



IMPACT **REPORT** 2022-2023

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 28, 2024



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, marking our 17 Year Anniversary as an independent organization, I am immensely proud of the collective progress we've achieved since our inception. The strides we've made together underscore our shared commitment to ensuring safety and self-determination for survivors in crisis, a commitment that has fueled our growth and amplified our impact.

I am excited to share with you how we enacted that commitment this past year. Some of our major wins include:

1. Supporting an unprecedented **12,328 survivors!** Our client base has more than doubled in three years, **increasing by 69% since fiscal year 2020**. I think this a direct testament to the criticality of our services and the needs of our community right now;
2. Mitigating domestic violence fatalities by pushing forward and leading the **High Risk Domestic Violence Initiative**; and
3. Cutting the ribbon on our **brand new SAFE Space shelter building!** We celebrated the grand opening on July 20, 2023, and have since begun welcoming survivors and families into the new 30-unit building.

We extend our deepest gratitude to you for being an integral part of this journey. Each one of you serves as an inspiration, reinforcing the belief that one person can indeed make a profound difference. We continue to forge ahead, committed to creating a safer and more compassionate community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ana Natalia Otero', with a long, sweeping underline.

Ana Natalia Otero

Co-founder and Executive Director

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**Note: All data reflects fiscal year 2023, the time period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

LGBTQ+

350+

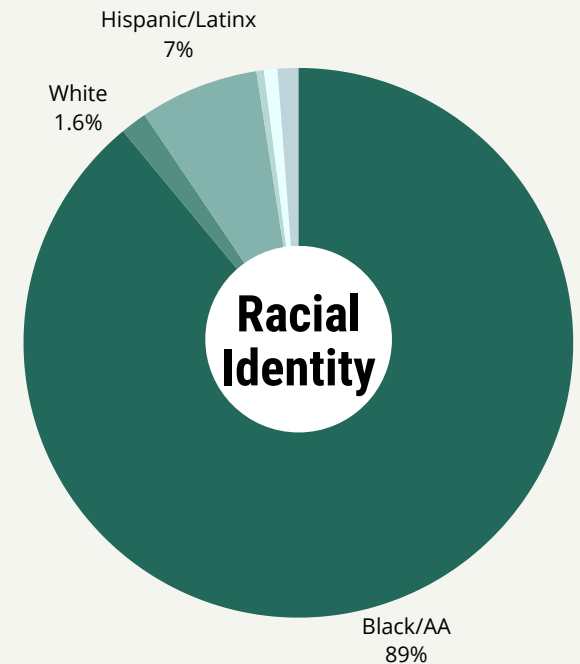
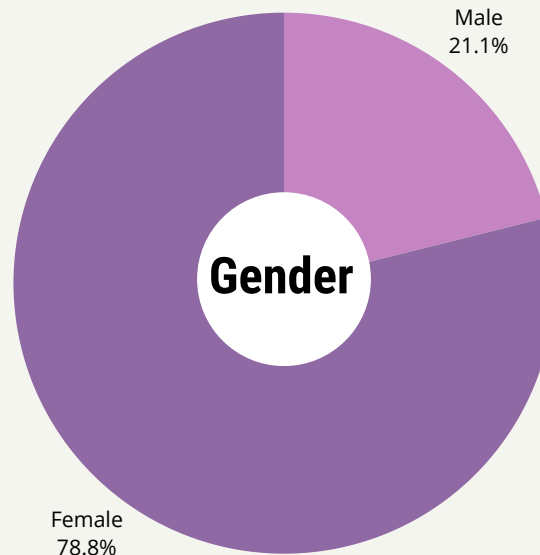
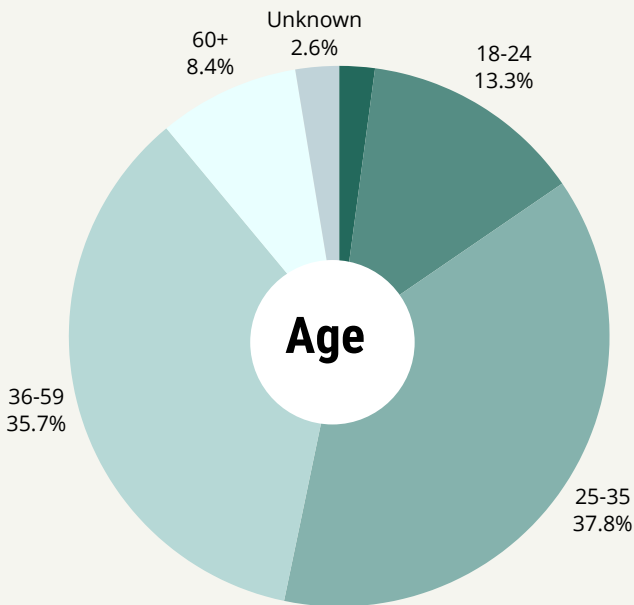
Same Sex IPV Cases

40

Transgender Clients

TOTAL CLIENTS: 12,328

All demographic data is voluntarily self-reported by clients. Intimate Partner Violence is abbreviated as IPV.



VICTIMIZATION TYPES

IPV	NON-IPV	STALKING	SEXUAL ASSAULT
8,195	3,463	104	123

DISABILITY DATA

PHYSICAL	MENTAL	LEARNING	OTHER
71	444	33	95

PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT DATA

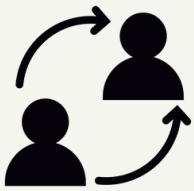
Supportive Advocacy



3,759 clients served at the NW DV Intake Center & remotely



597 petitions written for civil protection orders



576 legal referrals

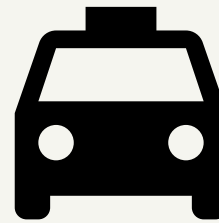


319 clients assisted with Crime Victims Compensation applications

Crisis Intervention



42,840 incoming calls received to the Crisis Response Line



919 emergency Uber & taxi rides provided



96 emergency lock-changes facilitated for survivors



52 dispatches for On-Call Advocates to provide in-person crisis support

Crisis Shelter



79 survivors housed at the SAFE Space Crisis Shelter



41 connections to on-site mental health services



Dispersed **\$212k** in flexible financial assistance



376 emergency hotel placements



827 high-risk clients connected to expedited services

Lethality Assessment Program

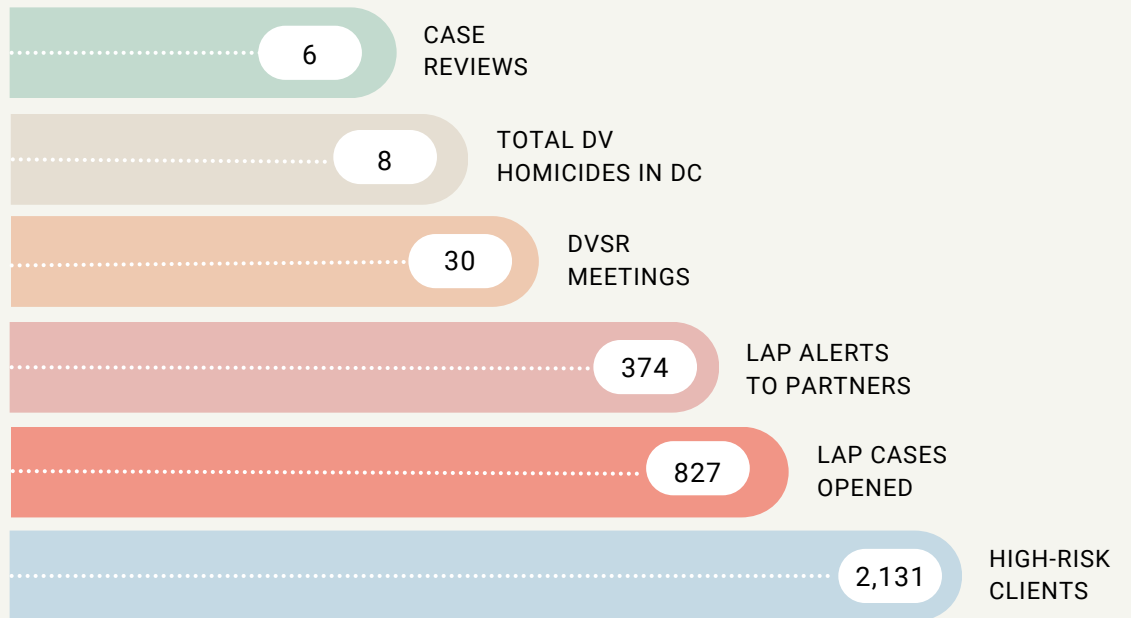
374 LAP alerts sent to government and partner agencies



SYSTEMS ADVOCACY: THE HRDVI

DC SAFE leads the city's High Risk Domestic Violence Initiative (HRDVI), which **works to reduce and prevent domestic violence homicides** across the city. Established through a City's Administrator's Order in 2009 is one of our key systems advocacy efforts.

This year, our goal is to procure renewed political and fiscal investments from the District in order to reinvigorate and expand these life-saving partnerships.



LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROJECT

DC SAFE Advocates assess clients for their risk level of re-assault or homicide using a validated lethality assessment tool. Results are used to triage services internally and through a coordinated LAP network, spanning over a dozen partners.

CRITICAL CASE RESPONSE TEAM

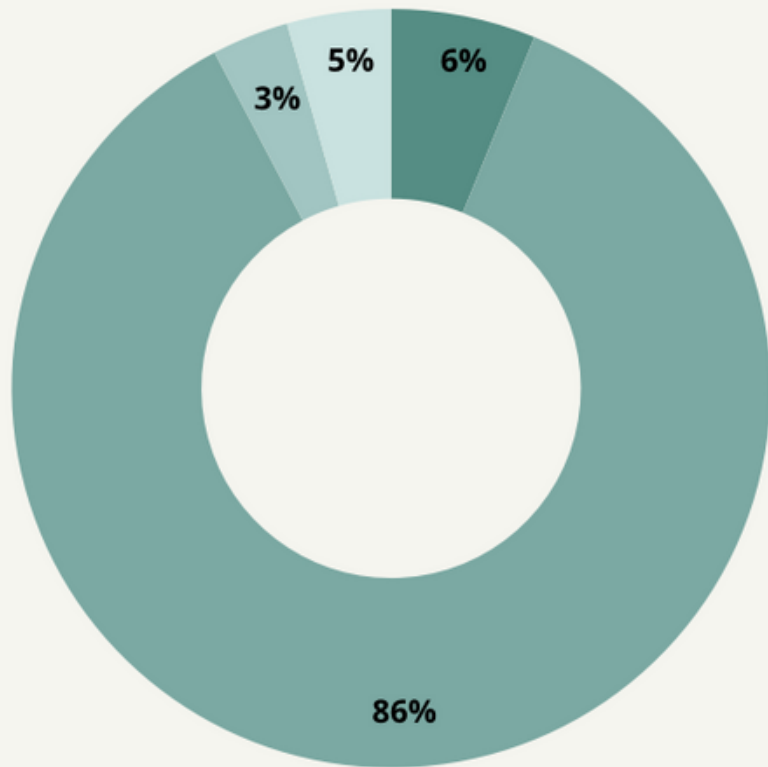
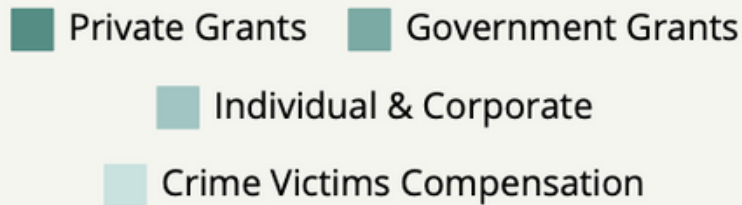
The Critical Case Response Team allows LAP partners to refer urgent cases for multidisciplinary action within 24 hours of notification. As a crisis agency, DC SAFE is placed directly in the center of the city's public safety infrastructure.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYSTEMS REVIEW TEAM

The Domestic Violence Systems Review Team regularly convenes sixteen agencies to evaluate high-risk cases, identify gaps in the current system, and make recommendations for systems change.

FUNDRAISING SNAPSHOT

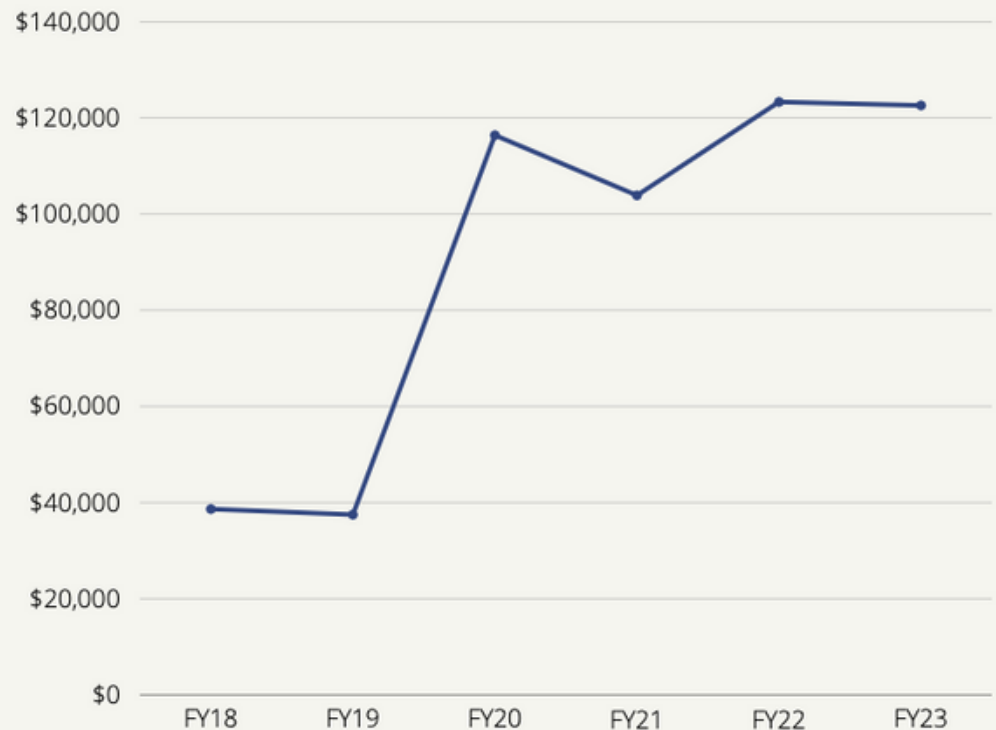
FY23 REVENUE SOURCES



PRIVATE GIVING METRICS



INDIVIDUAL GIVING TRENDS



THE RIBBON-CUTTING



We celebrated the grand opening of the newly constructed SAFE Space shelter on July 20, 2023, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to providing dignified emergency housing and support for domestic violence survivors. Despite challenges during the global health pandemic, the construction project culminated in a 30-unit crisis shelter, tripling our capacity to house 750 survivors annually.

The realization of SAFE Space, a dream set in motion over ten years ago, is a shared achievement thanks to our community's support. We express gratitude to all supporters who made this milestone possible.

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