



Snap Shot of DC Rape Crisis Center

Since 1972, DCRCC has been making a significant contribution to the health, economic, social and cultural well-being of Washington, DC. For the past 42 years, DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC) has born witness and held space for thousands of survivors of rape and sexual abuse. We have listened deeply to the stories of physical and emotional trauma and the diverse narratives of suffering. We have become intimate with fear, vulnerability, anger, betrayal, shame and powerlessness. We have provided safe haven and supported survivors along their journey toward wholeness and healing.

This past year DCRCC with the help of community volunteers responded to 4,000 hotline contacts; provided an array of direct services (including hotline, counseling, advocacy and accompaniment) to more than 13,000 clients; facilitated prevention presentations to over 8,000 DC school children, provided 150 multi-session educational programs to school partners, trained and managed 350 volunteers; and provided individual and group counseling to a monthly average of 70 survivors including 15 children and their family members including 111 who were reported as new clients. DCRCC also provided training, technical assistance and expertise to community based organizations, the Department of Health and Human Services and other district agencies to improve direct services for victims of rape/sexual assault, and implement primary prevention strategies that include sexual violence prevention and community mobilization activities.

Building upon this foundation of service and a theory of change rooted in an anti-oppression model coupled with a public health model, we have developed an understanding of our living mission in today's context. DCRCC for the next five years will usher in a third act: enlisting the Washington, DC community to "imagine a world free of sexual violence and power a culture of consent". This third act compels DCRCC to build the capacity of the Washington, DC community to respond to survivors of sexual assault with compassion, dignity and respect, regardless of race, class, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, immigration status, ability, age or religious affiliation.