

SASS News

April is...

Sexual Assault Awareness & Action Month



April 2025 marks the official 24th anniversary of NSVRC's Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Since it was nationally recognized in 2001, April has marked Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), sparking month-long campaigns to increase awareness, prevention, and support for sexual assault survivors. Even before its official declaration, SAAM was about both awareness and prevention of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse.

But did you know we can trace its history even longer?

In the United States, movements for social change and push back towards gender based violence began to gain traction in the 1940s and 50s with the civil rights era. Efforts during this time were championed by women of color. Wide social activism around the issue of sexual assault continued into the 1970s; the first rape crisis center was founded in San Francisco in 1971.

www.nsvrc.org/saam/history

SASS Talks 2025

**April 26th
12pm-3pm**

Hosted at:

255 MADISON

SASS Talks is a live event featuring a panel of expert speakers, each presenting short, powerful talks on building a culture of consent.



SASS Talks serves as a memorial for Jane Brinkley, a beloved former volunteer whose dedication to justice and community care continues to inspire us.

\$20 suggested donation (No one turned away for lack of funds)



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Sexual Assault
Support Services
Servicios de Apoyo
Contra el Abuso Sexual

SASS Events

April 6th 2025

Healing Words workshop for Queer survivors @ The Lavender Network

April 19th 2025

Punk Show Benefit @ The Wandering Goat

April 26th 2025

SASS Talks @ 255 Madison
(See bottom left for more info)

Check out the public calendar on our website for more information on other events happening this month!
bit.ly/SASScalendar

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Intern Spotlight!

This quarter, we're excited to highlight Diana Gaspar Sanchez, our Latine Community Outreach Intern.

Diana joined SASS in September 2024. As an undergraduate studying Family and Human Services, with a minor in Planning, Public Policy, and Management, she was drawn to SASS's mission and the opportunity to work directly with the Latine community.

One of Diana's favorite parts of her experience so far has been the core advocacy training, "It was really helpful to have such in-depth training, and going through it with a fun and supportive cohort made it even better," she shared.

In her role, Diana supports Mujeres, our Spanish-speaking survivors' group, and assists in developing our Spanish-language training curriculum—work that directly contributes to making advocacy more accessible and culturally responsive for the Latine community.

Outside of school and work, Diana enjoys making beaded jewelry, a creative outlet that she finds both relaxing and expressive.

We're so grateful to have Diana on our team and can't wait to see all the ways she continues to contribute to SASS and the communities we serve!

SASS's year so far...



Total calls and chats on SASS Crisis Line: 463



Total time spent with clients on Crisis Line: 228 hours



Total number of hospital callouts: 58



Total time in hospitals with survivors: 120 hours



Amount spent on survivor supplies: \$1992



Time spent at Court Accompaniments: 28 hours

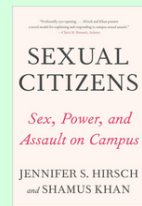
Your donations to SASS helps us to provide our empowerment-based, survivor-centered services to survivors of sexual violence **24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year.**



SAAM Book Recommendations



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In this groundbreaking book, therapist Resmaa Menakem examines the damage caused by racism in America from the perspective of trauma and body-centered psychology.

www.centralrecoverypress.com

Through intimate portraits of life and sex among today's college students, Jennifer S. Hirsch and Shamus Khan present an entirely new way to understand sexual assault.

www.sexualcitizens.com