

**Mission Statement:** We, the women and men of Verity, working in partnership with the community, strive to eliminate all forms of violence, with a special focus on sexual assault and abuse. Sexual assault is an unacceptable and unconscionable form of oppression, which is destructive to the lives of survivors, their families, and friends.

Verity facilitates healing and promotes the prevention of violence by providing the following services:

### Counseling

- 135 clients were seen for individual, couples, and family counseling.
- 40 clients attended our support groups.
- 35 teens attended our Girls Circle groups.
- 43 teens attended our Healthy Relationships series.
- 29 teens attended our My Strength sessions.

### Advocacy

- Advocates accompanied 82 clients to medical/forensic exams (*Adults, Children and Youth*).
- Advocates accompanied 224 clients to legal and law enforcement appointments.
- 87 Family Justice Center (FJCSC) walk-in clients were provided on site services with referrals from law enforcement at FJCSC directly.
- Provided personal advocacy to 201 clients which included advocacy for law enforcement accompaniments, immigration assistance and emergency medical attention.
- Provided criminal advocacy to 339 clients which included advising clients of their rights, the criminal and legal justice process and victim compensation.

### Intervention

- 755 individuals were served by the Intervention Department.
- 339 phone crisis interventions were provided on the 24/7 crisis line.
- 206 in-person crisis intervention services were provided with 420 extended follow up services being included.
- 63 volunteers staffed the crisis line and responded to calls from clients and law enforcement.
- 30 new volunteers were trained this fiscal year.

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### Prevention Education

- Gave 252 presentations and reached 5500 youth through the Child Abuse Prevention Project (CAPP) and Teen Assault Prevention Project (TAPP).
- Collaborated on 9 workshops on sexual violence and prevention on college campuses.
- Presented in 68 schools throughout Sonoma County.
- Led 11 parent presentations and reached 248 parents.
- Made 94 community presentations to over 3800 community members.
- Trained 10 new volunteer Prevention Educators.
- Facilitated 184 meetings with Peer Leaders with students from two Sonoma County high schools.
- Facilitated 3 peer-led assemblies and 24 peer-led presentations.

### Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) Program

- Reached out to 27 High Schools and 23 Middle Schools.
- Led 16 Coach Trainings and worked with 29 Coaches.
- Worked with 26 teams and reached over 390 students.

### Forgotten Warriors Project - Veterans Program

- 7 clients participated in individual counseling.
- 2 clients participated in group counseling.
- 5 unduplicated clients received counseling (either individual/group).
- 5 clients received in-person crisis intervention.
- Advocacy, outreach, information, referral and case management services were provided to over 50 veterans and their families.

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### About Verity

Verity began providing services in 1974 with a handful of volunteers and a vision to reach people in Sonoma County who experienced sexual violence. Today our program includes prevention education, crisis intervention, advocacy, and counseling. Verity is the sole Rape Crisis, Trauma & Healing Center with the only 24/7 Sexual Assault Crisis Line in Sonoma County. Our crisis line is staffed by certified sexual assault counselors. We offer individual, couple, and family counseling in addition to our support groups. These counseling services are open to all individuals who have experienced trauma as well as their family, friends and significant others. Our diverse, custom-designed prevention curricula are available to youth ages 5-20, adults, and agencies. We are proud to offer our services in both English and Spanish.