NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN AGAINST RAPE

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STAFF NEWS

Thank you Kristie Chan (above right) for your years of service as SFWAR’s Office Manager! Your presence is missed in the office but not on the hotline as Kristie continues to support survivors and counselors by picking up the phone. Your commitment is an inspiration to us all! Thank you Kristie!

Kristie’s role has been passed on to Theresa Currie (above left). Theresa has been a volunteer with SFWAR since 2015. She comes from an art and design background and looks forward to deepening her commitment to women’s activism.

Stephanie Colorado is SFWAR’s Survivor Advocate. Stephanie started volunteering at SFWAR in 2011. She is passionate about helping survivors find their inner strength and find ways in which she can best support them. “Being part of SFWAR has been amazing! I get to meet and work with so many amazing women who inspire and teach me new things every day.”

Adriana Kin Romero is our Community Outreach Consultant. She has been a

CENTERING SURVIVORS WITH DISABILITIES

A Letter to the Community from the Executive Director

We are excited to report that in May 2016 San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR) was awarded California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) funding to enhance and expand intervention, advocacy, and outreach to survivors with disabilities. The San Francisco Department on the Status of Women commissioned three reports, in 2000, 2007, and 2014 respectively; all noted significant gaps in services to the heterogeneous local community of people with disabilities. The recognized gaps and barriers broadly could be described as a result of (1) lack of access, (2) lack of training, and (3) lack of outreach. In addition, while most San Francisco based violence against women service providers can support survivors with disabilities to some extent, no organization employs a comprehensive approach to support the widest range of survivors with disabilities. This is particularly disconcerting, as people with disabilities experience alarmingly high rates of physical and sexual violence.

CalOES funding will allow SFWAR to develop and provide trauma informed services to survivors with physical impairments, individuals who belong to a sensory minority (e.g. those who are blind, deaf, hearing impaired), individuals with emotional disabilities, survivors with cognitive or intellectual challenges, and individuals with mental illness, or other chronic and severe illnesses (e.g. HIV/AIDS, cancer). Ensuring all people with disabilities equal access to immediate crisis intervention services (via the SFWAR 24-hour hotline, in-person at our offices, and off-site at community-based organization primarily serving people with disabilities); individual counseling; support groups; medical, legal, and social service advocacy and accompaniment; emergency assistance (for housing, transportation, food, clothing, etc.) is a core goal.

Our collaborating partner in this work is Sins Invalid. Sins Invalid is a critically acclaimed, San Francisco Bay Area based, majority LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex) and people of color-led performance project presenting work on disability and sexuality from a disability justice framework. Similarly to other justice based movements, disability justice understands disability oppression (i.e. ableism) as a political issue impossible to consider without also examining race, class, gender, sexual orientation, constructions of citizenship, and sexuality. Sins Invalid challenges the dominant view of people with disabilities as flawed and asexual – perspectives that ‘invisibilize’ the pervasive sexual violence experienced by individuals with disabilities. In addition to their performance work, Sins Invalid provides disability justice education and training. Their critical work remains grounded in a commitment to challenge ableism/disability oppression and promote leadership opportunities for people with disabilities from LGBTQI communities and communities of color. Sins Invalid staff will develop a comprehensive community specific outreach plan and city-wide campaign to increase access to services for survivors with disabilities. Sins Invalid will also provide SFWAR volunteers and staff intensive specialized training to improve agency-wide support of survivors with disabilities.

As we embark on this vital project, it is both timely and fitting to feature art and performance
Adriana is also a filmmaker who participated in QWOCMAP film festival.

Eri Guajardo Johnson has enthusiastically returned to SFWAR as our Development Consultant. A Michigan-born, bi-racial Latina, Eri is drawn to the intersections of anti-oppression work and spiritual inquiry. Eri is excited to share her passion for community building, healing, and societal transformation with the SFWAR community.

Zully Batres has transitioned into the role of Director of Advocacy and Counseling. Zully became staff at SFWAR in 2013 as Survivor Advocate. She continues supporting survivors of sexual assault through direct services.

SFWAR thanks former Director of Counseling Tabitha Thomas and former Development Associate Charlie Fredrick for their compassionate support of survivors and their sustained dedication to the movement to end rape. We wish you all the best!

By survivors with disabilities during the 16th Artists Against Rape (AAR) scheduled for October 21, 2016. It is my sincerest hope that you will participate in AAR by submitting work or attending. I remain committed to the belief that only together can we achieve our shared vision of a world without rape and violence. Thank you for standing with SFWAR in this belief and for your sustained dedicated support over the years.

Toward liberation,

Janelle L. White, PhD

It is estimated that as many as 83% of females with developmental disabilities and 32% of males have experienced sexual assault, with 49% of people with developmental disabilities experiencing 10 or more abusive incidents (Johnson & Sigler, 2000). 40% of women with physical disabilities reported being sexually assaulted (Young et al, 1997). A study by Martin et al (2006) found that women with some type of disability had more than 4 times the odds of being sexually assaulted compared to women without disabilities. A study of sexual assault survivors by D. Sobsey (1988) found 75% were developmentally disabled; more than 40% were mobility impaired; 15% were Deaf or hearing impaired; 37% had multiple disabilities; and almost 80% were female identified. These findings are indicative of a severe public psychosocial crisis.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

This year we are especially seeking work by women* with disabilities** that makes connections between disability, sexual violence and social issues such as: healthcare, medicalization, housing, gentrification, labor, immigration, police brutality, education, criminalization, incarceration, human trafficking, and systems of oppression (e.g. white supremacy, capitalism, imperialism, heterosexism, transphobia, patriarchy). All work must be related to healing from and/or speaking out against sexual violence and gender oppression. We seek artwork that envisions a new culture for survivors of violence and oppression.

To submit work send documentation of your piece with a written statement that includes a short bio and contact information.

Mail submissions to:
SFWAR
Attn: AAR Review Committee
3543 18th Street #7
San Francisco, CA 94110

Email submissions to:
info@sfwar.org

Subject line: AAR Artwork Submission

Submissions due: August 26, 2016

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SFWAR reached over 8,547 people through our Annual Events, Direct Services, and Prevention Education Programs.

24-hour Crisis Line
SFWAR served 2,810 people on the crisis line during the 2014-2015 fiscal year, providing crisis intervention support to 680 survivors of sexual assault and 173 family members and friends of survivors. Certified counselors are available 24-hours a day to offer crisis counseling and community referrals. Multi-lingual counselors are also available to provide services in Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Tagalog, Hindi, Bangla, Arabic, Farsi, Amharic, Croatian, Georgian, Serbian, Russian, and American Sign Language.

Volunteers and Interns
SFWAR is alive and thriving because of the active commitment of 70 certified volunteers and interns. Volunteers and interns staff the sexual assault crisis line, provide medical accompaniment to survivors at San Francisco General Hospital, offer in-person peer counseling, support prevention education initiatives, join committees to assist with special events like WALK Against Rape, and provide office administrative support.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 35 volunteers graduated and became state-certified sexual assault counselors.

After an intensive 84-hour sexual assault certification training, volunteers are required to participate in continuing education via counselor support meetings to maintain their certification. In 2014-2015, SFWAR offered 12 counselor support continuing education meetings to further enhance the crisis intervention skills of volunteers and interns.

Advocacy & Counseling
The SFWAR Advocacy & Counseling Program provides legal, medical, and social service advocacy and accompaniment services to survivors; confidential short term in-person peer counseling for survivors, their friends, and family members; and support groups for survivors.

SFWAR advocates act as a liaison between survivors and medical, legal and social service systems, with the goal of supporting and empowering survivors of sexual assault. We offer accompaniments to legal proceedings, medical appointments, and meetings with social service providers; provide referrals to community resource; and offer wide-ranging advocacy support related to sexual assault. During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, medical accompaniment was provided to 22 survivors at San Francisco General Hospital and 50 survivors were helped with navigating complex legal and social service systems.

In 2014-2015, 100 survivors received in-person counseling. We also offered a series of 4 multi-week support groups to a total of 22 survivors. One group was a 10-week writing workshop titled Fearless Words facilitated by Jen Cross, founder of Writing Ourselves Whole. Additionally, one community specific support group for female-identified survivors of African descent was facilitated by Lisa Thomas-Adeyemo, the Somatics & Trauma Program Coordinator for Generative Somatics and former SFWAR Director of Counseling.

Community Initiatives
The SFWAR Community Initiatives (CI) Program was formed in 2006. It encompasses both our adult and youth rape prevention education efforts and adds the component of supporting communities in mobilizing to confront and end rape.

Based on an extensive community mapping process, SFWAR has focused community organizing efforts in the Mission District. Moreover, we prioritize five identity-based groups. These groups are prioritized based on both the significantly high rates of sexual violence they experience and because, so often, they are underserved or significantly underserved. These groups are youth, Latina immigrants, women who are marginally housed or homeless, LBGTQ (lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer) women of color, and formerly incarcerated women.

During 2014-2015, 2 formerly marginally housed women worked as organizers with the SFWAR Peer-2-Peer Outreach & Organizing Project (P2P). Through this effort, SFWAR recruits women who are homeless and marginally housed then trains and supports them in engaging in sexual assault prevention outreach and organizing efforts with their peers. P2P organizers: (1) conduct outreach and facilitate popular education sessions in SRO (single room occupancy) hotels, emergency shelters, at community-based agencies, and on the streets making the link between rape, poverty, and other social problems; (2) provide information on risk reduction, post-assault medical care, legal resources, counseling, and other needed social services; (3) assist in developing bystander intervention strategies to sexual assault; and (4) stand with their communities in advocating for policy change to increase safety on the streets, in shelters, and SROs.

During 2014-2015, 7 multi-week support groups at Mission High School, Phillip Burton High and Precita Center for Youth for 51 young women and 10 young men. Additionally, technical assistance was provided to 2 schools and community based organizations serving youth and was attended by 39 total students, school staff, and service providers.

Over half of all SFWAR rape prevention education presentations continue to be conducted in Mission District, Tenderloin, and Bay View schools; these three San Francisco neighborhoods experience some of the highest rates of community violence. These schools include Burton High School, Ida B. Wells High School, Marshall High School, Mission High School, and O’Connell High School.

Prevention Education
Our CI Program provided prevention education to over 5,286 people last year. We organized 12 rape prevention presentations reaching 291 people; provided 2 self-defense classes for 30 participants; tabled at 16 festivals, fairs and community events reaching over 1,595 people; and conducted 18 presentations for 291 professionals serving diverse communities.

Through STAND (Student Talking about Non-violent Dating), SFWAR conducted 132 classroom presentations to 2,437 youth and 104 adults; facilitated 1 student assembly for 405 youth and 15 adults; trained 18 youth violence against women prevention peer educators; and held 7 multi-week support groups at Mission High School, Phillip Burton High and Precita Center for Youth for 51 young women and 10 young men. Additionally, technical assistance was provided to 2 schools and community based organizations serving youth and was attended by 39 total students, school staff, and service providers.

Coalition and Community Building
In order to address all aspects of sexual violence, SFWAR works in local multi-disciplinary and state-wide collaborations. Examples include...
Fundraising
During 2014 – 2015, SFWAR Government Grants totaled $682,257 and Private Foundations donated $27,000. SFWAR continued working to expand our grassroots fundraising. We raised $6,065 through our annual Phone Bank. In December 2014, we sent our Holiday Mailing to over 3,300 individuals. This effort, coupled with the mailing of our Newsletter & Annual Report, raised $16,331. SFWAR’s biennial Artists Against Rape performance raised $4,402. Website and Community Thrift contributions totaled $2,113. The Raising Change “House Party” Benefit Campaign, along with our long-standing Major Donor Campaign and Work Place Giving, raised $6,233. SFWAR held our 10th Annual WALK Against Rape in April 2015, which raised $63,836. Over $6,144 was donated by individuals and groups who held Special Events benefiting SFWAR. Our dedicated Volunteers and Board Members contributed and raised $4,693. Finally, we thank our faithful Monthly Sustainers who donated $5,964.

SFWAR thanks everyone who has given so generously this year. Your support allows us to provide critical free services to survivors of rape and sexual assault, while we work to end sexual violence.

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the San Francisco Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Expect Respect San Francisco (ERSF), Limited English Proficient Advisory Committee (LEP) working to improve SFPD response to LEP communities, and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA).

Toward our goal of organizing to end sexual violence with prioritized communities of the Mission District, we continue to strengthen our collaborations with communities of Latin descent, LBTQ women of color, organizations serving homeless and marginally housed women, advocates of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women, along with expanding vital rape prevention education to youth. We maintain our collaboration with Mujeres Unidas y Activas to provide Spanish language rape crisis services to Latino immigrants. This collaboration has received federal funding through the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women.

During 2014-2015, specialized multi-session rape prevention popular education focusing on healthy relationships and bystander intervention was provided to clients of the Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, SFWAR, SRO Collaborative, and Young Women’s Freedom Center (formerly the Center for Young Women’s Development). SFWAR also provided rape prevention education to El/La Para TransLatina, Instituto Familiar de la Raza, Mission Hiring Hall, and Queer Life Space. All of these agencies have sustained connections to the aforementioned SFWAR prioritized communities.

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Highlights from SFWAR's roots providing crisis line services, individual peer counseling, support groups, advocacy, prevention education, and community programs in the San Francisco Bay Area.

1973
San Francisco Women Against Rape is founded as a 24-hour per week rape crisis hotline.

1980’s
SFWAR expands services to include a 24-hour hotline, in-person counseling and support groups.

1990’s
SFWAR becomes a 501(c)(3) non-profit.
SFWAR invited to join the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Domestic Violence Committee.
SFWAR begins it's rape prevention and education program, producing video for teens and publishing Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese brochures.

2000’s
SFWAR becomes a majority women of color organization at all levels (i.e. volunteer, staff, executive director and board).
Poets Against Rape grows into Artists Against Rape including poetry, performance, visual art, music, film and dance.
SFWAR launches it’s Community Initiatives Program to develop and support community-based primary prevention approaches to ending sexual violence.

2010’s
SFWAR partners with the Center for Young Women's Development and Mission Girls to enhance and expand direct services to young women.

TODAY
SFWAR continues to focus on enhancing our work with those who are most vulnerable to sexual violence. This includes young women; women with physical, mental, and development disabilities; immigrant women, particularly those who are limited English proficient; lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women of color; incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women; and women who are marginally housed or homeless. To realize our shared vision of a world without rape and violence, we rely on, and are strengthened by the support of our community that has sustained us for over 40 years.

REALIZING A WORLD WITHOUT RAPE AND VIOLENCE