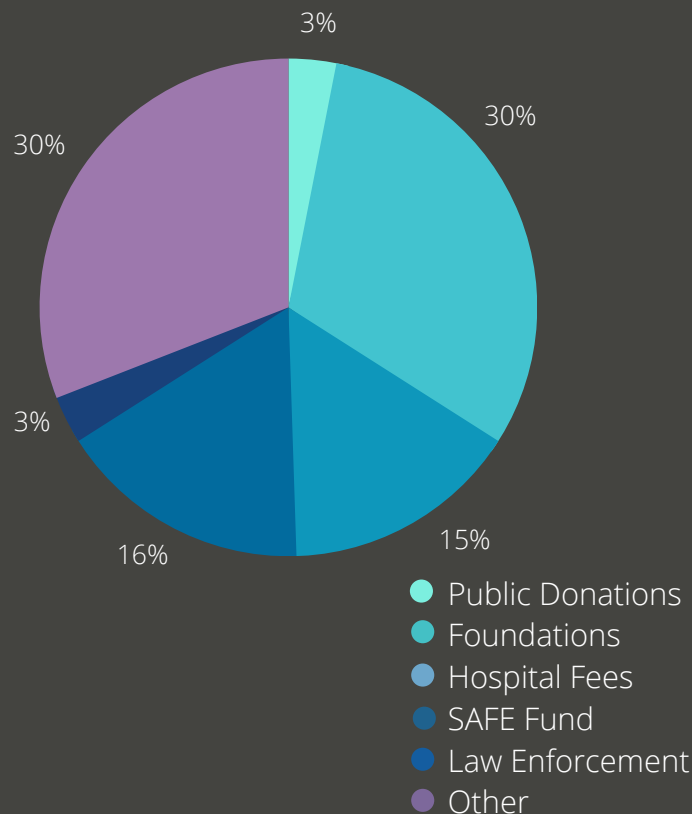


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- Otto Bremer
- Fred B. and Katherine C. Andersen Foundation
- United Way-St. Croix Valley
- Hugh J. Andersen Foundation
- WM H. Phipps Foundation
- Weekes Family Foundation
- Green Bay Packers Foundation

COMMUNITY DONORS

- Pierce-Pepin Cooperative
- Polk-Burnett Cooperative
- New Richmond Area Community Foundation
- Westfields Foundation
- Barron Electric Cooperative
- N. Hudson Pepper Festival
- River Falls Community Foundation
- Hudson Community Foundation
- Hudson Daybreak Rotary



MEDICAL PARTNERS

- 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 Health
- Western WI Health
- Westfields
- Marshfield Medical Center-Ladysmith

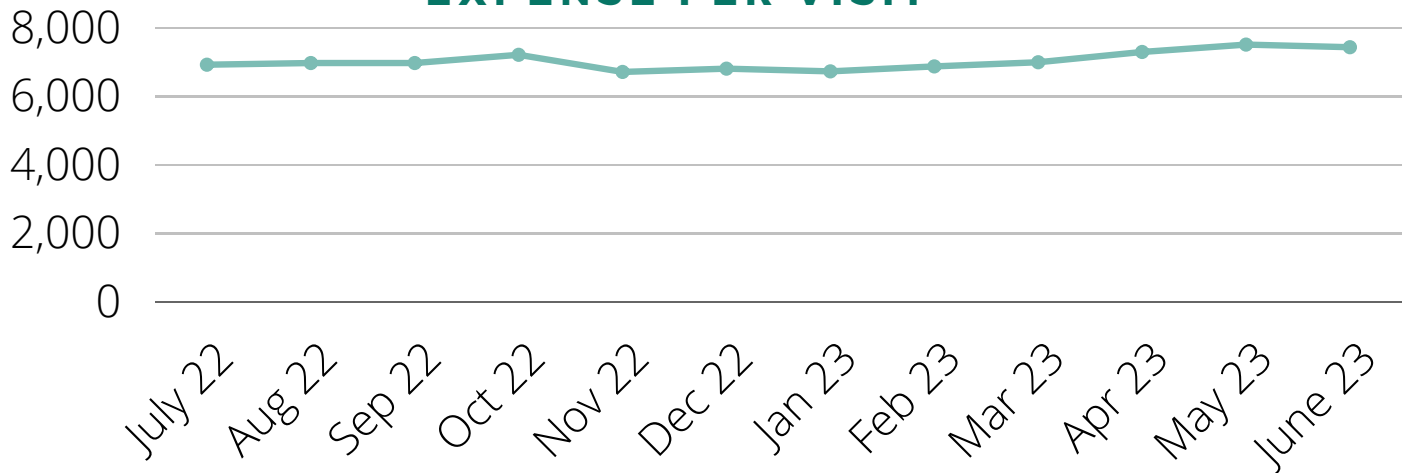
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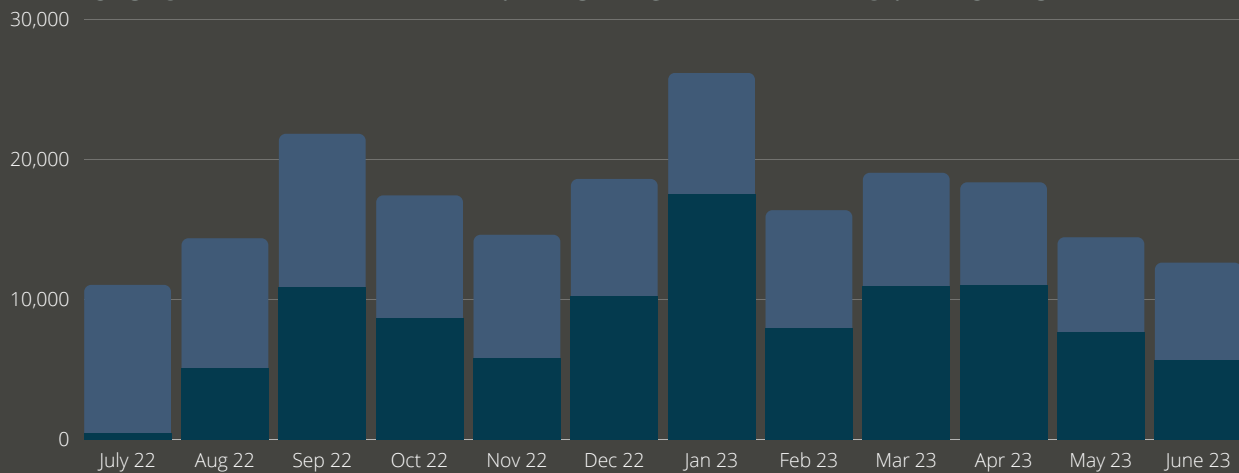


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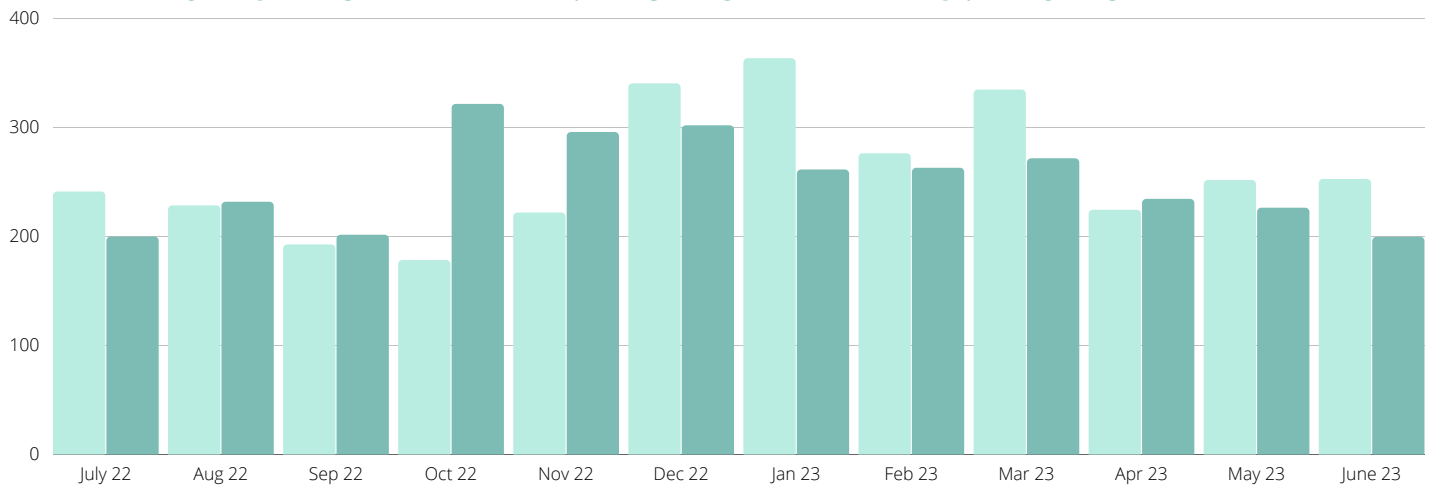
EXPENSE PER VISIT



COST PER EXAM: BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL



CASH ON HAND: BUDGETED VS. ACTUAL



UW MILWAUKEE: 'TRACKING OUR TRUTH'

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St. Croix Valley SART has concluded our grant partnership with the University of Milwaukee College of Nursing, for the project Tracking Our Truth. While recognizing that interpersonal violence against women is higher among American Indian Women than any other racially defined group, we were able to focus efforts on outreach, community-based exam options and partnerships with the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. This grant allowed us more options to provide to American Indians of sexual assault and strangulation through culturally-supportive advocacy focused medical care at non-system based locations. As a result of this grant and outreach we were able to see, to date, 8 patients at our community-based exam site in Rice Lake, WI and our American Indian patient population doubled. We participated in training 8 new forensic nurses and approximately 40 advocates working near or with tribes. Tracking our Truth was 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. Active work of the grant ended in September 2022 with a no cost extension for the southern part of the state until September 2023.



EDUCATION

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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, coercion, and all forms of abuse. We believe this proactive and preventative approach allows students to process and identify the concept and actions of interpersonal violence in a safe learning environment.

Preventive education is known to be an important and effective tool in reducing the volume of sexual violence in our local communities.

St. Croix Valley SART had the wonderful opportunity to work with the following schools in fiscal year 2022-2023:

- **Colleges:**
 - UW River Falls
- **High Schools:**
 - Amery High School - Freshman Health Classes
 - Baldwin Woodville High School - Health Classes
 - Ellsworth High School - Healthy Relationships Classes
 - Elmwood High School - Health Classes
 - Hudson High School - Peer Helpers
 - New Richmond High School - Health Classes
 - Osceola High School - Health Classes
 - Plum City High School - Health Class
 - Prescott High School - Freshman Health Classes
 - Renaissance Academy - All school presentations for grades 9-12
 - River Falls High School - All school presentations for grades 9-12
- **Middle Schools:**
 - Baldwin-Woodville: Viking Middle School - Health Classes
 - New Richmond Middle School - All students in 8th grade
 - River Falls: Meyer Middle School - 8th grade Health Classes
 - Osceola Middle School - Health Classes
 - Hudson Middle School - Health Classes
 - Somerset Middle School - Health Classes

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF STUDENTS
REACHED**

3,397

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS**

89

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF HOURS
PRESENTING**

95

**TOTAL NUMBER
OF SCHOOLS**

17



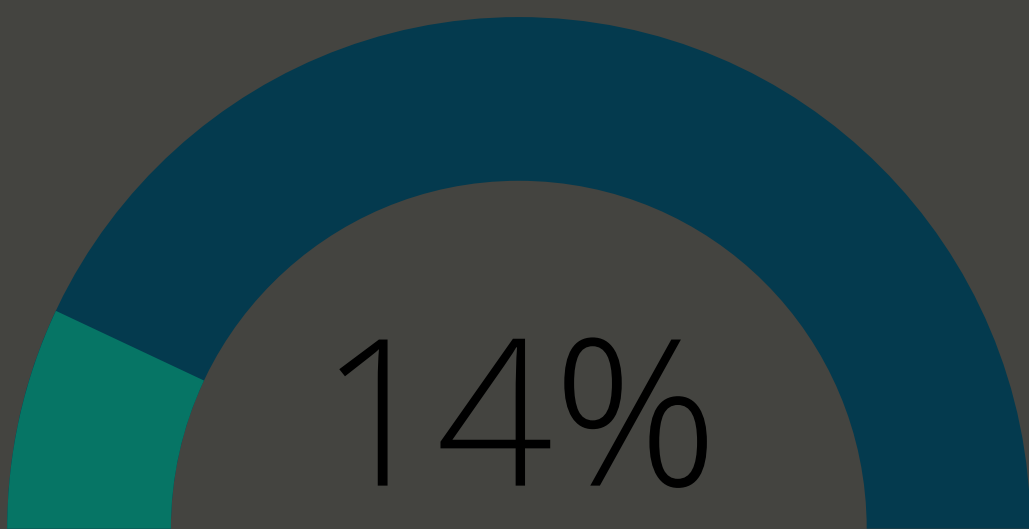
NURSING

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St. Croix Valley SART nurses are dedicated to their community, learning, and providing victims of violence with the most compassionate and knowledgeable care possible. Our nurses come from a variety of backgrounds and locations. We are privileged enough to benefit from all of their varied experiences in care and it makes our staff not only well rounded but appreciative of caring for the whole patient. We have been very fortunate to be able to add to our talented nursing staff this year and are reaching all five areas of our coverage to allow for less patient wait time and more accessible care.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

**11 PATIENTS RECEIVED A
STRANGULATION FORENSIC EXAM**



ADVOCACY

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Advocacy does not start or stop with an sexual assault nursing exam. Many advocacy interactions occur without an exam or after the exam is completed. Advocacy supports a survivor through their healing journey by connecting to resources, listening and support, responding to crisis calls, and supporting the survivor through the legal process if they choose to report to law enforcement.

For the FY 2022-2023, St. Croix Valley SART Advocacy had a total of 1,112 Advocacy ONLY interactions (meaning no nurse exam was completed for this survivor) for 60 survivors. Advocacy provided a total of 1,130 interactions for all survivors who sought out services from St. Croix Valley SART.

This averages to 11 interactions per survivor. 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.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

	New Advocacy Survivor	On-going Advocacy Survivor Interactions
Child/Adolescent Sexual Abuse	48	610
Adult Sexual Assault	36	448
Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault	27	259
Elder Abuse	1	1
Sex/Human Trafficking	2	10
Teen Dating Abuse	35	340
Strangulation	10	144
Stalking/Harassment	42	500

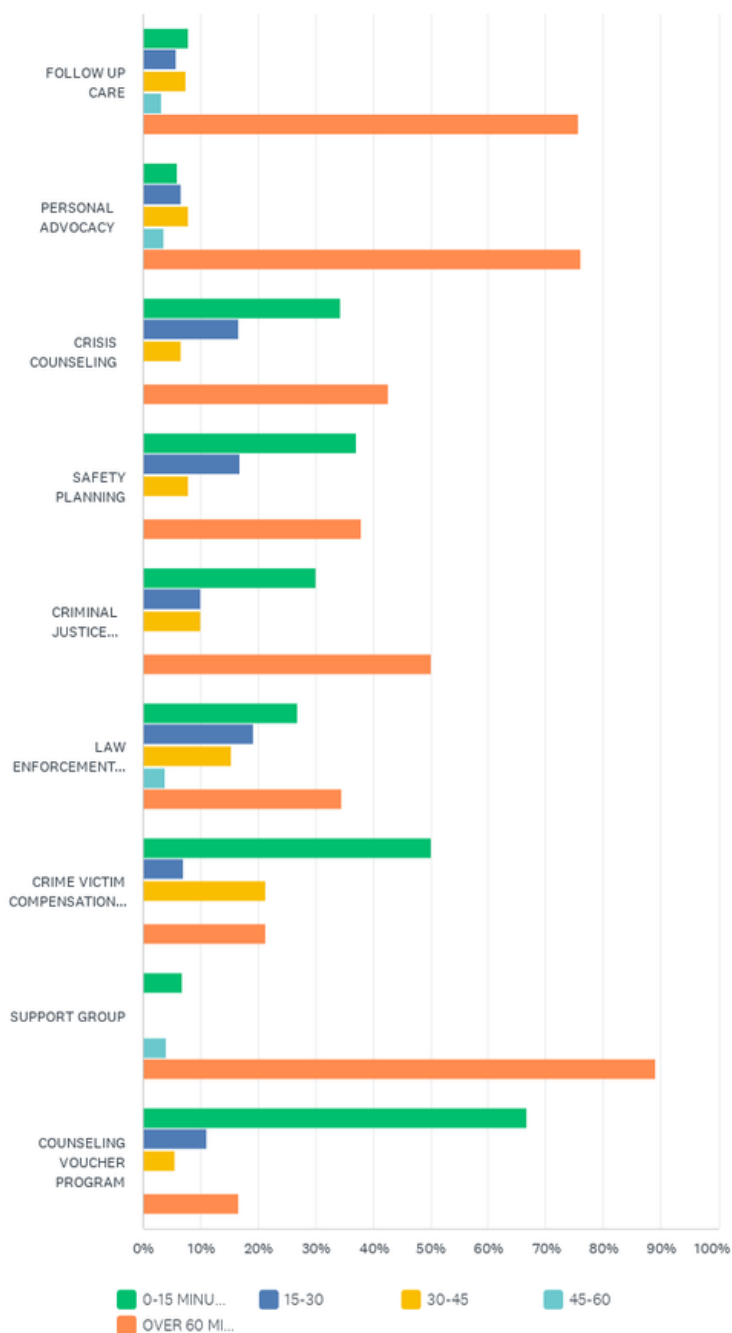
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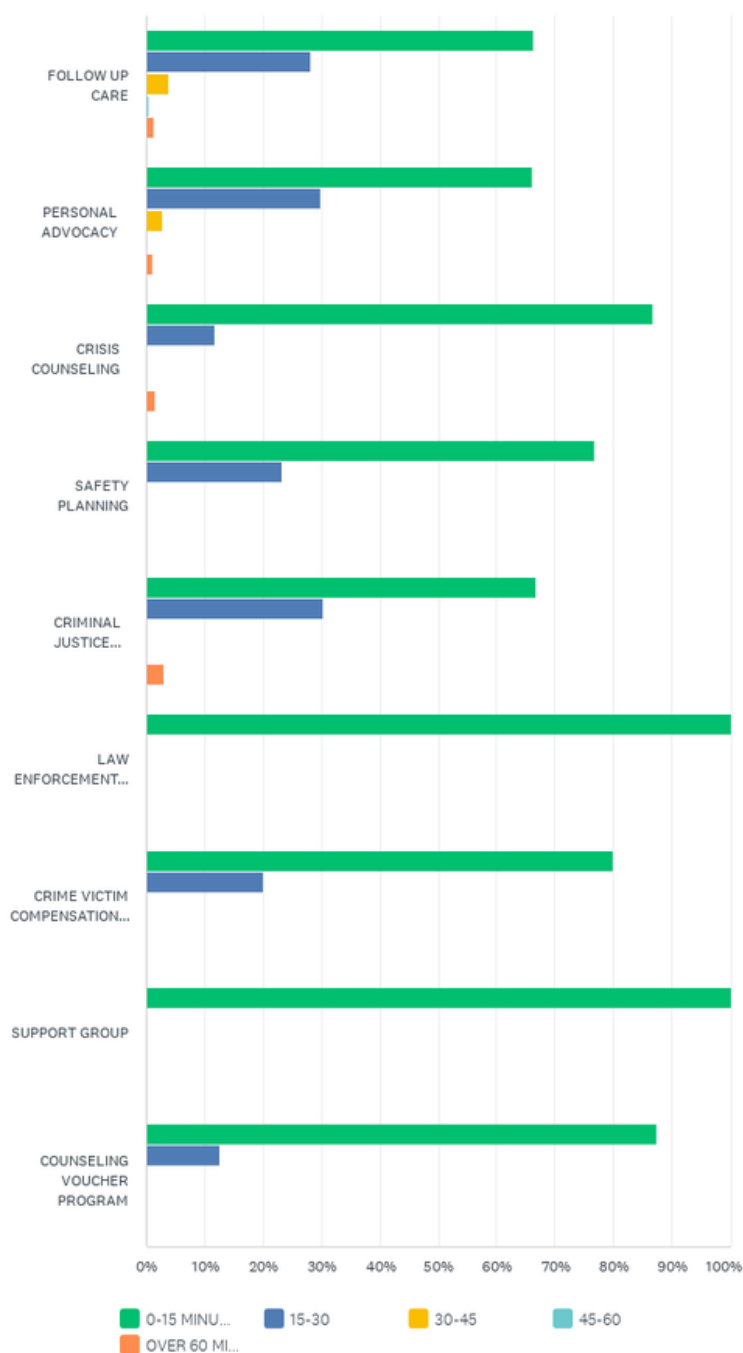


INTERACTIONS

IN-PERSON



Text



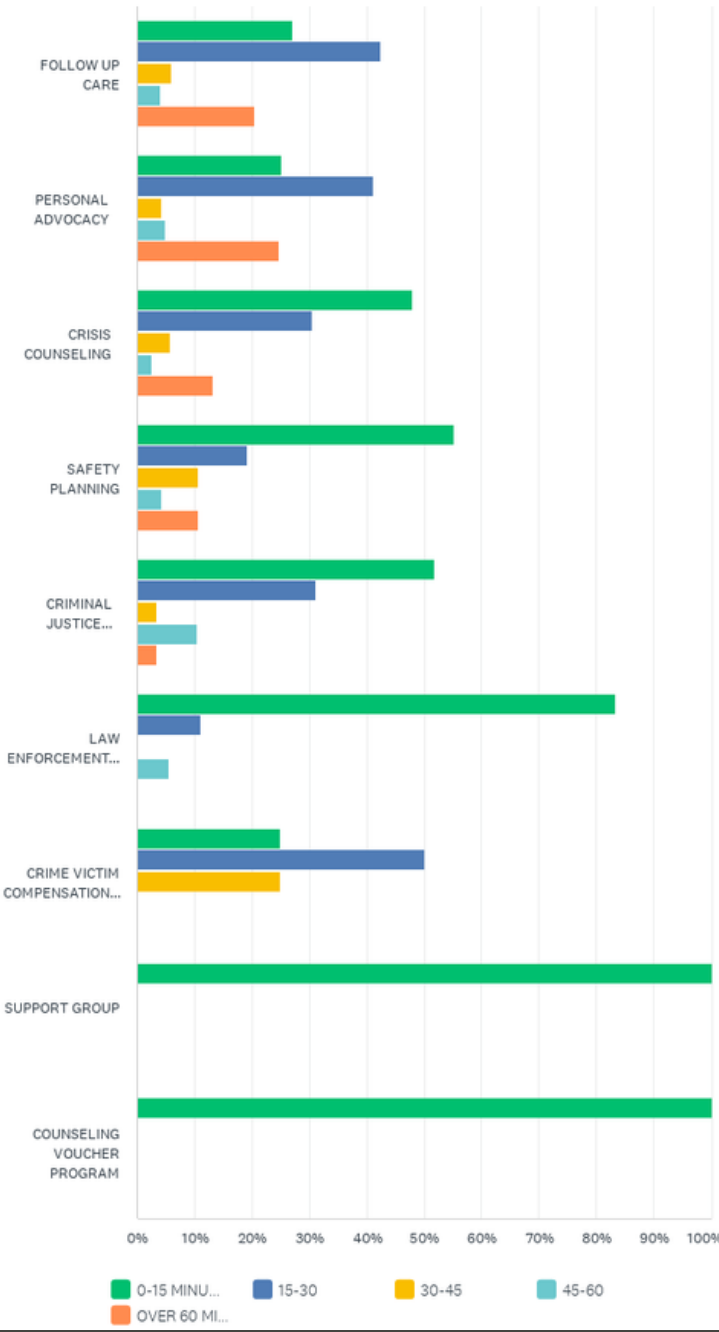


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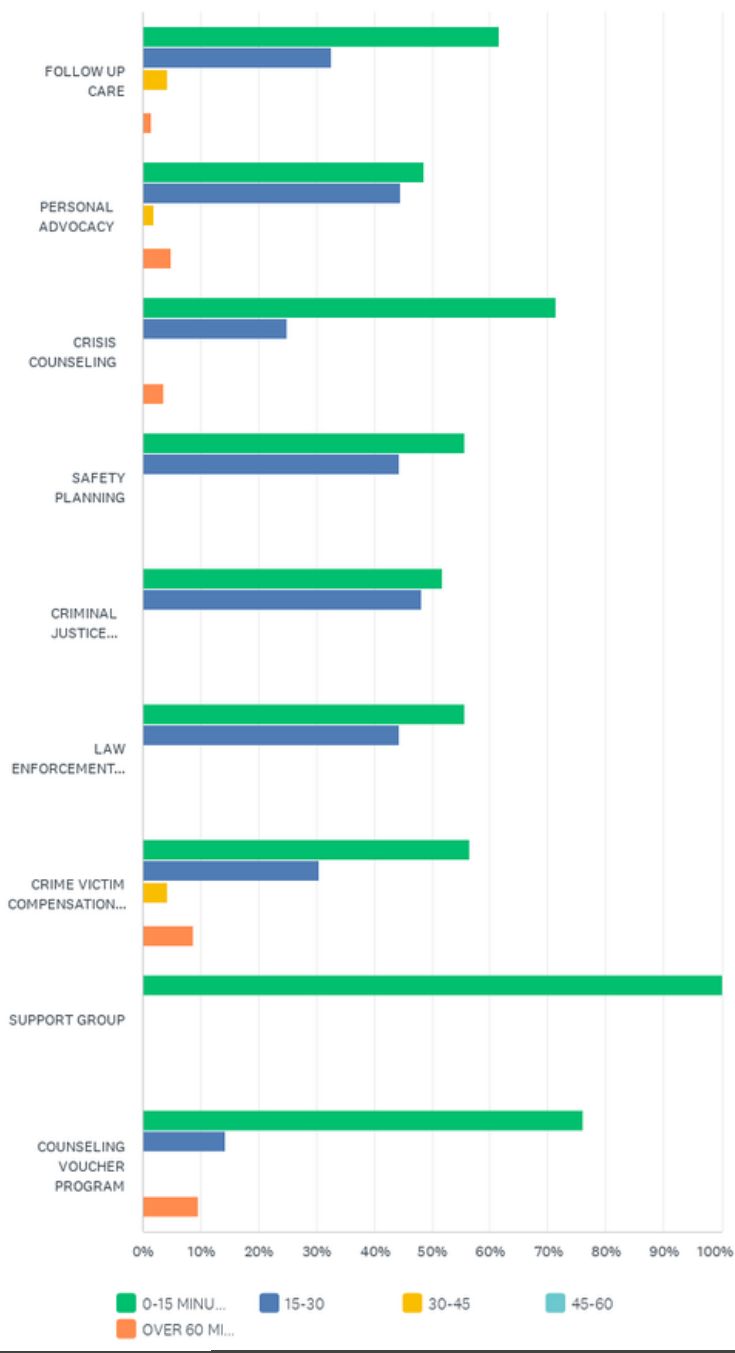
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INTERACTIONS

PHONE



Email





EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

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ST. CROIX VALLEY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM HOSTS AN ARRAY OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INCLUDING:

SART Open House in Hudson:

Celebrating our new community site in Hudson, WI.
200-300 people in attendance.

Annual Clay Shoot Fundraiser:

Fundraising event at Game Unlimited, Hudson, WI.
Total Funds Raised: \$3,800
39 people in attendance.

National Night Out:

A national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. SART tabled in Hudson and Turtle Lake, WI. Approximately 500 people in attendance.

Take Back the Night:

International event and non-profit organization with the mission of ending sexual, relationship, and domestic violence in all forms through art work, poetry and community healing, held in River Falls, WI. Approximately 150 people in attendance.

Sip for Survivors:

September 27th, 2022 at The Creamery in Haugen, WI
Total Funds Raised: \$5,000 47 people in attendance.

February 16th, 2023 at Cracked Barrel Winery in Hudson, WI
Total Funds Raised: \$4,500 37 people in attendance.
Wine tasting fundraisers to support SARTs mission.

Fish Game:

Fighting Fish baseball game in River Falls, WI. Staff provided community outreach by volunteering at the concession stand. Approximately 200 people in attendance.

St. Croix Valley SART participated in a few other small fundraising and awareness events throughout fiscal year 2022-2023.



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