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is greater than



Center for Safe Futures Strategic Planning, New London County, March 12-13, 2020

"COMMUNITIES HAVE CONTINUED TO PRESS FORWARD IN DEVELOPING FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS DURING COVID. WE CALL THEM **THE UNSTOPPABLES**."

CASEY GWINN President & Co-Founder, Alliance for HOPE International





Dear Friends,

We never imagined what 2020 would bring. It brought pain, loss, and struggle but it also brought opportunities to pivot and adapt! We are so thankful for our funders, donors, clients, and allies in this work, particularly in the face of COVID-19. With the pandemic, came the challenges of surviving a loss in income and the opportunity to build our new HOPEhub Online Learning Academy to provide online training in an efficient and cost-effective way! We also began developing our vision for a hope-centered organization and implementing exciting new initiatives both internally and externally.

We were honored to support our Family Justice Centers as they adapted to providing remote and in-person services to survivors. We adapted and offered training to thousands through our Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention through our Zoom platform. In the face of rising domestic violence homicides due to the pandemic, our allied Family Justice Centers and Camp HOPE America programs continued to serve hundreds of thousands of adult and child survivors of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, elder abuse, stalking, and human trafficking creating pathways to hope and wellbeing for many robbed of hope by trauma and violence. In 2020, our Camp HOPE America team worked with all its affiliates to continue with both in-person and virtual camping and mentoring experiences. And we saw our book, Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE Can Change Your Life, sell well across the country and around the world. Even as we support innovative ways to increase racial justice and equity in this country, we are deeply grateful as we look back over all we have accomplished in 2020. We owe our success to our donors, funders, sponsors, clients, volunteers, survivors, staff, and board. As we look into 2021, we are excited about the journey ahead as we move back to traveling, training in-person, and developing our vision for a national training center in Estes Park, CO. The future has never been brighter for the Alliance - wear sunglasses!

With Great HOPE,

Casey Gwinn, JD
President and Co-Founder

Gael Strack, JD
CEO and Co-Founder



Camp Hope America Director John Hamilton, and San Diego campers at safe in-person week of camp in California.

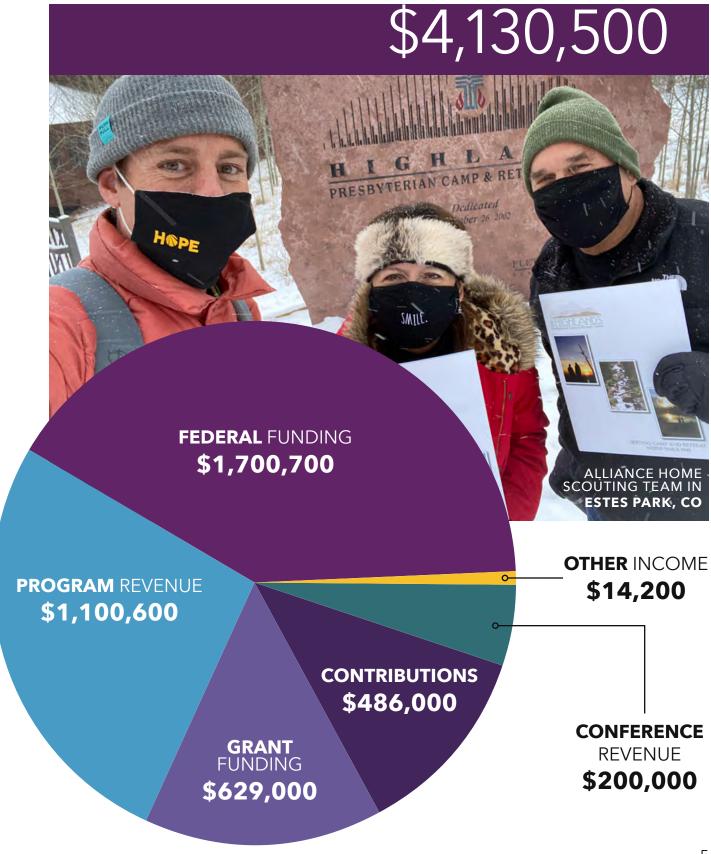
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2020 Income



2021 Projected Income







Onsite group for the 20th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference

97,000+
UNIQUE VISITORS

to our website

5,500+
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trained

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Date of the second
CALIFORNIA
FAMILY JUSTICE
CENTER
NETWORK (CFJCN)
LEGISLATIVE DAY

BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS of the California Family Justice Center Network 870+

VIRTUAL
ATTENDEES logged
in to the 20th Annual
International Family
Justice Center
Conference, Living
a Legacy of HOPE

320+

ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTED

at the 20th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference



Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Debby Tucker, with Casey Gwinn & Gael Strack

3,300+

WEBINAR ATTENDEES 7
NATIONAL
WEBINARS

2
IN-PERSON
TRAININGS

5 VIRTUAL TRAININGS

CENTERS in process of FJCA Affiliation

5
NEW CENTERS
opened in the US



Virtual Leadership Summit Session

SANTA ANA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Santa Ana, CA

ONE SAFE PLACEGrapevine, TX

STRAFFORD COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Rochester, NH

STRENGTH UNITED FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Van Nuys, CA

FAMILY PEACE CENTER

Rockford, IL

ONE PLACE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER Montgomery, AL

SANTA ANA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

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Rockford, IL

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CENTER FOR HOPE OF GASTON COUNTY

Gastonia, NC

THE CITY OF DAYTON FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Dayton, OH

260+

VIRTUAL ATTENDEES logged in to the First Virtual Leadership Summit Developed an INFORMATIONAL GUIDE ON HUMAN

for Advocates and Frontline Workers

TRAFFICKING

41
AFFILIATED
Centers

COMMUNITIES SUPPORTED who are developing Family Justice Centers





*AMILY JUSTICE CENTER ALLIANCE



The Institute Team during the Alliance's first virtual training: the 2nd Masters' Course in February 2020

130+

PROFESSIONAL ATTENDED the 2ND MASTERS' **COURSE**, our first virtual training.

2,000+ **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ATTENDED** the Imaging webinar

4-DAY **ADVANCED COURSES** hosted

LAUNCHED VIRTUAL FREE ON-DEMAND TRAININGS on the Alliance's new HOPEhub Online Learning Academy **VIRTUAL TRAININGS** hosted

WEBINARS hosted

15,000+ Multi-disciplinary professionals

TRAINED

A pathway to connection and information ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY



Launched "SNEAK **PEEK OF THE** WEEK" to feature highlights on strangulationrelated topics



FIVE MYTHS ABOUT STRANGULATION

Prepared by Gerald Fineman, Assistant District Attorney, Riverside County, and Dr. William Green, Medical Director, California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center/ CDAA

MYTH

STRANGULATION AND **CHOKING ARE THE SAME THING**

FACT

STRANGULATION

is the external application of physical force that impedes either air or blood to or from the brain.

CHOKING is an internal obstruction of the airway by a foreign object.

SOLUTION

Use a diagram. Compare to the flow of electrical current. Compare to the flow of air/water through a closed system (fish tank).

MYTH

STRANGULATION **ALWAYS LEAVES VISIBLE INJURIES**

Studies show that over half the victims of strangulation lack visible external injury. A victim without visible external injury can still die from strangulation.

SOLUTION

Demonstrate cutting off blood flow to your fingertips by squeezing your wrist with your other hand. Upon release of the grip, you will likely have no identifiable marks. If you do, they will be very short in duration.

MYTH

IF THE VICTIM CAN SPEAK, SCREAM, OR **BREATHE, THEY ARE NOT BEING STRANGLED**

Since strangulation involves obstruction of blood flow, a person can have complete obstruction and continue breathing until the moment they die from lack of oxygenated blood flow to the brain.

SOLUTION

Again, grab your wrist and squeeze. You can still breathe, yet blood flow is obstructed to the fingertips. If this was the victim's neck, they could still have an open trachea (windpipe) but have lack of blood flow to the brain

MYTH

STRANGULATION CANNOT BE HARMFUL BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE PRACTICE IT (MARTIAL ARTS, MILITARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT)

Martial arts are a form of combat. The military and law enforcement use strangulation as a lethal form of force.

RISK

There are numerous incidents of death resulting from strangulation. This can even occur during otherwise supervised events, such as sporting events, law enforcement training, etc.

MYTH

STRANGULATION **VICTIMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETAIL** THEIR ATTACK

FACT

Trauma impacts the brains ability to store memory. In addition, the hippocampus (part of the brain where memory is stored) is the most sensitive to oxygen deprivation. When a victim is strangled, both factors can impact the ability to recall.

SOLUTION

Give the example of how limiting the flow of electricity to a digital recording device will prevent it from recording.

Produced new resources including **FIVE MYTHS ABOUT STRANGULATION** and ALWAYS ASK AND DO MORE



125,000+ 125,600+ **VIEWS**

on Facebook posts

UNIQUE **VISITORS**

to our website

TRANSLATED ADDITIONAL **RESOURCES TO SPANISH**, including

the Pediatric Client Strangulation Brochure and the Recommendations for Medical Radiological Evaluation of Non-Fatal Strangulation Pregnant Victims

ESTRANGULAMIENTO

Signos Visibles (podrían no estar presentes)



Signos y Síntomas Adicionales

Una versión más grande del grafico anterior cual contiene signos y síntomas detallados están disponible para descarga en strangulationtraininginstitute.com/resources/library/pediatric/

Este proyecto es apoyado total o parcialmente por la beca 2016-TA-AX-KO67 otrogada por la Oficina de Violencia Contra la Mujer. Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos. Las originoses, halizagos, conclusiones y recomendaciones expresados en este publicación/programateroposición nos las del autoriça y on reflejan necesariamente los puntos de vista del Departamento de Justicia, Oficina de Violencia Contra la Mujer.

El estrangulamiento es a menudo, poco reconocido en los niños, pero no es menos serio que el de los adultos. El estado de inconsciencia puede ocurrir en cuestión de segundos y la muerte en cuestión de minutos. Los niños pueden ser estrangulados cuando los proveedores de cuidado pierden el control, como parte de un asalto físico y osexual o como forma externa de demostrar poder y control sobre el niño. El estrangulamiento de un niño puede tener efectos físicos y mentales duraderos y puede resultar en la muerta aun meses después.

Los niños, victimas del estrangulamiento, pueden sentir terror o dolor extremo. Si el estrangulamiento continua, a pérdida del conocimiento seguirá. Antes de caer en estado inconsciente, el niño victima por lo general se resistirá de forma violenta, lo que a menudo producirá lesiones en su propio cuello o a la cara o manos del agresor. Estas lesiones defensivas pueden no estar presentes en miños pequeños o con discapacidades del desarrollo, o si la victima es restringida fisicamente o químicamente.

Observando Cambios

Es muy útil elaborar un diario de evidencia física por Es niuy un eradora un dain de evidenta lista por medio de documentación de fotografías en secuenci por un período de días después de la agresión. Las víctimas también deben buscar atención médica si tienen dificultad al respirar, hablar, tragar o si sufren náusea, vómito, mareo, dolor de cabeza v/o defecan u orinan involuntariamente en niños que no usan panales. Una evaluación médica puede ser crucial en la detección de lesiones internas y salvar la vida.

Pérdida de Consciencia

Las víctimas pueden perder la conciencia por uno o todos los siguientes métodos: bloqueo de las arterias cardidas en la cuello (privar al cerebro de oxígeno), el bloqueo de las venas yugulares (evitando que la sangre desoxigenada salga del cerebro), y el cierre de la vía respiratoria, lo que hace imposible la respiración

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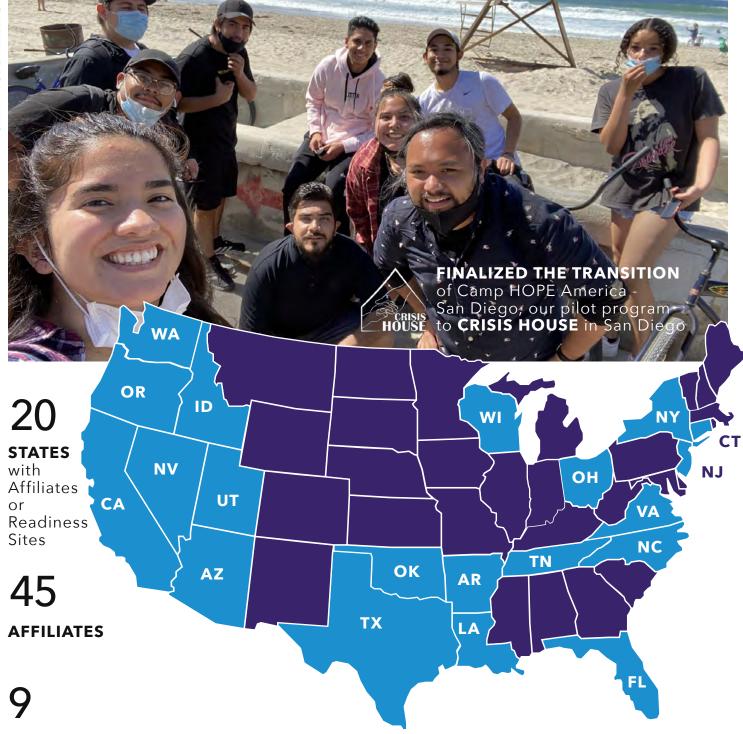
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STRANGULATION HE TRAINING INSTITUTE ON



READINESS SITES

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UNIQUE RESOURCES

made available to enhance youth programming and care 10



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ORGANIZATIONS

benefited from resources created by Camp HOPE America 3,500+

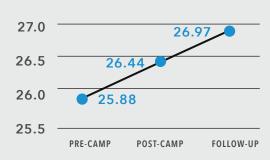
CHILDREN

received hope-centered programming in the US despite the pandemic

THE HOPE RESEARCH CENTER reported an increase in Hope and Resiliency for 339 CHILDREN enrolled in the program

AVERAGE SCORE

CHILDREN'S HOPE INDEX



Hope reflects the individual's capacity to develop pathways and dedicate agency toward desirable goals.

CHILDREN'S RESILIENCY



Camp HOPE America defines Resiliency as the combination of believing in self, believing in others, and believing in your dreams.



2

ONLINE

courses posted on the Alliance's HOPEhub Online Academy 300+

VIEWS

on courses posted on the HOPEhub Online Academy

Introduction to Camp HOPE America





Free



Provided **TECHNICAL SUPPORT** to **75%** of our Affiliates

Camp HOPE America 101



- Focused on HOPE
- Evidence-based in the science and philosophy of HOPE
- Strengths-based and valuesbased
- Commitment to praising children for who they are and who they are becoming
- Challenge by Choice oriented





850

CAMPING PROFESSIONALS

trained alongside our national partners at the Association Of Camp Nursing and American Camp Association





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Survivors' Voices on Law Reform

by Chan M. Hellman, Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack

The current climate in the U.S. is focused on efforts to promote criminal justice reform, bail reform, and defunding the police. Before social policy is influenced and changed within the downeric violence moves. the domestic violence move ment, the voices of survivors must be considered. With that end in mind, the authors conducted an anonymous web-based survey of a sample of 153 survi-vors of domestic violence during the late summer of 2020. We col-laborated with a group of domes-tic violence survivors who are part of the particular Experience. part of the national Family Jus-tice Center VOICES Committee.

Our research findings indicate that survivors (both BIPOC and that survivors (both BIPOC and white) do not support defunding the police, bail reform, decriminalizing domestic violence, or criminal justice reform when it involves domestic violence. In contrast, they want law enforcement to do more and do better. They do not want less regignent from law enforcement. These results have important implications for social policy reform efforts in domestic violence, especially when these efforts ignore the views and needs of survivors. We elaborate on our study and its findings below.

The Current Study

Given the current focus in the U.S. on calls for criminal justice reform, bail reform, defunding

See SURVIVORS' VOICES, page 28

Another Perspective on "The Moment of Truth" Statement

by Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack

On June 20, 2020, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Vio-lence, with the support of 46 other state and territory domestic violence coalitions, published a statement entitled "The Moment of Truth." Their statement, included in this Special Issue of Domestic Violence Report, focused on the failures of the domestic violence movement led by white leaders, to fully movement led by white leaders, to fully address systemic and structural racism, and the disparate impacts of the criminal justice system on communities of color, and expressed a commitment to support major public policy and practice changes around their responses to domestic violence in the United States. It is a showfulful heserfeld, achoesed, It is a thoughtful, heartfelt acknowledgement of the failures of organiza-tions and policies over the last 30 years, including the critical importance of

intersectionality in many of the chal-lenges we face today in this country. We agree that structural and sys-temic racism exist and have produced disparate impacts from the criminal justice system on communities of color for generations. Historic oppression, for generations. Historic oppression, poverty, and racism have been powerful force multipliers on the impacts of child abuse, domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and other forms of adverse childhood experiences. These impacts are not associated only with domestic violence. They are associated with all crimes committed in society and the related harm visited on women, men, children, and marginalized and historically oppressed

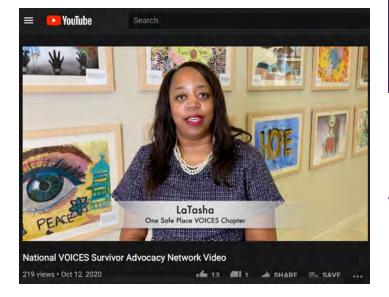
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DVR is dedicating this special issue (the first of two issues) to the challenge of addressing societal/systemic racism in the context of criminal justice reform. Articles in this issue provide a rebutat to calls to "decriminalize
domestic violence" (the idea of moving away from the use of the criminal justice system to hold domestic violence offenders accountable). This
issue also emphasizes the voices of survivors based on our belief that their
perspectives deserve an important role in the current debate about victim
safety, offender accountability, and reforms to address the disparate impact
of the criminal justice system on communities of color. We are delighted to
welcome Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack as Guest Editors.

D. Kelly Weisberg, Editor, Domestic Violence Report

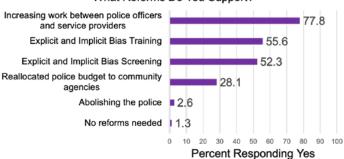
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CONDUCTED a survivors' survey focused on police reform called SURVIVORS' VOICES ON LAW REFORM which was published in the Domestic Violence Report.

What Reforms Do You Support?



Three National VOICES members spoke on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** and its implications for survivors of DV in a national webinar commemorating Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PRODUCED A VIDEO about the VOICES' Network - what it is, why members are involved, why it matters and how it has impacted their own lives.

\$2,500

GRANT awarded by the LAWYERS **CLUB OF SAN DIEGO** to build a national VOICES website.



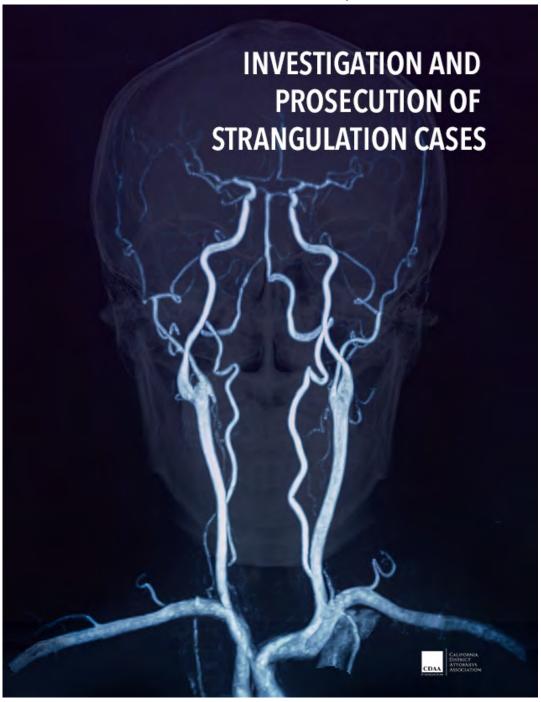
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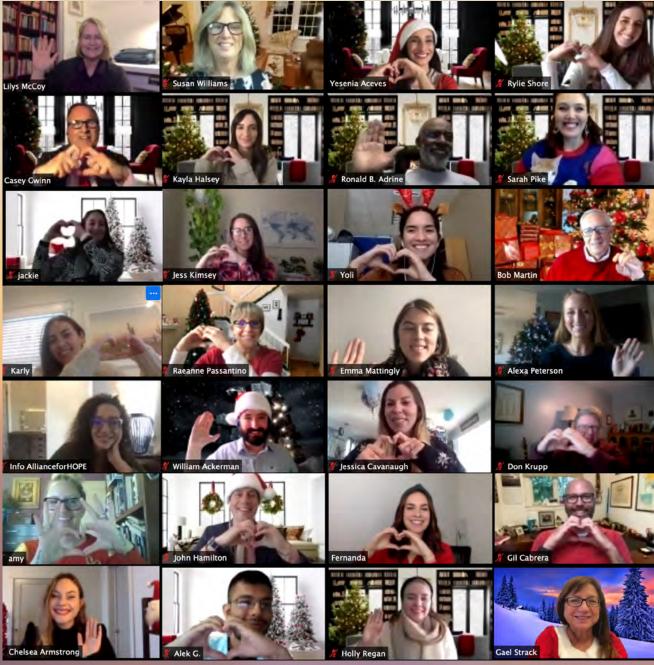












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