

2017 at a glance

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

CAASE continued to be active in our community in 2017! Members of each of CAASE's departments participated in over **40 panels, trainings, presentations and speaking engagements reaching a total of 2,400 people** in our community.

Our Young Activist Council rebranded to the Young Professionals Board and organized an evening of stand-up comedy at THE TapRoom at Lagunitas Brewing Company to celebrate and fundraise. **'Stand-Up for Survivors'** featured 8 female and non-binary comedians, a live comedy band, and CAASE's own Caleb Probst as emcee. The event was a huge (and hilarious) success that was enjoyed by all!

'Celebrating Allies', our annual fall fundraiser, was another highlight event. Community supporters and friends of CAASE helped us commend the incredible partners who strengthen our community. The event attracted a **record number of over 150 guests** who joined us in honoring Brenda Myers-Powell of 'The Dreamcatcher Foundation', and Anne Ream of 'The Voices and Faces Project'. The event netted more than \$30,000 to support CAASE programming.

EMPOWERING YOUTH TO END SEXUAL HARM

Our Prevention Team **educated 3,708 youth in Chicago at 21 schools** with one-third of the students taking part in our 4-part curricula. The positive impact of our Prevention Programs are demonstrated through assessment that continues to show **significant improvements in student knowledge, attitudes, and behavioral intentions related to sexually harmful conduct and the sex trade**. Students gained a better understanding of the realities of the sex trade and improved attitudes on masculinity, healthy relationships, and consent.

Collected data indicates program success, especially when you consider the impact teenagers have on shaping the attitudes, opinions - and thus behaviors - of their peers. Reports from organizations outside of Chicago that use our curricula indicate similar results. In 2017, **CAASE trained 65 new facilitators to implement Prevention Programs** in New Jersey, Washington, and Ontario.

2017 SERVICE STATS



236

survivors received expert legal services - an agency record!



25%

increase in legal clients served in comparison to 2016



3,708

Chicago youth empowered through Prevention Education



40+

trainings engaged our community on sexual violation issues

WORKING TO END SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

CAASE continued its work throughout the state to promote the proper implementation of six laws passed through our End Demand Illinois initiative. Locally, CAASE campaigned to improve Chicago's prostitution ordinances, winning support from the Mayor's office for necessary changes to the current law. Our Policy Team also won amendments to Oak Park's massage license ordinance. The changes **further anti-trafficking and anti-sexual harassment clauses** in their business license ordinance.

A CAASE-lead working group of anti-sexual violence organizations successfully collaborated to **improve local law enforcement's practices related to sexual assault and the treatment of victims**. The group was able to obtain data from law enforcement regarding reports, arrests, and felony reviews. The group also secured the assignment of a Chicago Police Department official to respond to the anti-sexual violence community's concerns, re-train officers to better serve victims who are immigrants, and ensure detectives are better trained on and responsive to victim rights. Additionally, the **State's Attorney's Office committed to conducting intensive sexual assault trainings** for their staff, and to seriously consider CAASE's recommended **changes to the felony review** process.

WALKING WITH SURVIVORS

Last year, CAASE's Legal Team provided **free, expert legal services to 236 survivors** of rape and prostitution in Chicago; a new agency record and a **25% increase over 2016**. In addition to serving 12 survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution and securing 5 petitions for criminal record vacatur, CAASE attorneys assisted clients with 94 separate matters related to education, finances, employment, or housing. Our clients received over **\$400,000 in financial damages**.

Our attorneys were also busy educating the legal community. They organized 3 pro bono trainings with law firms to educate them on the laws used to represent our clients. These efforts spurred **growth in CAASE's Pro Bono Project with a dozen new attorneys joining** and each taking a client.



CHICAGO
ALLIANCE
AGAINST
SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION

CAASE addresses the culture, institutions, and individuals that perpetrate, profit from, or support sexual exploitation. Our work includes prevention, policy reform, community engagement, and legal services.