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During Sexual Assault
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22 Years of SAAM

Even before its official declaration, SAAM was about both awareness and prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. Looking at the history of the movement to end sexual violence, it's clear why: It's impossible to prevent an issue no one knows about, and it's difficult to make people aware of a problem without providing a solution. The two work in tandem, and they always have. From the civil rights

movement to the founding of the first rape crisis centers to national legislation and beyond, the roots of SAAM run deep.

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Storms Leave Survivors Vulnerable

Natural disasters produce extreme stress as a result of trauma experienced during the disaster, home loss and displacement, and job loss, among other factors. These stressors can result in individuals experiencing a sense of loss of control and can contribute

to an abuser seeking to regain control in their life by perpetrating domestic violence.

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Survivors in Santa Barbara County shared that the recent storms caused increased tension and violence within their homes, prompting them to reach out for DVS services.

Donate Today to Support Services for Survivors!

Building Change Together



Prevention Efforts At DVS

Last month DVS staff joined advocates from all over California for the Building Change Together - Prevention Core Competencies Training hosted by the [California Partnership to End Domestic Violence](#). **Miriam, our Housing First Coordinator**, shared her thoughts on the training.

What did you enjoy from the training?

Attending the Building Change Together training in person was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed learning about DV, SA, Teen Dating Violence, and primary prevention. Additionally, learning the primary prevention core competencies helped me learn new effective ways of working towards successful prevention

efforts.

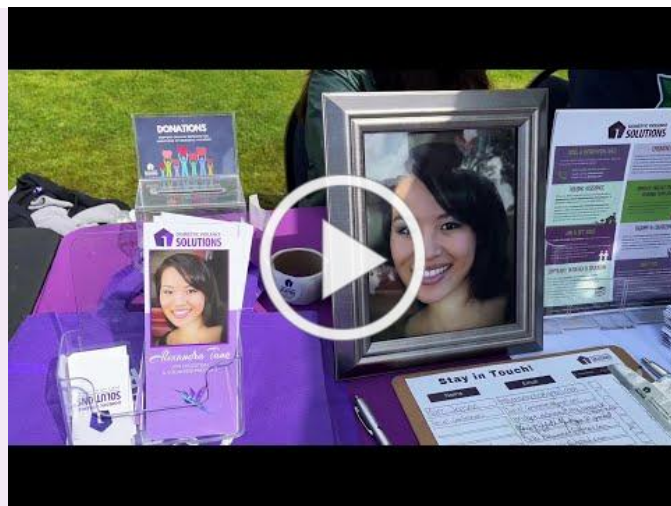
What do you hope to bring back to DVS?

I hope to bring back new ideas that will lead to a successful implementation of how to address effective initiatives to end intergenerational and systemic cycles of violence. I also hope to bring back newfound knowledge to my colleagues for the purpose of us engaging in new conversations regarding community-driven and inclusive prevention initiatives.

Any additional thoughts you'd like to share?

Thank you, DVS, for allowing me this amazing opportunity to learn, grow, and network with other advocates and organizations in the field.

11th Annual Run For Love



Thank you to the amazing sisters of **UCSB Sigma Alpha Zeta Inc.** for hosting their 11th annual Run for Love! Events like this are so important. Not only do they raise awareness for domestic violence, but they also showcase community solidarity.

Survivors are not alone; they have a community ready to stand behind them.

Our hearts go out to the Tang family as they remember and honor Alexandra Tang while running for love.

A Call To Action!



Tell Congress to Invest in DV Funding

Each fiscal year, Congress passes 12 annual appropriations bills that provide funding to support federally authorized programs. Right now, Representatives and Senators are circulating Dear Colleague letters focused on specific funding streams, including programs to ensure access to services for survivors of domestic violence. Tell your Members of Congress to sign onto Dear Colleague letters

supporting programs serving survivors in the Department of Health and Human Services Now!

Career Opportunities



Join the DVS Team!

We are currently seeking passionate individuals to join our team and be part of the solution!

Available Positions;

[Bilingual Client Advocate](#)

[Trilingual Client Advocate](#)

[North County Job & Life Skills Coordinator](#)

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