National Sexual Assault Policy

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What is NAESV?
The purpose of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) is to work to end sexual violence and ensure services for victims. The NAESV Board of Directors consists of leaders of state sexual assault coalitions and national law, policy, and tribal experts who promote the organization’s mission to advance and strengthen public policy on behalf of state coalitions, rape crisis programs, individuals, and other entities working to end sexual violence. Most importantly, the NAESV advocates on behalf of the victim/survivors—women, children and men—who have needlessly suffered the serious trauma of sexual violence and envisions a world free from sexual violence.

What does NAESV Do?
NAESV utilizes a comprehensive grassroots communication network to shape national policy related to sexual violence and victims’ needs, ensure funding for rape crisis programs and sexual assault coalitions, and provide expertise to governments, businesses and non-profit organizations addressing sexual violence in all of its forms.

Who are NAESV's Allies?
The leadership of the NAESV maintains relationships with allied national level anti-violence organizations including the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault, The Resource Sharing Project, National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Center for Victims of Crime, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the U. S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women.

Please support our work!
Federal Policy Priorities

• Appropriations (SASP, RPE, PHHSBG, VOCA)
• VAWA Reauthorization
• Other Emerging SA Issues
Legislative Process

- Appropriations
- Authorization
- Legislation
Appropriations Process

- Fiscal Year
- President’s Budget
- Budget Resolution
- Appropriations Bills (or omnibus)
- Conference
- CR
Appropriations Priorities

- SASP
- VOCA
- RPE
- PHHSBG Rape Set-Aside
Budget Outlook

- Back in Black
- Super Committee
- Gridlock
- Elections
Key Appropriations Committees for SA

• House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies “Labor-H” (RPE and PHHSBG rape set-aside)

• Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations “CJS” (SASP, STOP, VOCA, etc.)
House Labor, HHS, and Education

**Republicans**
- Denny Rehberg, Montana, *Chairman*
- Jerry Lewis, California
- Rodney Alexander, Louisiana, *Vice Chair*
- Jack Kingston, Georgia
- Kay Granger, Texas
- Mike Simpson, Idaho
- Jeff Flake, Arizona
- Cynthia Lummis, Wyoming

**Democrats**
- Rosa DeLauro, Connecticut, *Ranking Member*
- Nita Lowey, New York
- Jesse Jackson, Jr., Illinois
- Lucille Roybal-Allard, California
- Barbara Lee, California
Senate Labor, HHS, and Education

Democrats
• Senator Tom Harkin (Chairman) (IA)
• Senator Daniel Inouye (HI)
• Senator Herb Kohl (WI)
• Senator Patty Murray (WA)
• Senator Mary Landrieu (LA)
• Senator Richard Durbin (IL)
• Senator Jack Reed (RI)
• Senator Mark Pryor (AR)
• Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD)
• Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)

Republicans
• Senator Richard Shelby (Ranking) (AL)
• Senator Thad Cochran (MS)
• Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)
• Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)
• Senator Ron Johnson (WI)
• Senator Mark Kirk (IL)
• Senator Lindsey Graham (SC)
• Senator Jerry Moran (KS)
House CJS

**Republicans**
- Frank R. Wolf, Virginia, Chairman
- John Abney Culberson, Texas
- Robert B. Aderholt, Alabama
- Jo Bonner, Alabama
- Steve Austria, Ohio
- Tom Graves, Georgia
- Kevin Yoder, Kansas

**Democrats**
- Chaka Fattah, Pennsylvania
- Adam B. Schiff, California
- Michael M. Honda, California
- José E. Serrano, New York
Senate CJS

Democrats
- Senator Barbara Mikulski (Chairman) (MD)
- Senator Daniel Inouye (HI)
- Senator Patrick Leahy (VT)
- Senator Herb Kohl (WI)
- Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)
- Senator Jack Reed (RI)
- Senator Frank Lautenberg (NJ)
- Senator Ben Nelson (NE)
- Senator Mark Pryor (AR)
- Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)

Republicans
- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (Ranking) (TX)
- Senator Richard Shelby (AL)
- Senator Mitch McConnell (KY)
- Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)
- Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)
- Senator Ron Johnson (WI)
- Senator Susan Collins (ME)
- Senator Lindsey Graham (SC)
Legislative Process

- Bill Introduced
- Assigned to (sub)committee
- Marked-up, voted
- Rules committee
- Floor
- Authorizations
- Conference
- President
VAWA Reauthorization

- VAWA 2005 expires this year
- Broad input over the past 2 years
- Advocacy groups drafting process
- Staff of sponsors are working on legislation
- Bill may be introduced this month
- Dream vs. Reality
VAWA Backlash

Backlash Claims:
- VAWA is:
  - Anti men
  - Anti fathers
  - Anti family
  - Too expensive

- There’s waste fraud and abuse
VAWA IV SA Priorities

- Improvements to STOP and GTEAP
- Housing Protections
- SASP and RPE Improvements
- Military Issues
- Communities of Color and Underserved
- U-visa
- Economic justice provisions
- Tribal Improvements
STOP and GTEAP

• Higher priority on sexual assault
• Purpose areas that fit sexual assault investigation/prosecution (e.g. SANEs and SARTs)
Housing

• Protect sexual assault victims from discriminatory denials, terminations, and evictions due to their status as victims
• Allow sexual assault victims to transfer quickly to a safer location following a sexual assault; and
• Establish mechanisms to examine and address sexual violence committed by housing personnel.
SASP and RPE Improvements

- Formula equity for territories and D.C.
- Baseline in RPE
Military

• Commission and Office on Military-related crimes
• Research on prevalence of military-related crimes
• Hotline and online crisis intervention services
CLSP and Underserved

- Ensure that CLSP honors intention of serving communities of color
- Expand access to VAWA programs and funding to underserved populations including LGBTQ survivors
Immigration

• U-Visa Improvements
• Remove LE certification requirement
• Cooperation still required
Economic Justice

• 30 days of unpaid leave annually to seek medical help, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning, and other assistance.
• Extend unemployment benefits to individuals who need to leave their jobs because of violence against themselves or a family member.
• Prohibit insurers from denying coverage or charging higher premiums because a person is or suspected to be a victim of the 4 crimes.
• Bar employers from discriminating against survivors of the 4 crimes in employment status and in compensation.
Tribal Improvements

• Restore tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian perpetrators
• Funding parity for tribal coalitions
• SASP access to funding for Native women victimized by domestic and/or sexual violence.
• Amend the definition of “rural” to ensure that all American Indian and Alaska Native tribes are eligible to participate in the Rural Grant Program.
House Judiciary: Crime Subcommittee

Republicans

- F. James (Jim) Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-WI) [Chairman] 202-225-5101
- Louie Gohmert (R-TX) 202-225-3035
- Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) 202-225-5431
- Dan Lungren (R-CA) 202-225-5716  Phillip Ung/
- J. Randy Forbes (R-VA) 202-225-6365
- Ted Poe (R-TX) 202-225-6565
- Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) 202-225-7751
- Tim Griffin (R-AR) 202-225-2506
- Tom Marino (R-PA) 202-225-3731
- Trey Gowdy (R-SC) 202-225-6030 202-226-1177
- Sandy Adams (R-FL) 202-225-2706
- Ben Quayle (R-AZ) 202-225-3361

Democrats

- Bobby Scott (D-VA) [Ranking Member] 202-225-8351
- Steve Cohen (D-TN) 202-225-3265
- Hank Johnson (D-GA) 202-225-1605
- Pedro Pierluisi (D-PR) 202-225-2615
- Judy Chu (D-CA) 202-225-5464
- Ted Deutch (D-FL) 202-225-3001
- Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) 202-225-7931
- Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) 202-225-3816
- Mike Quigley (D-IL) 202-225-4061
Senate Judiciary: Crime Subcommittee

Democrats

Sheldon Whitehouse, R.I. (Chairman)
Herb Kohl, Wisconsin
Dianne Feinstein, California
Dick Durbin, Illinois
Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota
Christopher A. Coons, Delaware

Republicans

• Jon Kyl, Arizona (Ranking Member)
• Orrin G. Hatch, Utah
• Jeff Sessions, Alabama
• Lindsey Graham, South Carolina
Other Emerging Issues

- Trafficking
- Backlog
- Campus
- Peace Corps
- Military
- Cybercrime
- Sex Offenders
- UCR
Trafficking

• TVPRA
• Domestic minor sex trafficking
• Funding questions
• Prostitution as trafficking?
Backlog

- OVW Roundtable
- Notifying and Supporting Victims
- NIJ demonstration projects
- Endthebacklog.org
• Administration Campus Initiative- April 2011
• Dear Colleague issued by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
• Applies to both postsecondary institutions and school districts
• Supplement to 2001 OCR guidance on sexual harassment
• Makes it very clear that rape and sexual assault fall within rubric of sexual harassment in Title IX
Links to Campus Initiative Materials

• OCR Web Page:
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.html

• Know Your Rights:
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/title-ix-rights-201104.pdf

• Dear Colleague:
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201104.pdf

• Background, Summary and Fast Facts:
  http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-factsheet-201104.pdf
Campus SAVE Act

- S. 834, introduced on April 14, 2011, by U.S. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Patty Murray (D-WA)
- Update the Clery Act
- Complement Title IX’s sexual violence guidelines.
- The scope of violence covered will also be extended to domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- New students and employees will receive awareness and primary prevention education focusing on changing social norms, facilitating safe bystander intervention, and discussing each institution’s procedures for responding to reports.
- Campuses will adopt clear, written procedures that provide for a “prompt and equitable” resolution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases.
- Campus disciplinary proceedings will be conducted by officials who receive annual training, use the “preponderance of the evidence” (more likely than not) standard, and
- Campus officials will assist victims in reporting to campus or local law enforcement, help obtain or enforce a legal no-contact order, and will respect victim confidentiality.
- Colleges and universities that fail to meet their responsibilities will face $27,500 civil penalties per violation.
Peace Corps

- The Kate Puzey Peace Corps Safety and Security Act
- Risk-reduction and Response training
- SA protocol and guidelines
- Victims Advocates
- Sexual Assault Advisory Council
Military

- VAWA IV
- National Defense Authorization Act
- Female Veterans
- Other
Sex Offenders & Cybercrime

• Wetterling Act (1994) – SO registries as tool for law enforcement
• Megan’s Law (1996) – Public notification
• PROTECT Amendment (2003) – States required to develop Internet registries by 2006
• AWA/SORNA
• Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers Act
SORNA Adam Walsh Act

- Offense-based tiering – adults and juveniles
- Retroactivity
- Registration requirements
- Internet notification requirements
- Extends jurisdictionality beyond the 50 states: DC; U.S. territories; 197 Indian tribes
- If not in compliance (now “substantially implementing”) by July 2011
  - Loss of 10% of federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act (Byrne/JAG Grant) funding for each year not in compliance

- Reauthorization
Adam Walsh Act Compliance

• 14 states
  – Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Wyoming

• 9 tribes
  – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Pueblo of Isleta, Tohono O'odham Nation, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

• One U.S. territory
  – Guam
UCR

• Antiquated FBI definition of rape
• Non-Legislative strategies
• PERF
Mobilizing Grassroots

• What strategies do you use?
And/or
• What works on you?
NAESV Strategies

- SAPolicyWatch-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Call alerts
- District meetings
- Advocacy day
- Targeted meetings
- Participating in coalitions
Reaching out in District

- Recess
- Tour
- More laid back
- Bring a group
- Follow-up
Reaching out to D.C. office

• Appropriations or . . . ?
• Google member and Check out member page
• Call D.C. office
• Ask for the name of the right staffer
• Leave a voicemail and send an email
• Firstname.lastname@mail.house.gov
D.C. Meetings

- Thank
- Short
- Staff
- Story and program details
- Make an ask
- Follow-up
Sharing your story

• Systems transformed and improved
• Model projects and collaborations
• Numbers served
• Stories of lives transformed
• Cost savings, effectiveness
• Data
New Policy Objectives

• What do you really want to see for victims or for prevention?
• What cutting edge policies are happening in your state?