



April
sexual assault
awareness month

Tahoe
Safe
Alliance
Stopping Abuse for EVERYONE

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

Our mission is to end the incidence and trauma of domestic/intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and child abuse in North Lake Tahoe and Truckee

Greetings!

On March 17th, President Donald Trump introduced his blueprint for the Federal Budget. While it was light on details, referred to as a Skinny Budget, there is speculation that the responsibility of social service funding will be shifted to individual states.

As we recently reported in the February newsletter, funding for Victims Against Women Act (VAWA) is uncertain and, if cut, would have a negative impact on our community. The budget will come out in May but many observers are anticipating the possibility of a government shut down over budget disputes. Any shutdown, even partial, would have a negative impact on funding for Tahoe SAFE Alliance and could delay grant payouts by as much as 120 - 150 days.

We are working closely with our partners California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence to analyze bills as it relates to future funding. We will continue to keep you, our valued supporters, updated on events as they transpire and any impact it will have on our agency and community.

With respect,

Paul Bancroft MA
Executive Director

The Power of Bystanders to End Rape Culture

Sexual assault, rape culture, and bystander intervention are dominating news headlines, fueled by public outrage over several high-profile cases of sexual assault. This isn't just a problem that is happening in large urban areas or on college campuses. At Tahoe SAFE Alliance,

NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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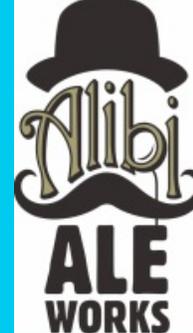
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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Drink For A Cause

The number of sexual assault clients served has more than doubled in the last year.

In our ongoing effort to keep individuals safe in their homes, communities, schools, and workplaces, this is a good time to consider our roles - the general community - in sexual assault prevention. Traditionally, sexual assault prevention messaging has been around 'don't rape, don't get raped' which isn't particularly helpful as a prevention tool. But what if we began having conversations around interrupting and intervening? What if our messaging were inclusive to where 'Everyone has a role to play in keeping people safe'? [\(Continue Reading\)](#)



Child Abuse Affects Every Demographic - Children's Program Helps Build Community Resilience

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, where we can bring awareness to the many families in our community that are working towards having healthy relationships. The struggles that every family faces vary by circumstance, and there is no big book on how to parent your child.



Child abuse is such a heavy term, and many people don't know what it truly encompasses. It includes physical, emotional, and verbal abuse, and neglect. Most often, people are not intentionally trying to harm their children, but they may not know that hitting is physical abuse, or maybe they had never seen a healthy relationship with their parents or family and they are following what they learned. [\(Continue Reading\)](#)

In support of Sexual Assault Awareness & Child Abuse Prevention Month Alibi Ale Works has chosen Tahoe SAFE Alliance as their 'Charity of the Month'. A special beer has been chosen and .50 cents of each purchase will be donated to support our mission!

FREE Self Defense Classes

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Coasters at Local Bars Help Raise Awareness of Sexual Assault

If we are to combat sexual assault, we need to start by raising the next generation in a way that educates students and changes the cultural tide in battling sexual assault in schools across the nation. Since 2013, colleges and universities began adopting the Consent is Sexy campaign to educate students on the importance of "yes means yes and no means no" affirmative consent policy. In fact, as of January 2017, California became the first state to require consent be part of all high school sex ed curriculum. Furthermore, California colleges that receive state funding are required to adopt the Consent is Sexy policy.



Consent is incredibly important in all sexual relationships. Not only does consent keep everyone on the same page, but it shows respect for the other

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person and their boundaries.

To help raise awareness locally, during the month of April Tahoe SAFE Alliance will distribute Consent is Sexy coasters to popular bars throughout our Lake Tahoe and Truckee communities.

For more information about consent and the affirmative consent policy, we recommend these resources:

- [Consent is Sexy campaign](#)
- [Consent is as simple as tea](#)
- [Yes Means Yes World](#)
- [Affirmative Consent Project](#)

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Tahoe Chocolate & Wine Festival

We are looking for individuals to join the planning committee. Meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 pm at the D.W. Reynolds Nonprofit Center in Incline Village. For more information about opportunities or ways you can get involved (*if you can't make the meeting times there are other ways to support this important -- and fun -- fundraiser*) contact dawnh@tahoesealliance.org. The Committee begins meeting May 3rd!



Community Outreach Volunteers

Searching for energetic and social individuals to join our community outreach team for summer 2017. Events will take place throughout the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee regions. Volunteer job duties include hosting information tables at community events with staff members to engage people with our mission and sharing opportunities that promote healthy relationships. For more information please contact andrea@tahoesealliance.org.

Ongoing:

[Helpline Crisis Counselors](#)
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