

Verity®

THROUGH THE YEARS

2019

Verity celebrates its 45th year with a new and improved website (www.ourverity.org) that is accessible and versatile for smart phones and tablets.

2016

Verity began offering services to the homeless communities of Sonoma County through a full-time outreach advocate.

2013

Verity received support in Guerneville from West County Community Services for expanded outreach to sexual assault survivors and prevention education.

2010

We launched Verity at www.ourverity.org to reflect not only the new image but the influence of the work of Verity on the Sonoma County community.

The organization introduced itself as Verity and its rebranding at the first annual Cupcake Ball, held on November 6, 2010

UASA formalized a partnership with the Family Justice Center of Sonoma County, resulting in the hiring of a sexual assault advocate to cooperate with other partners of the Family Justice Center.

2008

UASA extended the scope of the education community through collaborative partnerships with the city of Santa Rosa to identify and connect the correlation between violence and gang rape, which led to the effective results with parents, youth, and CBO community at large.

2007

Christine Castillo was selected by the UASA Board of Directors to become the Executive Director.

UASA expanded its evidence-based programs, MyStrength and Girls Circle, in a coordinated effort to reduce and/or prevent recidivism.

UASA developed www.uasasonoma.org/teensite with a user-friendly interface for youth.

2005

UASA was one of only six bodies across the state that were selected to participate in a campaign focused on the prevention of perpetration of sexual violence by young men. The program targeted young men between the ages of 14-18.

2003

UASA was instrumental in creating the County's first SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) program.

2001

UASA established an education program for men to work together to promote social change and learn what they can do to actively participate in the elimination of rape.

1985

WAR expanded its program to include a teen abuse prevention program (TAPP.)

1980

WAR implemented the first child abuse prevention program (CAPP) in Sonoma County. CAPP teaches and empowers children to protect themselves, seek help for themselves, and help each other.

Women Against Rape (WAR) of Sonoma County was established by a group of dedicated volunteers, students, and professors from Sonoma State University who were concerned about the lack of support for those who have been victims of rape and sexual violence.

1974

The agency initially included a phone number that women could call to be able to talk to someone about the rape or sexual assault that they had experienced to gain support and insight on how to find the agency to move forward in their lives.

2017

Verity received a grant to provide advocacy and counseling for incarcerated and detained survivors.

Verity provided holistic support to members of the Sonoma County community who were affected by the firestorms, including many of our existing clients.

Verity received a two-year grant to provide more complete services to survivors of human trafficking.

2012

We began offering services for women veterans and active-duty members of the military.

Verity began providing alternative healing classes free of charge to survivors.

Verity received a grant for a collaborative project to create and implement our training program **Coaching Boys Into Men** for local schools and sports teams.

Verity started providing free survivors support group for Spanish-speaking people and at Sonoma in La Luz.

2009

UASA began the development of a two-year strategic plan to focus on increasing outreach in Sonoma County, including the new name and logo.

UASA expanded Spanish services with the development of the Sonoma Valley project, serving El Verano, Boyes Hot Springs, and Agua Caliente.

UASA was one of five community-based organizations awarded the National Association of Counties 2009 Achievement Award for the Girls Circle support group.

A review of all of the services for youth and children was undertaken to reflect the increase in diversity of culture and language of the students attending schools in Sonoma County.

2006

UASA created an entire webpage in Spanish to help with focused outreach efforts for the Spanish-speaking community of Sonoma County.

2004

UASA started offering individual and group counseling services at community locations for populations with high risks of harm.

UASA launched a comprehensive web page to help victims of rape and abuse and their loved ones.

2002

UASA encouraged community outreach prevention of violence with the addition of a section on the website in Spanish and English called "Teens Speak Out."

2000

The organization changed its name from Women Against Rape (WAR) to United Against Sexual Assault (UASA) to reflect the current mission of serving women, men, children, and adolescents who have been victims of rape and sexual violence. The short-term crisis counseling enhanced its services to offer a full range of support.