

North Coast RAPE CRISIS TEAM NEWSLETTER



JULY 2024

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S BUDGET RESTORES VICTIM OF CRIME FUNDING (VOCA) FOR 24-25

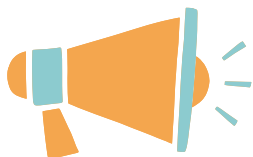
In our previous newsletter, I shared the potentially devastating news of a 44.7% cut to the funding of the North Coast Rape Crisis Team. I have wonderful news to share; California will **not** allow survivors to bear the burden of the federal cut, and Governor Newsom has approved \$103 million dollars to backfill the gap for the upcoming year! Our statewide advocacy efforts were hugely successful; THANK YOU to those of you who reached out to stress the importance of survivors having access to acute and healing services.

My team and I danced, laughed, cried, and, finally, took a deep breath when the news broke; we are grateful that our services, along with 600 other victim service providers, are funded for one additional year, but we also understand this is just the beginning. With celebrations winding down, a clear mission has arisen: securing permanent funding for Rape Crisis Centers is a critical necessity!

When I speak with community members, they often believe that our team is an extension of Humboldt and Del Norte County governments; the simple truth is this: **we are not**. Some believe that funding for our first responders, like sexual assault counselors, must be steady and untouchable, but this year proved above all else; **it is not**.

Rape Crisis Center funding is predicated primarily on funds deposited into the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) coffer at the federal level. These are not taxpayer dollars; they are funds from corporate malfeasance, mostly fines. These funds are then distributed to each state, which then support crucial social services. The sad truth is this: Federal VOCA funds will not be refilled to pre-2023 levels until at least October of 2026, so the crisis of funding the North Coast Rape Crisis Center continues, and we must look to our communities for support.

-Amanda LeBlanc



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bill AB 2432 is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be heard in August.

If it makes it out of Appropriations, we will need **YOUR** support to help establish a new permanent funding source for crime victim services before the Senate's final vote!

Visit the link below to view the bill's fact sheet and read more about the work that has been done to advocate for victim services funding!

bit.ly/VOCAadvocacy

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Online

 facebook.com/ncrct

 ncrct.org

 ncrcthumboldt

Del Norte

24 hour hotline: (707) 465-2851

983 3rd Street, Suite A

Crescent City, CA 95531

Humboldt

24 hour hotline: (707) 445-2881

425 I Street

Arcata, CA 95521

BY THE NUMBERS

MARCH - JUNE

We served **199** survivors

We served **55** loved ones

We responded to **686** crisis calls

We provided **56** peer counseling sessions

We provided in person Crisis Intervention **219** times

We provided criminal advocacy or accompaniments **414** times

We provided general advocacy or accompaniments **197** times

These numbers are combined to represent services provided across both Del Norte and Humboldt Counties

WHERE WERE WE LAST QUARTER?

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 4/3 Cal Poly Humboldt Stalking Workshop
- 4/5 CPH Peer Health's Sexland Event
- 4/8 CPH Consent Refresher Banner Making
- 4/12 Co-facilitated a Service Provider Share Out with DHHS
- 4/15 CPH Toyon Release Party
- 4/16 Clothesline Project Workshop at CPH
- 4/24 Denim Day Tabling at College of the Redwoods
- 4/26 Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council Flag Raising
- 5/1 Cinco De Mayo at the Jefferson Community Center
- 5/15 CAPCC Roundtable
- 6/1 Hoopa Rainbow Extravaganza
- 6/1 RCAA Queer Prom

WE ALSO...

- Provided Rape Prevention Education 19 times
- Facilitated 7 Check It meetings at Arcata High
- Facilitated 4 Check It meetings at Hoopa Valley High
- Facilitated 9 Check It meetings at Del Norte County's Youth Opportunity Center



Education and Outreach Manager
Kira Morse at the Hoopa Rainbow
Extravaganza

UPCOMING EVENTS



July Drink Special at Phatsy Kline's Parlor Lounge

All month long, \$1 from each Blueberry Finn sold will be donated to NCRCT!

Blueberry Finn is made from Bombay sapphire gin, blueberry jam, egg whites, Angostura bitters, simple syrup, & lemon

129 2nd Street, Eureka

8/16 Pints for Non Profits at Enoteca

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

With live music by **The Mighty Steelheads.**

\$1 from every draft beer sold will be donated to NCRCT!

960 3rd Street, Crescent City



WE WILL BE PARTNERING WITH MORE ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER TRAINING IS SET TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

We will be holding an informational Zoom meeting mid-August to allow potential volunteers to learn more about our training and ask questions prior to applying. Date, time, and Zoom link will be posted on our website (link below)

Our 70+ hour training gives volunteers the opportunity to become a California State Certified Sexual Assault Counselor and support survivors and loved ones while staffing our 24-hour crisis hotlines.

During our 3rd quarter, our volunteers donated over 630 hours on the hotline! If you or someone you know wants to take an active role in supporting survivors of sexualized violence, please consider applying to one of our future trainings!

ncrct.org/volunteer

Want to help but don't have time to volunteer? Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help our agency provide resources to survivors.

For more information or to donate online, go to NCRCT.ORG/DONATE

THANK YOU

FOR SUPPORTING OUR WORK AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE THROUGH FUNDRAISING COLLABORATIONS OR GRANT AWARDS!





A sign being made during the Cal Poly Humboldt Stalking Workshop



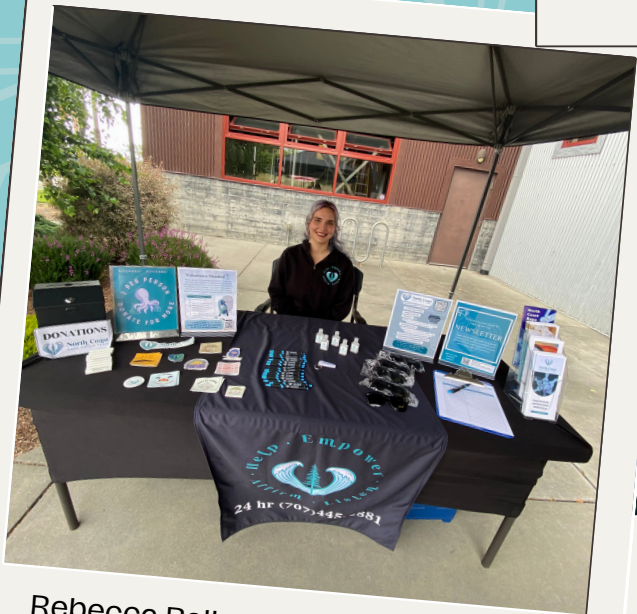
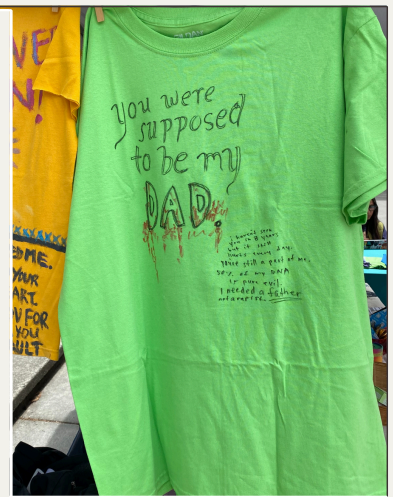
Our agency banner hung on the plaza all of April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)



Local artist Gina Tuzzi finished a mural on our building in May



T shirt making station set up for the Cal Poly Humboldt Clothesline Workshop



Rebecca Belton tabling at Lost Coast Brewery's Pints for Non Profits benefiting NCRCT in June



Kira Morse accepts a proclamation from the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors acknowledging April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month for the County