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Nevada Coalition to END Domestic & Sexual Violence
Annual Report 2023-2024



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**ELIZABETH
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NCEDSV

The 2023-2024 year was one of growth and focus at NCEDSV. This year we created full-fledged stand-alone departments for both our policy and training teams, aligning our internal structure with our three pillars of work – education, advocacy and support. The training team flourished this year, growing to three full-time staff members and bringing together more than 150 advocates for our first in-person conference since 2019. The policy team did not rest while the legislature was out – leading the statewide school-based violence taskforce, deepening partnerships through the economic justice taskforce and building a brand-new health equity taskforce. And the program team continued to support those on the front lines with over 250 technical assistance responses throughout the year.

Throughout the busy-ness of this year our focus remained clear – creating more avenues of safety for the victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence across Nevada. DVAM focused on safety planning with a special training series educating our community on the most fundamental support that can be offered to victim-survivors. Continued work across the state supporting strong Coordinated Community Response (CCR) teams has expanded the access to forensic exams in our frontier.

It has been an honor to serve NCEDSV in my first full-year as Executive Director. This report is just a glimpse of the impassioned, dedicated work that made up the year at NCEDSV. I hope that you will join us as we continue to build a Nevada where everyone can thrive in safe relationships, homes and communities.

ABOUT NCEDSV

THE NEVADA COALITION TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Our vision is a Nevada in which domestic and sexual violence is eradicated and healthy relationships thrive.

Our purpose is to **advocate** for change, **educate** our communities, and **support** organizations. Our services include but are not limited to, state and national funding advocacy, local political strategy, statewide data collection, community education, lobbying, and network support.





OUR IMPACT IN NEVADA

NCEDSV provided resources for the front-line organizations helping those impacted by sexual and/or domestic violence in the following ways:

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

We connect advocates with allied professionals to enhance their current services and to promote further collaboration in supporting victim-survivors and their families. Topics included supporting children experiencing domestic violence in the home, advocate burnout, organizational trauma, teen dating violence, serving survivors with disabilities, and more.

STATEWIDE INTERPRETIVE PHONE SERVICES

Language Line is an interpretive service used by NCEDSV and its program members. Language Line is an essential tool that ensures the availability and accessibility of services to marginalized and vulnerable populations of victim-survivors, whose primary language is not English and for those who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. NCEDSV provides access to this service to all program members as a part of our commitment to develop and secure sustainable language resources to victim-survivors throughout Nevada.

THE ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The *Advocate Certificate Program* is a 20-hour, online distance learning program to provide advocates, volunteers, board members, crisis line and shelter workers with a foundational understanding of how to engage with victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

ADVOCATE LEARNING CIRCLES

Advocate Learning Circles are NCEDSV's monthly webinar series designed to help advocates improve their skill sets. Every month, NCEDSV brings in experts to discuss topics related to advocacy and improving standards of service. Topics during this Fiscal Year included rural sustainability, support group development, the intersection of firearms and domestic violence, living in shelter as a trauma survivor, and more.





OUR COMMUNITY FUNDS

JAN EVANS FUND

In Fiscal Year 2024, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$10,493.00 in financial grants. 47 victim survivors and their 57 children were assisted.

L.I.F.E MICROLOAN PROGRAM

In Fiscal Year 2024, local domestic and sexual violence programs worked with 2 new clients to apply and receive a total of \$1,000 in Microloans. There were 4 existing clients, with 2 of the Microloans paid off.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

In Fiscal Year 2024, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$11,011.81 in financial assistance grants. 5 victim survivors were assisted to create new, safe homes for themselves and their children.



MEMBER IMPACT IN NEVADA

We're inspired and grateful for the amazing work of our member agencies.

35,176

TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS SERVED

53,560

BED NIGHTS PROVIDED

6,724

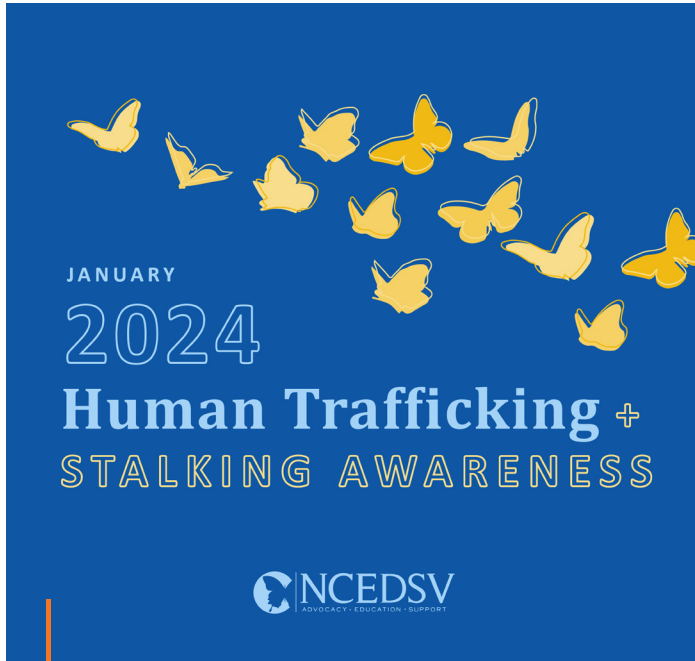
TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDERS PREPARED

3,074

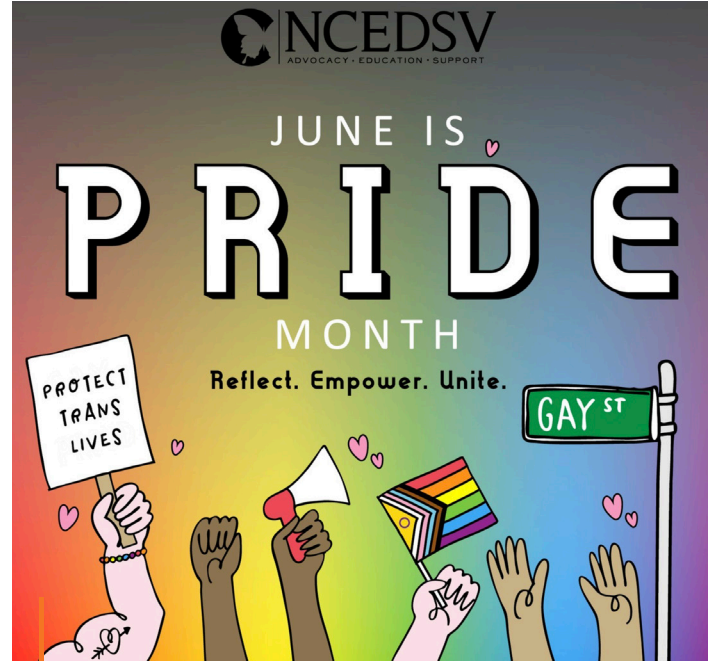
LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTACTS



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



PRIDE MONTH
Awareness Social Graphics



2024 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



#30DAYSOFSAAM



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



EVAWI (END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL)

Staff engaged in national dialogue around investigative practices and survivor-centered responses.



IN HER SHOES

Our Training Director, Lindsay facilitated an interactive learning experience for University of Utah students participating in Alternative Spring Break.



NSAC (NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE)

NCEDSV joined national leaders to explore bold strategies to prevent sexual violence and support healing.



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



DENIM DAY
First NCEDSV Denim Day event held in a rural county.

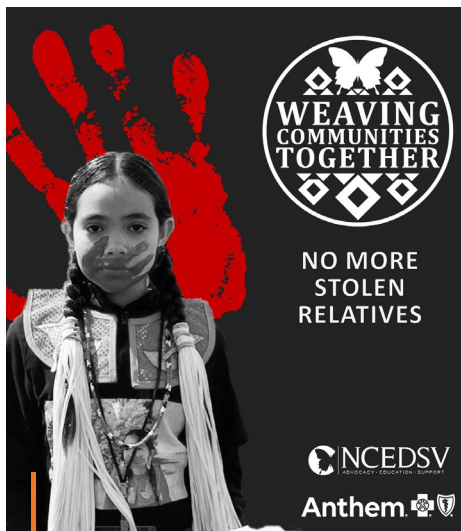


UNR SEXPO
Our team connected with students to promote consent, healthy relationships, and available support resources on campus.

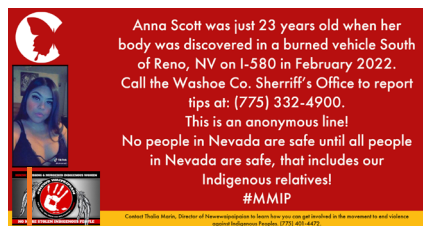


ADVOCACY DAYS
Coalition members met with legislators to uplift survivor voices and champion violence prevention policies.

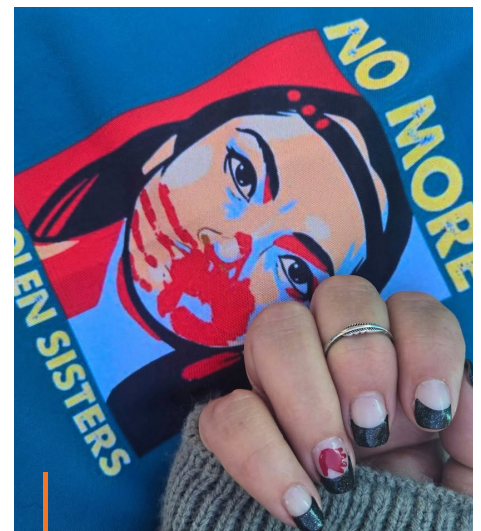
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS MONTH



BILLBOARD
Partnered with Anthem to display MMIW/P Awareness Week billboards in Reno and Las Vegas.



MMIP CONFERENCE
Tabled at the MMIW/P Conference.



WEAVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NCEDSV staff gathered at the 2023 Annual Conference, united in our commitment to building a resilient, survivor-centered future.



UNsung HEROES EVENT

NCEDSV celebrated the dedicated advocates and community members whose behind-the-scenes efforts create lasting change for survivors across Nevada.





Partners in Progress

2023/2024 Sponsors



The work of ending domestic and sexual violence in Nevada is not possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors. Their commitment to safety, equity, and community well-being has helped us strengthen prevention efforts, and advocate for lasting systemic change.

Their generosity powered trainings, outreach, and advocacy that reached thousands of individuals across the state. From funding innovative prevention strategies to amplifying the voices of survivors, our sponsors are truly partners in progress, standing beside us as we work toward a future free from violence.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following sponsors for their investment in this vital mission.



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TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TRAINING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

In September 2023, NCEDSV proudly hosted its first in-person annual conference since the COVID-19 pandemic at the Nugget Casino Resort in Reno. The event brought together **150 registrants** and featured more than **15 dynamic workshops and speakers**. Attendee feedback was overwhelmingly positive, highlighting both the quality of the speakers and the smooth coordination of the event. Most importantly, participants expressed enthusiasm and gratitude for the return of an in-person gathering.



ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The *Domestic Violence Advocate Certificate Program* and *Sexual Violence Advocacy Training* is a 29-hour, online distance learning program that has been developed to help provide advocates, volunteers, board members, and crisis line and shelter workers with a foundation for the work they do day-to-day.

Available as a primary benefit to NCEDSV program members, and available to allied members for a fee, the *Domestic Violence Advocate Certificate Program* and the *Sexual Violence Advocacy Training* is used primarily by agencies to meet the 20-hour privilege requirement for advocates under NRS, providing a comprehensive overview of domestic and sexual violence advocacy. **In Fiscal Year 2024:**

83

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

91

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED THE SEXUAL ASSAULT

ADVOCATE LEARNING CIRCLE

Advocate Learning Circle is NCEDSV's webinar series designed to help advocates improve their skill set. In fiscal year 2024, NCEDSV hosted 3 ALC webinars to help advocates build their knowledge of combatting digital abuse, preventing suicide, and the 2023 legislative session. There was a total of 27 attendees.

27 ATTENDEES

STOP GRANT

During the FY24 STOP grant, the training department developed a total of six trainings: three on the topic of Coordinated Community Response, and three that focus on the needs of typically underserved communities.

NCEDSV developed the CCR trainings based on the needs of three agencies that we partnered with to build out CCR teams. The Training Coordinator met with each of these teams to evaluate their top needs, and developed a *Coordinated Community Response Basics* training, held on 1/11/2024, a *Collaborating with Law Enforcement* training held on 1/25/2024, and a *Victim-Centered CCR Using Technology* training held on 3/7/2024.

NCEDSV also hosted three listening sessions, focusing on three traditionally underserved communities in Nevada: *Deaf and Hard of Hearing survivors*, *Black survivors*, and *AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islanders) and South Asian survivors*.





SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT INITIATIVE (SAKI): EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

Upon acceptance of grant funds, NCEDSV promptly organized efforts to meet grant objectives within the shortened grant period. When initially created, the objectives were specifically identified to provide as much information in as many easily accessible ways to victim-survivors and their families and friends as possible. In implementation, the objectives became both a series of informational videos and outreach materials project despite the grant's reduced timeframe. NCEDSV was able to hold to our original premise that victim-survivors heal and thrive when they're able to access information, resources, and support to make their own choices—all topics addressed by this project.

SHOWTIME

An earlier NCEDSV SAKI project involved a series of videos created for law enforcement personnel. In keeping with this trend a video series focused on informing victim-survivors and their supporters was created. The series was organized around the main theme of reporting. In Nevada, survivors of sexual assault have 4 choices: report the sexual assault, obtain a medical only exam, request a "Jane Doe" exam or to have a full forensic exam. Reporting (or not) is a common premise with all of them.

Making the information both relevant and appealing to victim-survivors led to using coalition staff with previous direct sexual assault services experience as the presenters in the English speaking videos. These presenters appear to be having an "organic" conversation about options for reporting sexual assault and the possible outcomes of these choices for the victim-survivor. Scripts for these "conversations" were created by the presenters to accurately reflect scenarios with a victim-survivor.

The final video consists of details of an actual Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) and was presented by a consultant to the coalition. This consultant, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner has worked closely with the coalition to provide mobile SAFEs to rural and frontier areas of Nevada. As a collaborator on other projects she works to train and coordinate various community systems to work closely with program member sexual assault services providers in these communities.

To insure that video scripts were accurately presented in Spanish the coalition utilized the Language Line for translation purposes. We enlisted a Bilingual Spanish-speaking coalition staff as a presenter to present the content of one of the English speaking advocates. Again, adhering to best practices, a long-time bilingual Spanish-speaking sexual assault advocate from Nevada's only free-standing Rape Crisis Center (RCC) was recruited as the second presenter to ensure the video content was presented exactly as in the English-speaking videos and in a culturally specific, nuanced way.

ACCESSIBILITY

In keeping with best practices, every part of the project was designed and executed with the understanding that Nevada's largest non-English speaking population are Spanish speakers. This enabled us to acknowledge the ongoing challenges of a habitually underserved community, and the cultural influences around identifying and disclosing sexual violence.

MATERIALS

To maximize viewers' understanding of the information in the video series, supporting materials were created so that victim-survivors and others could access the information both digitally and in hard copy. A digital "booklet" was created which will live on the NCEDSV website. This will enable both survivors, advocates, allies and other professionals to access the content for multiple uses. A small size multi-fold brochure reflecting the same information as discussed in the videos was also created. This "pocket card" or brochure serves 2 purposes:

- It gives service providers of all types a tangible discrete and (when necessary) easily concealed information resource to give to survivors and others.
- It bypasses the need for the survivor to access the internet which is frequently another tool used by violent partners or other sexual assault perpetrators to track and stalk victim-survivors. These factors should be considered, as most perpetrators are known to their victims.

This resource can also be used in a variety of outreach and community engagement settings. Tabling, medical facilities, faith communities, community presentations and other events lend themselves to providing hard copy educational or informational materials. Additionally, hard copy materials increase the access to information for traditionally underserved communities.



PUBLIC POLICY

Despite FY24 being an interim year for the Nevada Legislature, the Policy Department was busy developing new reports and initiatives, following the implementation of passed legislation, and maintaining community relationships in preparation for upcoming legislative sessions.

ANNUAL HOMICIDE REPORT

One of the department's most impactful accomplishments was the launch of the **Annual Homicide Report**. This report tracks the tragic number of lives lost due to domestic violence in Nevada and highlights the nuances and dangers of domestic violence. The 2023 report was released in February of 2024 and has been pivotal in advocating for better systems responses and prevention programming in Nevada.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORKGROUP

During this fiscal year, the policy department continued our work on economic justice by continuing to run the Statewide Economic Justice Workgroup. A unique collaborative that brings together partners from diverse backgrounds to focus on increased economic equity as a means for violence prevention.

HEALTH EQUITY WORKGROUP

Building on this work, the department launched a Health Equity Workgroup focusing on community-specific prevention programming in marginalized and at-risk communities. This workgroup was the first step of a five-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where we will continue to focus on and implement community-specific prevention programs across the state.

COMMITTEE ON RESPONSES TO POWER-BASED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Following the passage of Assembly Bill 245 from the 2023 Legislative Session, the Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools was developed and housed within the Department of Education's Office for Safe and Respectful Learning. Serena Evans, NCEDSV Policy Director, was appointed Chair of the committee and assisted with developing and recruiting members for this critical committee. Throughout the year, this committee explored key topics relating to systemic responses to power-based violence in Nevada's K-12 schools, challenging themselves to improve and adapt to the changing landscape of violence in schools.

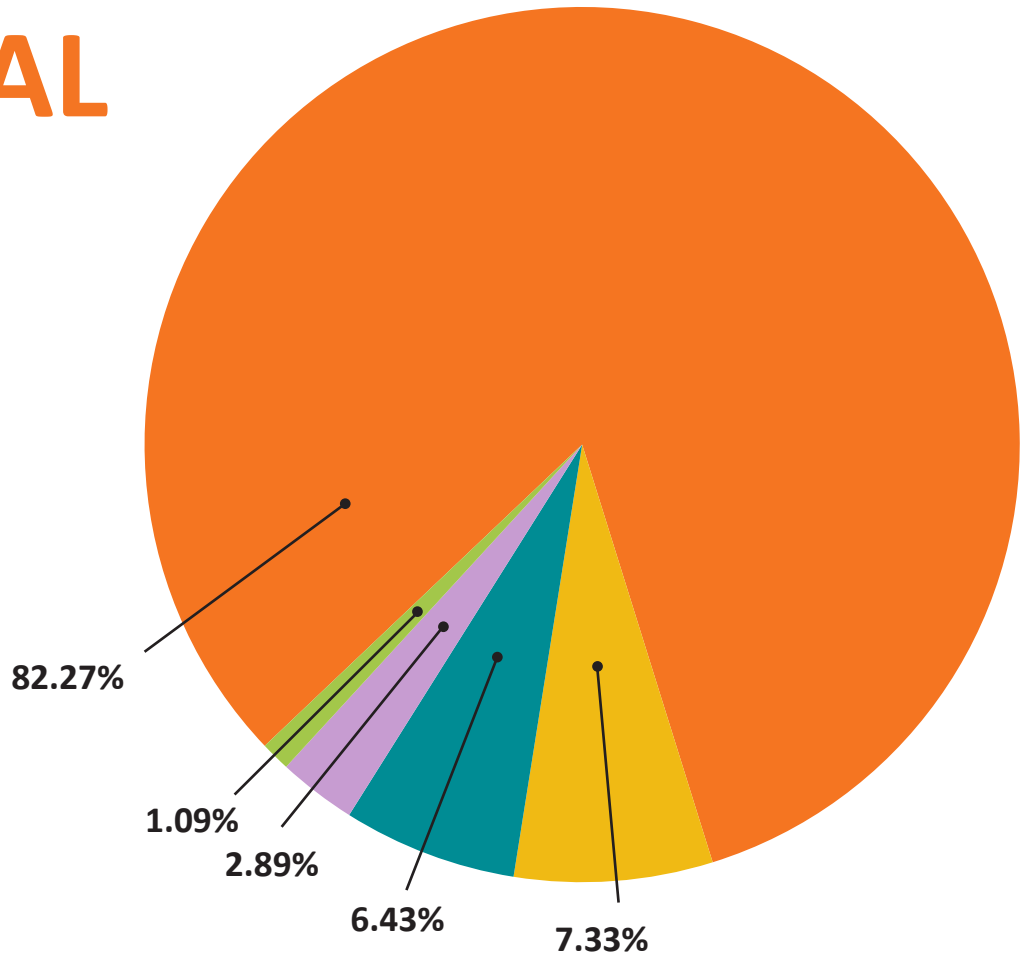
POLICY AGENDA AND PRIORITIES FOR 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

This year was also pivotal in the preparation and planning of our policy agenda and priorities for the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session. In January of 2024, the Policy Department held two policy brainstorming idea calls, allowing us to learn directly from communities and agencies about challenges they are experiencing and areas for policy intervention. Following these calls, the department then relaunched our Public Policy Task Force (PPTF). The PPTF serves as the steering committee for NCEDSV to determine our policy priorities and set our policy agenda. This task force, comprised of NCEDSV Program Members and content experts, works during the year leading up to the active legislative session to explore policy solutions and interventions. The work in the interim leading up to the Legislative Session is crucial for NCEDSV's success and impact.





FINANCIAL REPORT



INCOME BREAKDOWN

- \$1,423,222 FEDERAL GRANTS**
- \$126,737 MEMBERSHIP**
- \$111,200 DONATIONS**
- \$50,000 PRIVATE GRANTS**
- \$18,824 SERVICE, WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE FEES**

TOTAL: \$1,729,983

FEDERAL FUNDING

- U. S. Dept of Health and Human Services Administration for Children & Families: Family Violence Prevention Services
- U. S. Dept of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women

STATE FUNDING

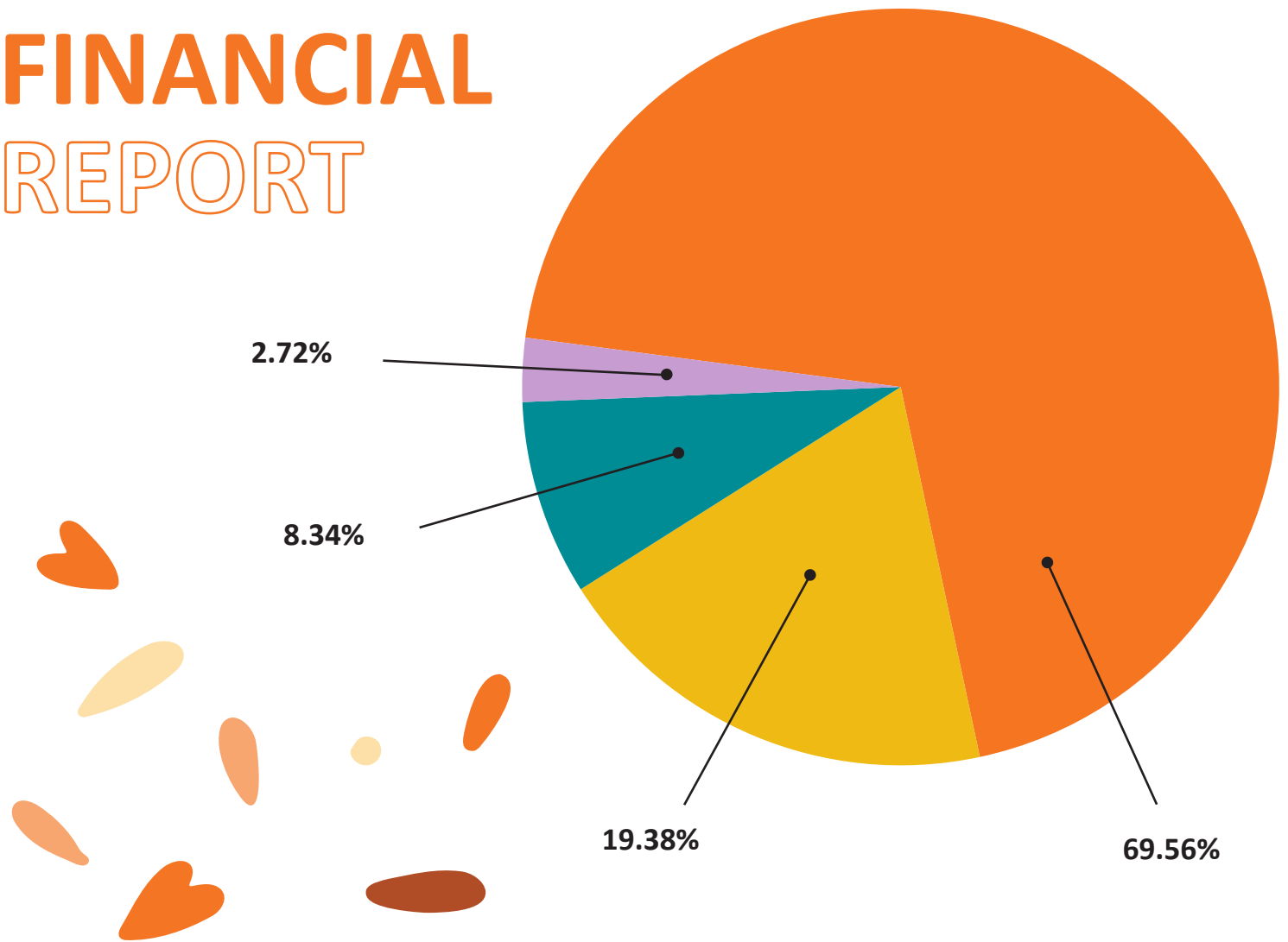
- NV Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Child and Family Services
- NV Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Nevada Office of the Attorney General

PRIVATE FUNDING

- Allstate Foundation
- Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield



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EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

 \$1,122,458 EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND TRAINING

 \$312,653 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

 \$134,522 ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER ORGANIZATION

 \$43,923 FUNDRAISING AND GRANT PROCUREMENT

TOTAL: \$1,613,556



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 **Safe Embrace**
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INCLINE VILLAGE

 **The Shade Tree**
LAS VEGAS

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WINNEMUCCA



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- **Reno Police Department**
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