Hope, Build, Thrive Campaign - 2027

Lasting change takes shared vision, sustained effort, and opportunities to grow together. In 2027, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence will continue Hope, Build, Thrive as our programming theme, deepening our commitment to a future free from sexual violence.

Hope grounds us in possibility. It grows when survivors find support, advocates see paths forward, and communities recognize their power to prevent sexual violence. Hope invites us to imagine what can change and gives us purpose as we work toward it.

Build turns possibility into practice. Through shared learning, stronger relationships, and collective action, we build the skills, resources, and systems needed to support survivors and prevent harm. This work asks us to examine existing approaches as we learn from one another and put our commitments into action.

Thrive is the future we're working toward and the progress we must nurture along the way. It means survivors have meaningful choices and access to care, while advocates have the support to sustain their work and communities have the conditions to flourish.

Hope, Build, Thrive are connected commitments that inform our work throughout the year. What we build can create new reasons for hope. When people and communities thrive, they strengthen our collective capacity for lasting change.

Throughout 2027, this theme will connect OAESV's Sexual Assault Awareness Month efforts, Advocacy Day, Annual Conference, and many other programming and resources. Together with survivors, advocates, service providers, and community partners, we will explore what's possible, strengthen what's needed, and advance a future where safety, dignity, and connection are part of everyday life.

Request for Proposals

OAESV invites proposals for workshops at our 2027 Annual Conference that bring Hope, Build, Thrive into practice. We welcome proposals that explore how we sustain hope, build skills and partnerships, and create the conditions for survivors, advocates, and communities to thrive.

Share your expertise, experience, and strategies to help participants connect new ideas to their everyday work. Whether your workshop introduces an approach, examines a challenge, or offers tools, your contribution can strengthen our collective efforts to support survivors and end sexual violence.

Conference Details

The 2027 OAESV Annual Conference will take place June 22–23, 2027, in Columbus, Ohio. The conference will be held in person, with no virtual attendance option planned. Attendees will receive recordings of select keynotes and sessions following the event.

Guided by our continuing theme, "Hope, Build, Thrive", the conference will explore how we turn shared commitments into meaningful and lasting progress for survivors and communities. Together, we will consider what sustains hope, what we need to build, and how our work creates the conditions for people and communities to thrive.

The conference welcomes survivors, advocates, preventionists, nurses, law enforcement, medical and mental health professionals, legal advocates, educators, and other partners working to end sexual violence. Participants bring knowledge from lived experience, direct services, prevention, and systems change. Learning across these perspectives helps us strengthen our individual practice and our collective response.

Across two days of workshops, keynote sessions, and opportunities for care and connection, participants will exchange practical strategies, examine challenges, and build relationships that support the work ahead.

Save the date: June 22–23, 2027. Registration details will be shared in early 2027 through email, social media, and at oaesv.org/conference.

More RFP Details

Submission window open upon publishing. **Closes Sunday, January 10, 2027 at 11:59 pm EST. We will not be accepting late submissions.**

For more information about the process or to submit your proposal, please visit the submission form at oaesv.org/2027ConferenceProposals

We welcome workshop proposals that demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Supportive of the overall conference theme
- Addressing innovative or advanced concepts related to practice
- Inclusive of a variety of audiences, communities, and perspectives
- Promoting community collaboration and partnerships
- Reflective of the needs of adult learners (interactive workshop, hands-on activities, skills-based,

We are looking for workshop proposals in these categories. Suggested topics are listed under each category but do not represent a requirement:

1. Innovative Prevention or Advocacy Strategies
    a. Partnering with community institutions (schools, hospitals, workplaces, faith spaces)
    b. Community-level prevention
    c. Strategies for equitable, collaborative prevention and response

2. Sexual Assault Investigations
    a. Unexpected community partnerships
    b. Survivor-centered response models involving advocacy, law enforcement, and healthcare
    c. Strengthening SARTs and other multidisciplinary teams
    d. Legal and medical intersections
    e. Building trauma-informed practices across systems

3. Leadership
    a. Sustainable leadership and thriving organizations
    b. Grants management, operations, and/or communications

A note to potential presenters: We are committed to building a conference that highlights many perspectives and lived experiences. Potential presenters may come from a less traditional background to our field of work, and that's okay. We would strongly encourage you to apply.