One Year Report: Sexual Violence Advocacy

Based on contacts documented August 3, 2020, through August 3, 2021

In the first 12 months of offering sexual violence advocacy, StrongHearts Native Helpline has received 347 contacts seeking help for sexual violence from across the United States. StrongHearts is the first culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering 24/7 peer support, crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services via call, text or online chat.

We exist to restore power to Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence by weaving together a braid of safety, sovereignty and support.

347 Sexual Violence Contacts Served

“I didn’t know who to talk about this with, thank you so much for being here.”

90% of sexual violence survivors identify as female.

Native American and Alaska Native Sexual Violence Victims by Victimization Type

Native American and Alaska Native Sexual Violence Contacts by Age Range

Victim-Survivor Definitions

Victim-s survivor: IPV is a victim of abuse by an intimate partner

Victim-survivor: Non-IPV is a victim of abuse from anyone other than an intimate partner

Victim-survivor: Sexual Violence is a victim of sexual abuse

What do sexual violence victim-survivors need?

64% Peer Support
33% Legal Advocacy
28% Shelter

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