

INNOVATIONS

in New Mexico's response to
sexual violence & child abuse

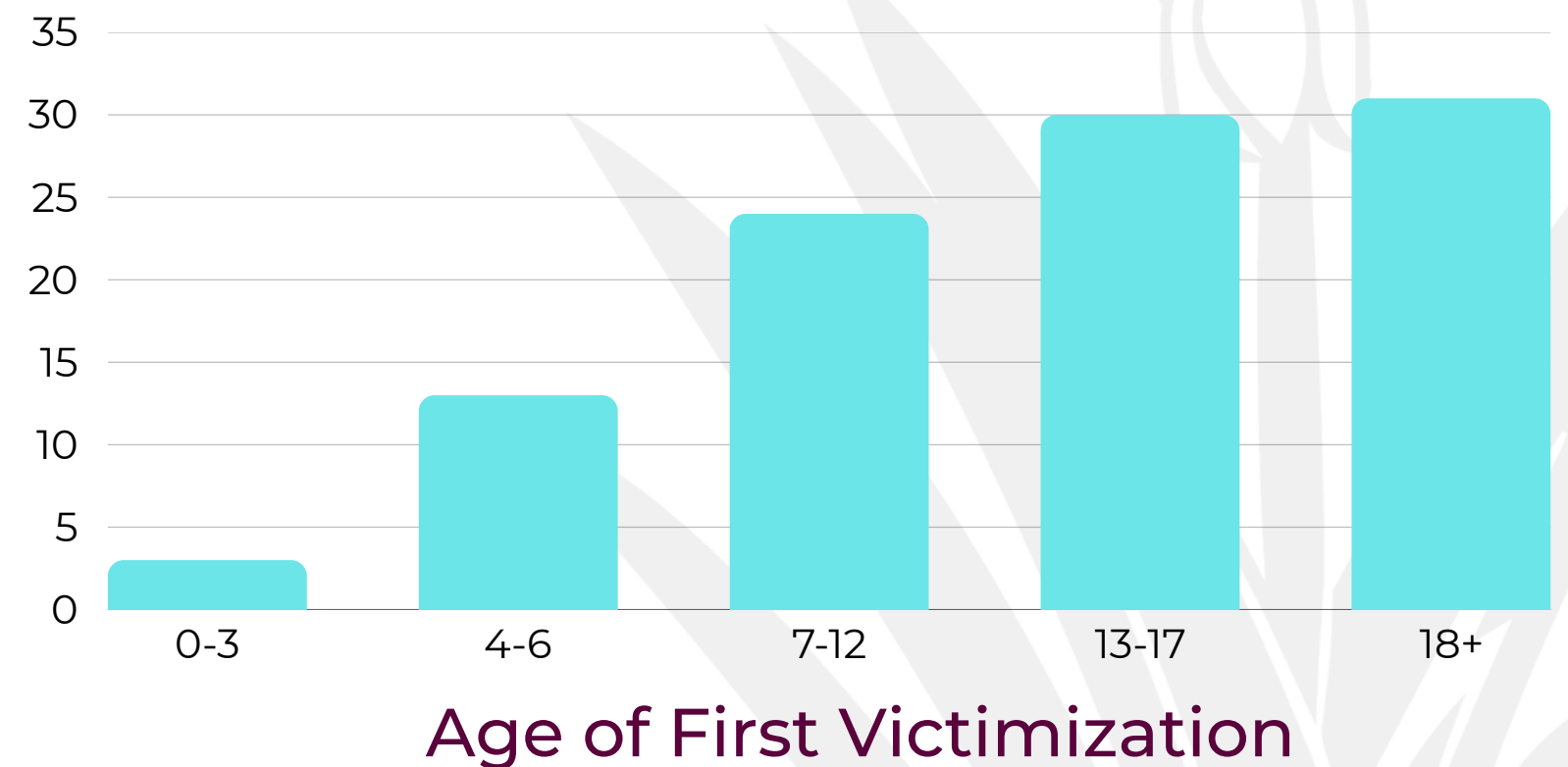
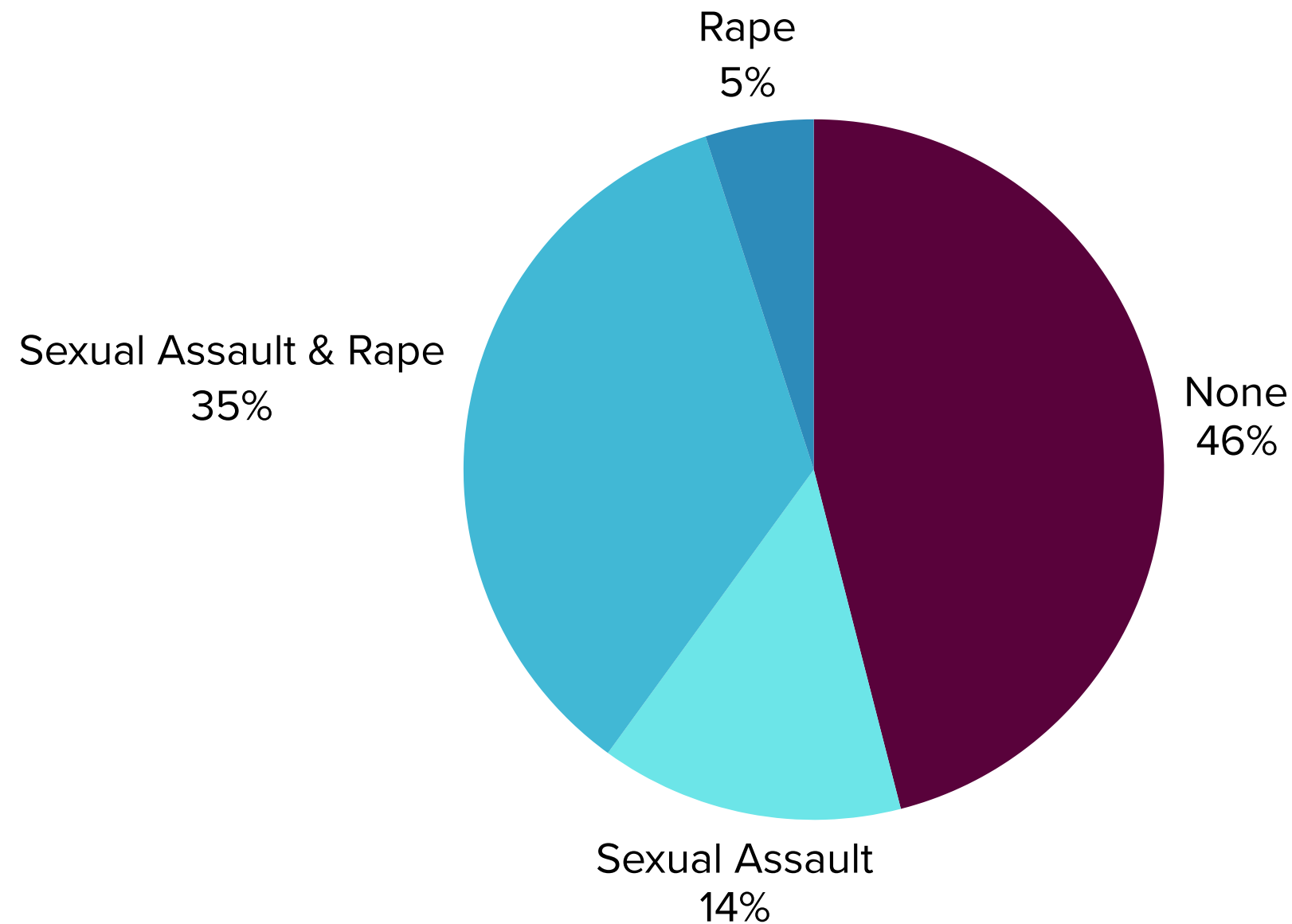
NM  CSAP

 NM SEXUAL
ASSAULT
Helpline

Lifetime Victimization in NM

More than half of New Mexicans report experiencing sexual violence in their lifetime.

THAT'S OVER 1.1 MILLION NEW MEXICANS

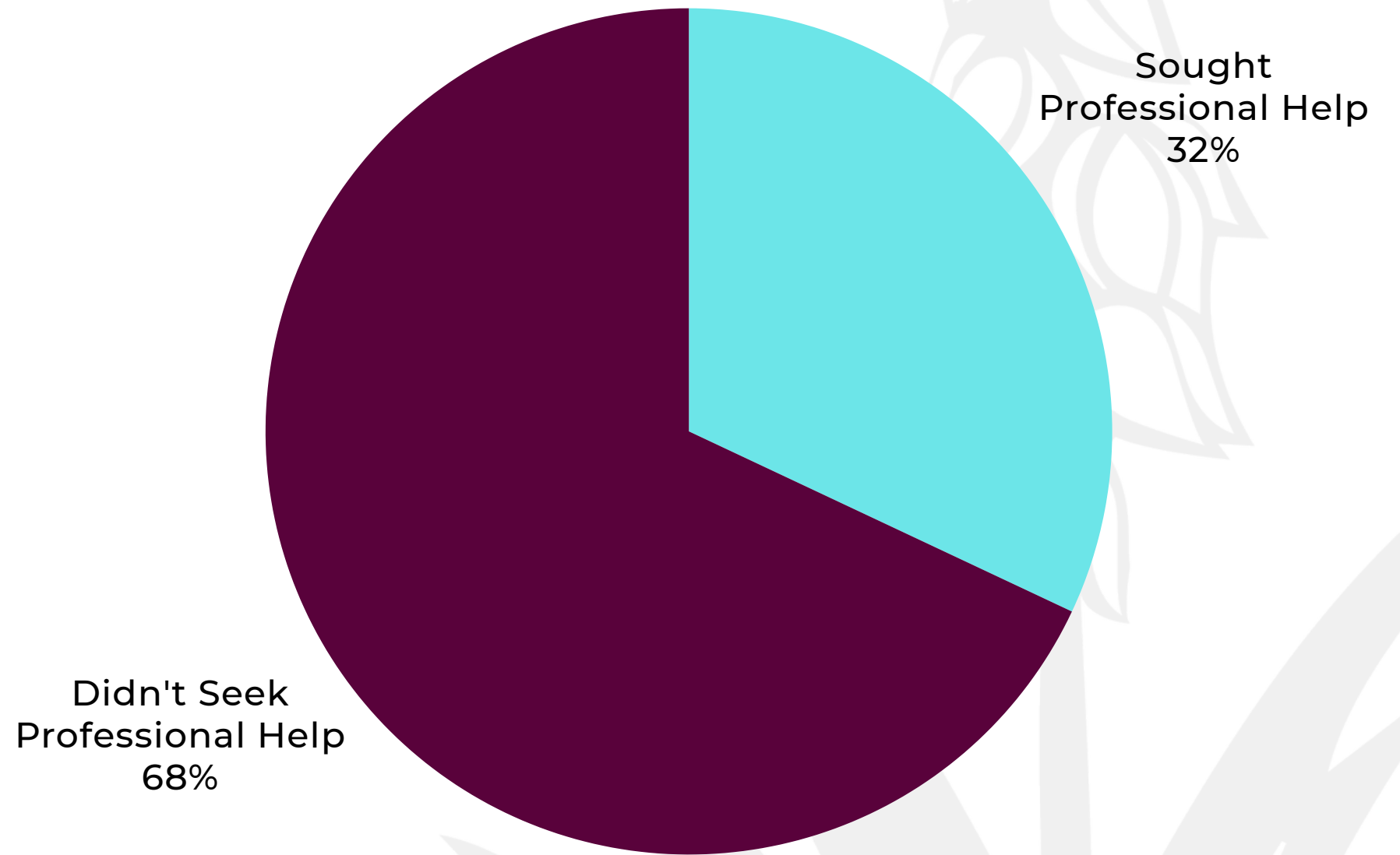


Lifetime Victimization in NM



49%

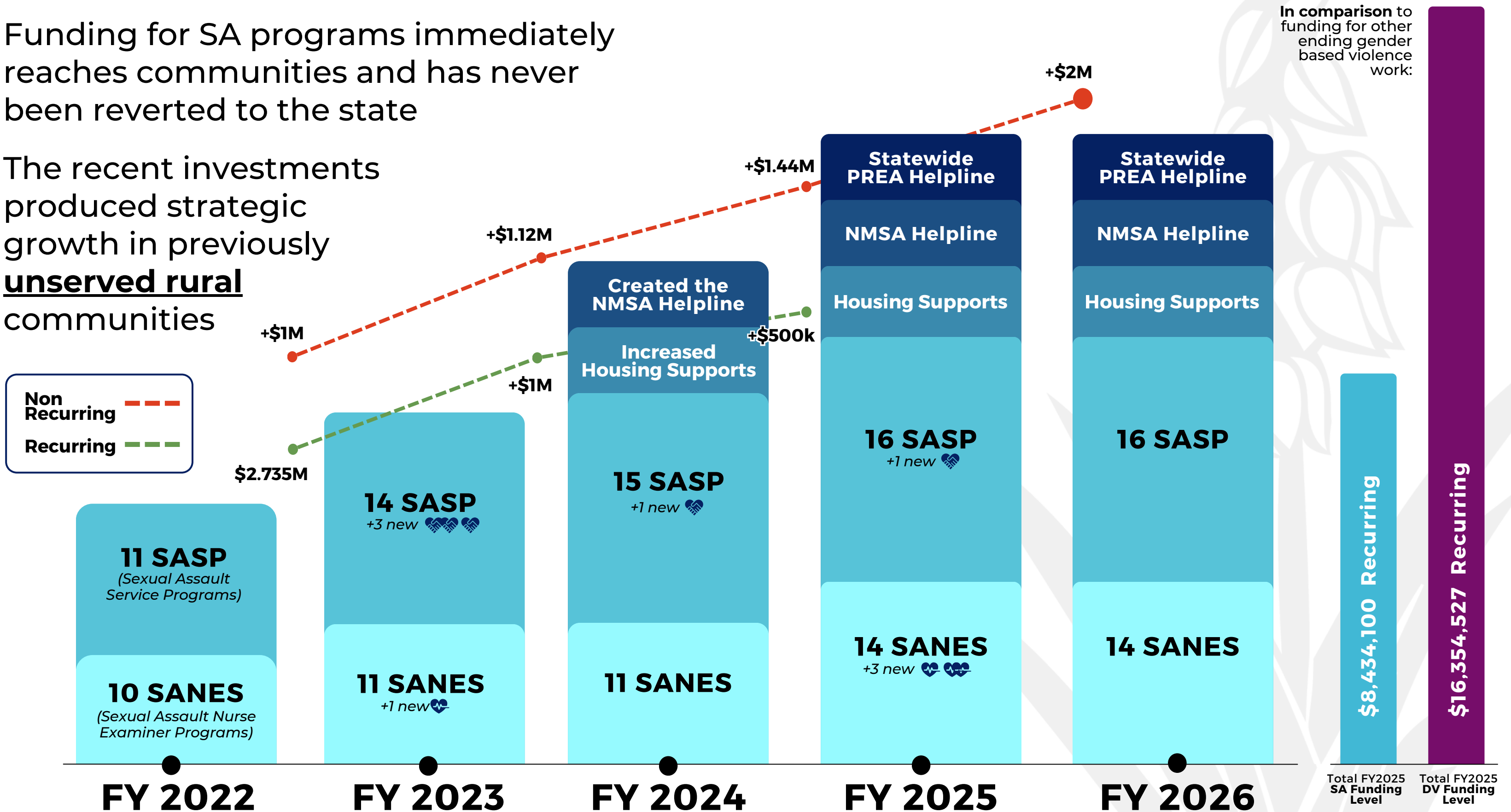
of survivors indicate that the assault led to significant problems with their job, schoolwork, boss, coworkers, or peers.



Yet 2/3 have not received any type of professional help

Sexual Assault Services are a Smart Investment

- Funding for SA programs immediately reaches communities and has never been reverted to the state
- The recent investments produced strategic growth in previously **unserved rural** communities



NM SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES OVER TIME

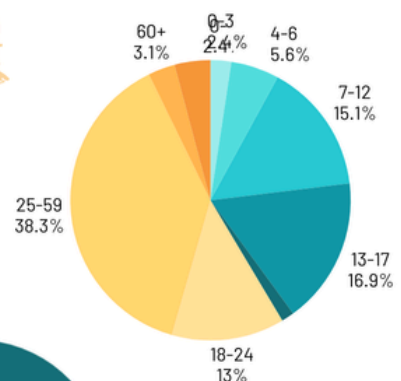
Impact of NM Sexual Assault Services in FY2023 NMCSAP

Total Number of Survivors Served: 4,634

41% were children

3,830 Secondary survivors were also served (non offending family members, partners, etc.)

AGE OF SURVIVORS



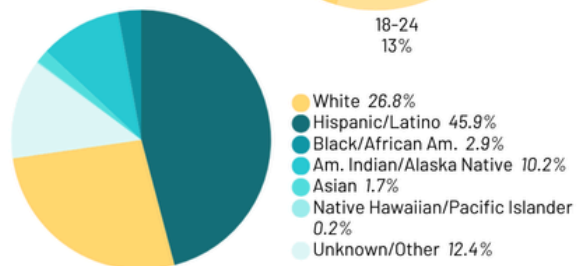
UNDERSERVED GROUPS

42% of survivors self reported having one or more disabilities

6% of survivors' primary residence was on Tribal land

34% of survivors were from rural NM

306 survivors or family members needed services in a language other than English



PREVENTION WORK

Outreach
(including trainings, tabling, etc.)

804 events
49,909 people reached

Education
(including school based prevention, developing workplace policies, etc.)

2,461 events
48,214 people reached

CRISIS INTERVENTION

13,226 crisis calls

1,113 SANE exams

6,156 therapy clients

Impact of NM Sexual Assault Services in FY2024 NMCSAP

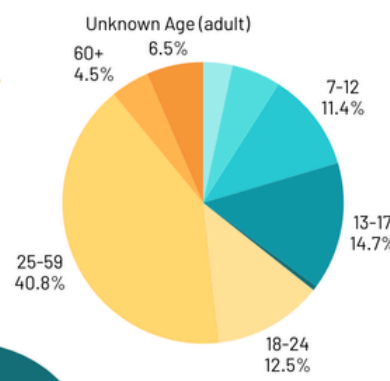
Total Number of Survivors Served: 5,534

FY23 Total: 4,634

36% were children

4,679 Secondary survivors were also served (non offending family, partners, etc.)
FY23 Total: 3,830

AGE OF SURVIVORS



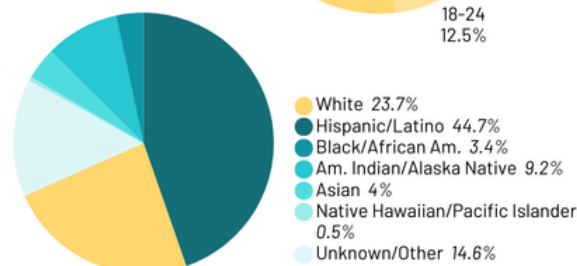
UNDERSERVED GROUPS

32% of survivors self reported having one or more disabilities

5% of survivors' primary residence was on Tribal land

41% of survivors were from rural NM

561 survivors or family members needed services in a language other than English



PREVENTION WORK

Outreach
(including trainings, tabling, etc.)

1,267 events
91,343 people reached

Education
(including school based prevention, developing workplace policies, etc.)

2,494 events
45,856 people reached

CRISIS INTERVENTION

15,151 crisis calls

864 SANE exams

5,795 therapy clients

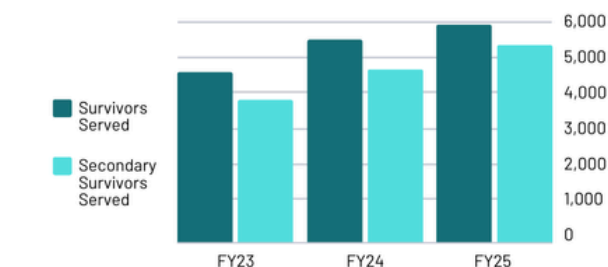
Impact of NM Sexual Assault Services in FY2025 NMCSAP

Total Number of Survivors Served: 5,942

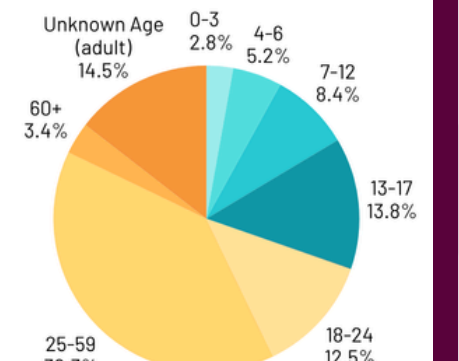
30% were children

5,381 Secondary survivors were also served (non offending family, partners, etc.)

SERVICES OVER TIME



AGE OF SURVIVORS



UNDERSERVED GROUPS

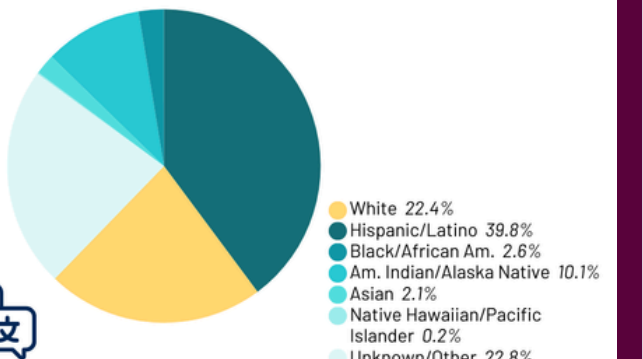
4% of survivors identified one or more physical disabilities

10% of survivors identified one or more mental disabilities

5% of survivors' primary residence was on Tribal land

42% of survivors were from rural NM

546 survivors or family members needed services in a language other than English



\$1.5 MILLION INVESTED IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION STATEWIDE



Health Department contractor distributes \$1.5M to violence prevention nonprofits

The money will benefit 18 nonprofits across the state

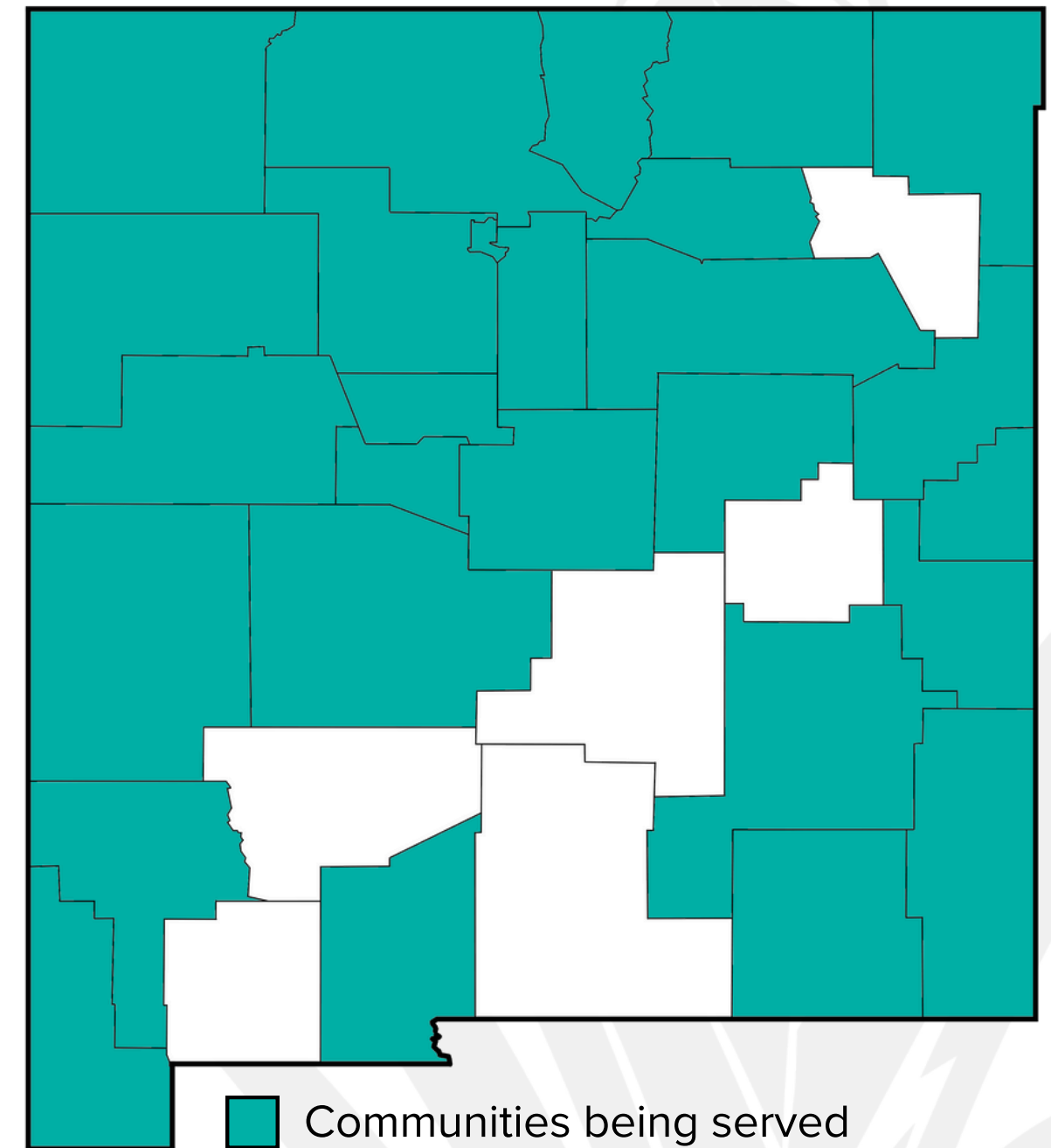
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📷 A classroom presentation at the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Violence Programs Luminarias Conference in June 2024 in Albuquerque. (Photo by Shayla Blatchford / Courtesy New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Violence Programs)

Prevention Programs in NM

- Currently there are **21** sexual violence prevention programs across the state
- Programs are serving **39** communities
- Programs are reaching **13** disproportionately targeted communities including:
 - Rural & frontier communities
 - Indigenous communities
 - Systems-impacted youth
 - People with disabilities
 - Youth experiencing homelessness





NEW MEXICO SEXUAL ASSAULT HELPLINE DATA

VALUES OF NMSAH

ACCESSIBILITY

Working to ensure all survivors who use the helpline can do so in their own language, their own time, & through methods that are safe & trust building

BY NM FOR NM

The answers exist in our relationships and within our communities

DIGNITY

Operating to support survivor choice and respect in all aspects: training, services, data, reporting, & marketing

SURVIVOR CENTERED

Supporting survivor autonomy, experience, listening for needs & prioritizing connection

NM Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline

Distinct from program Hotlines, the NM SA Helpline adds capacity to the system of response for survivors of sexual assault in NM

ENHANCING SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE IN NM

NMSAH will create options, reveal survivor and community needs, support agencies hotline stability and depth of service.

REFERRAL TO LOCAL PROGRAM

For survivors calling in urban or rural communities that might not be aware of their local program, NMSAH will 3 way call or refer to SA services

CONNECTION FOR RURAL & ISOLATED SURVIVORS

Working to ensure that survivors isolated by geography or circumstance are not alone in addressing the impact of SA on their lives.

A PATHWAY FOR SURVIVORS NOT ACCESSING SERVICES

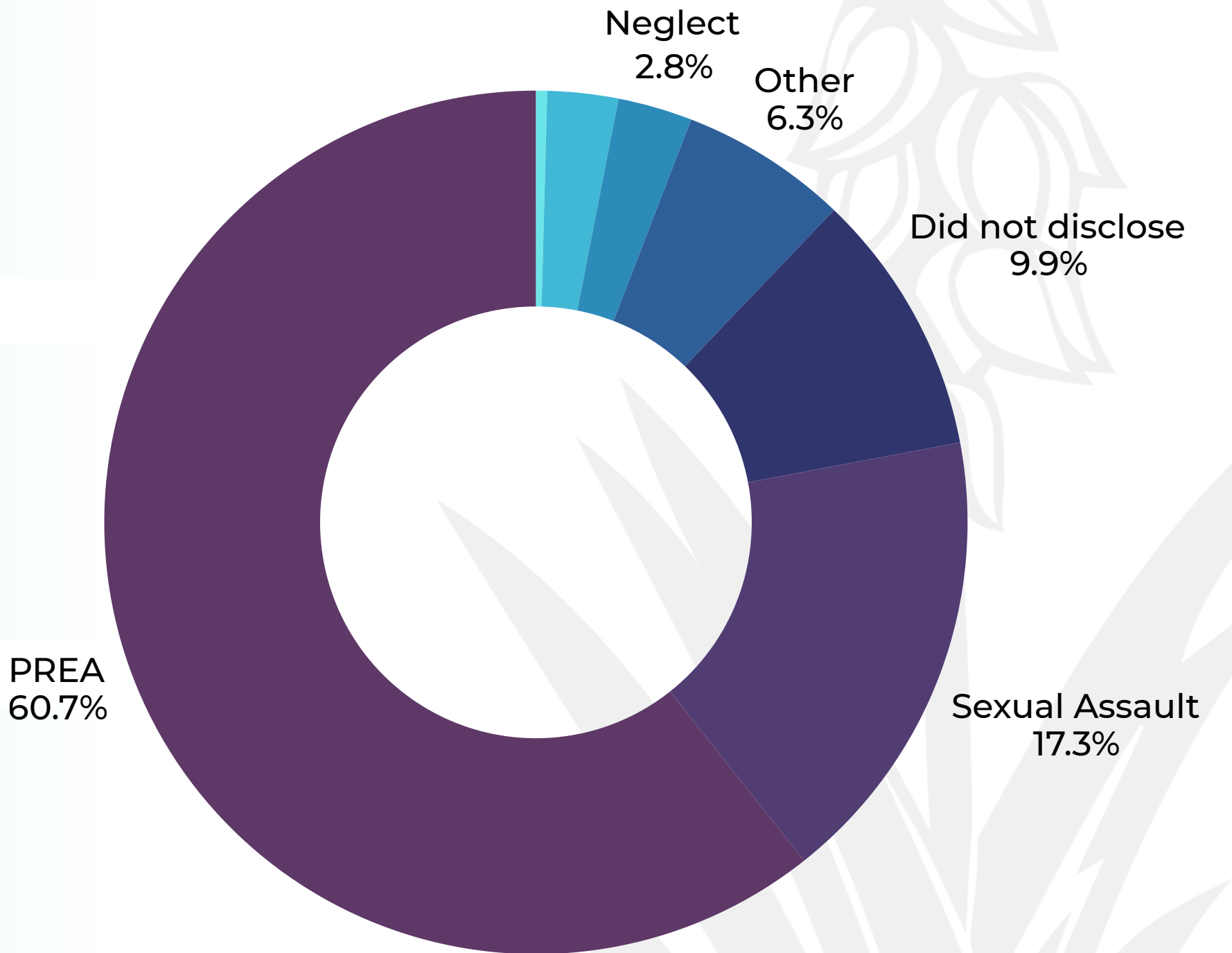
For a variety of reasons, survivors may choose to not seek services at an agency, NMSAH ensures an option

FY2025 October 2024 - June 2025

667 Total Contacts

14 Average talk time in minutes

139 Referrals to local programs



FROM THE NMSAH RESPONDERS

A survivor reached out who works as a crisis hotline responder. It felt really beautiful that they utilized a resource that they also offer. **A reminder that there are no “helpers and helpees” but human beings showing up for one another when we can.**

I had my very first chat at the beginning of this month and was able to help a survivor with a tricky situation involving their workplace. **I am so honored that I am able to be in this work and help other survivors,** it means the world to me that I am a helpline responder!

A male survivor working through being groomed by a family member as a minor and starting to understand and work through his feelings the more he felt comfortable sharing about his experience several years ago.

This month I saw success in collective and creative problem solving from our team. We had all experienced varying degrees of discomfort in how to respond to unintended hotline use and after conversations at every level- we tried different strategies to meet the needs of the caller and care for us as workers. **I saw us uphold our shared value of holding space for some of the most vulnerable populations while simultaneously uplifting our own health and safety.**

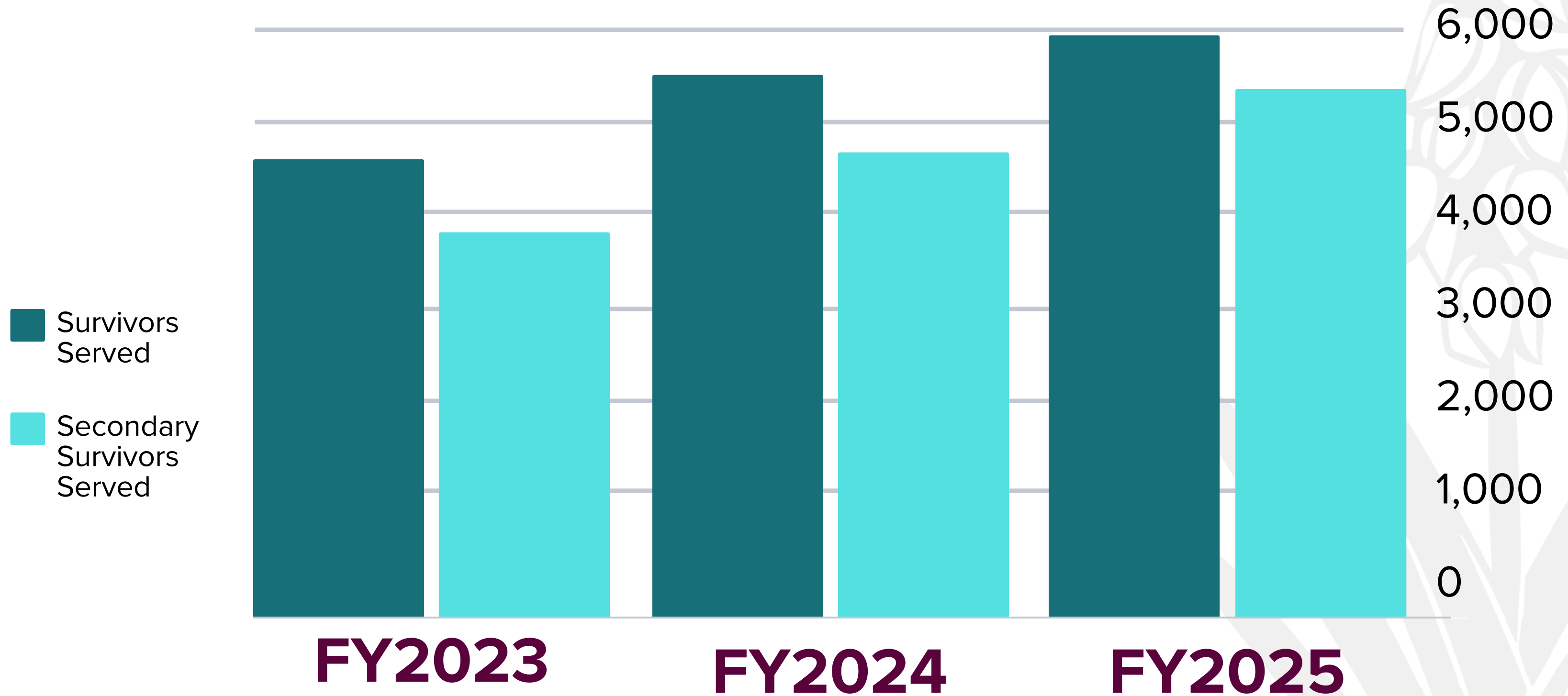
This month, during our team meeting, I was able to gain more knowledge about breathing techniques and how to help the survivors with different breathing strategies. I felt it was really helpful learning these different strategies and how we have different options that best fits the survivors. As well as using these techniques for ourselves especially when feeling overwhelmed.

I received a call from someone that wasn't sure if our helpline would be able to help her. The caller had been struggling with substance use and just needed someone to talk to. As we spoke, the caller ended up opening up about years long of a domestic violence situation she was able to get herself out of. I was able to validate all the ways the caller was able to step up for herself and as a mother during such a difficult time. **The caller began to cry and said that she just wanted to talk to someone that wouldn't judge her and that she cannot express enough how much talking to me has helped.** Towards the end of the hour long call, she asked “do you think someone will ever love me?” and I said to her “absolutely I do.”



**NEW MEXICO
SEXUAL ASSAULT
SERVICES DATA**

NM SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES OVER TIME



NM SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES IN FY2025

5,942

Survivors Served



16,602 Crisis Calls Received

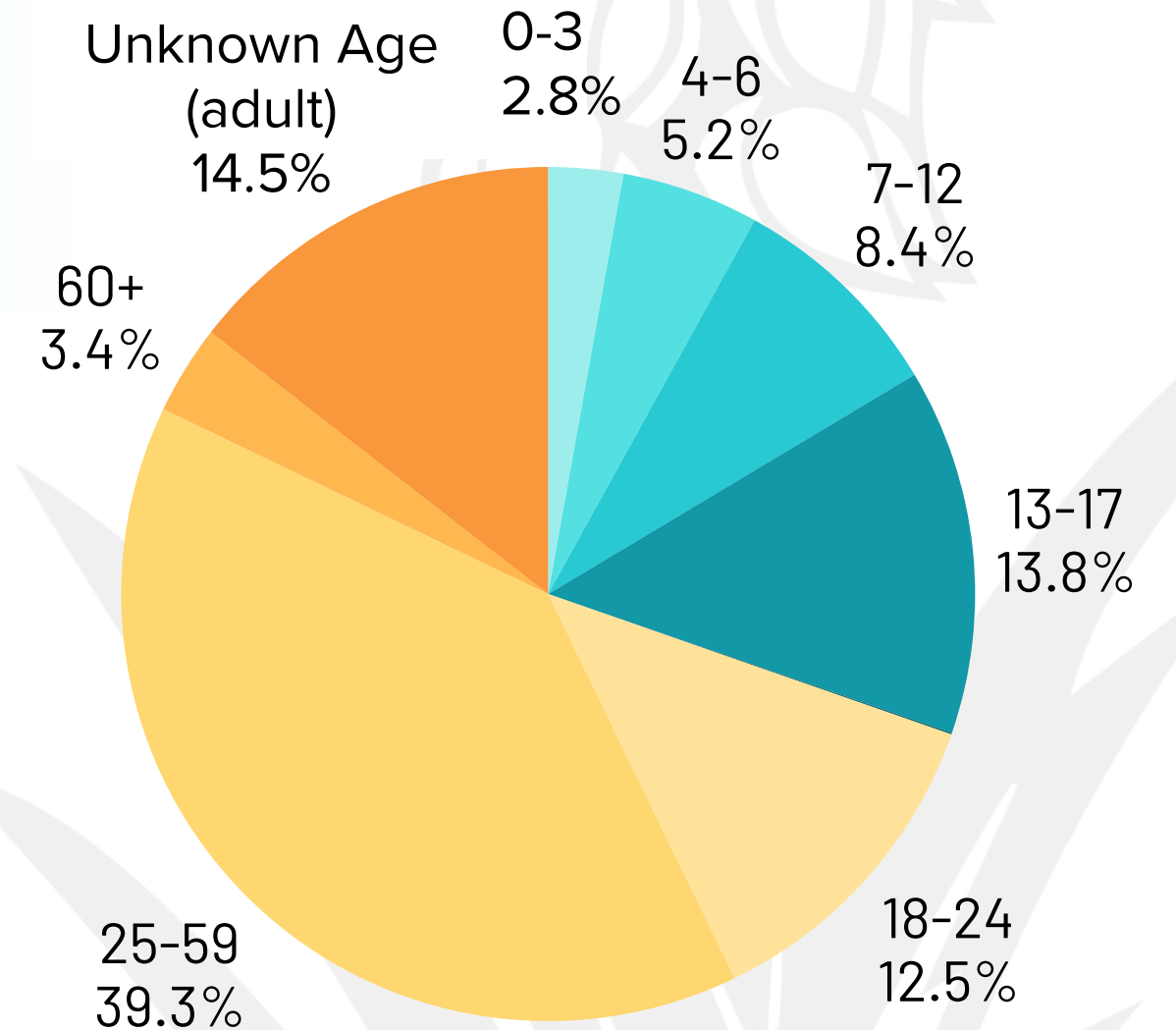


979 SANE Exams Provided



12,954 Therapy Sessions Provided

AGE OF SURVIVORS



NM SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION IN FY2025

Outreach

(awareness trainings, tabling, hosting events etc.)

1,274
events

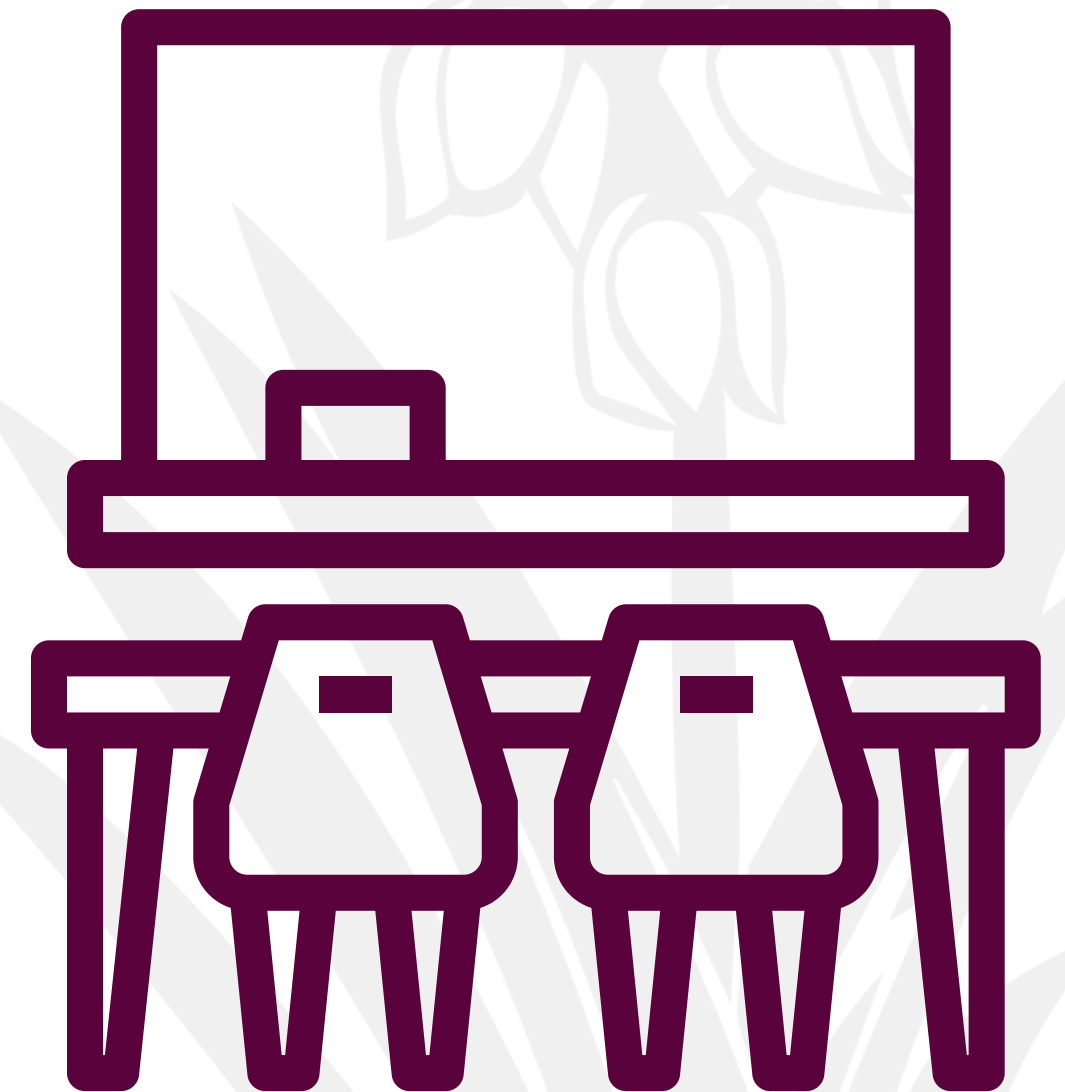
72,845
people reached

Education

(school based prevention, developing workplace policies, etc.)

2,340
events

45,059
people reached



PROSECUTION MENTORSHIP PROJECT

NMCSAP PROSECUTION MENTORSHIP PROJECT EVALUATION *Year 2*

“Across these conversations, one theme emerged consistently: prosecuting sexual violence cases is isolating, emotionally taxing, and deeply complex, and this project is helping prosecutors carry that burden with greater confidence and support.”

Evaluation Approach

This year's evaluation used a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative (attendance, survey feedback from Zoom consultations, webinars, and annual conference) and qualitative data (mentorship session participation, interviews with mentors and key partners).

The evaluation team attended one monthly consultation in each judicial district and one statewide session, interviewing all 3 mentors and representatives from Sexual Assault Services of Northwest NM, a sexual assault program located in one of the target judicial districts.

“If all mentors and/or supervisors responded as quickly and thoroughly as this team does, we would have the most knowledgeable and well-prepared lawyers possible.”

I cannot speak highly enough of these mentors. They have helped me more than any other group or lawyer.”

Key Project Supporters:

NM Crime Victims Reparation Commission | NM Children, Youth, & Families Department | Commission on Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention

Year 2 Impact

- 320** total attendees in monthly sessions (2024–2025)
- 11** NEW prosecutors enlisted in the peer expert network (18 total)
- 25** new pleadings added to the repository (105 total)

Participant Feedback

-  82% of surveyed participants found the project helpful
-  78% used what they learned in an actual case
-  100% said mentors were responsive when help was needed
-  100% of conference participants rated the content & organization as satisfactory or better

NMCSAP PROSECUTION MENTORSHIP PROJECT EVALUATION *Year 2*

Program Highlights



- Monthly Zoom Mentoring in 3 judicial districts + statewide
- 7 Expert-Led Webinars evaluated by a majority of participants as excellent
- Special Trainings: historical trauma in tribal communities, appeals processes, and ethical dilemmas in child abuse cases
- Luminarias Conference brought 5 prosecutors from diverse jurisdictions into new learning spaces
- Prosecutors described the program as an indispensable source of timely guidance, peer connection, and emotional support.






Overall, the Prosecution Mentorship Project has demonstrated that sustained, responsive mentorship can improve both the practice and the well-being of prosecutors entrusted with some of the most sensitive and consequential cases in New Mexico's courts.

“The child cases are really hard in my experience, so I have nothing but compliments for this training.”

Challenges

- 1** Limited awareness; many prosecutors learn about it only via word of mouth
- 2** Scheduling and caseloads remain barriers to consistent attendance
- 3** Demand for more in-person/hybrid sessions and expanded training topics

Year 3 Recommendations

-  Boost outreach, especially for new prosecutors
-  Pilot in-person or hybrid formats
-  Expand training topics
-  Collect more data on repository use
-  Sustain capacity for high-quality, responsive support



**NM CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY
CENTER DATA**

WHAT ARE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS?

Children's Advocacy Centers are child-focused, child-friendly facilities where children and their non-offending caregivers can get the help they need to stop abuse and begin healing.



WITHOUT A CAC

Child must recount the event over & over to all working their case

When law enforcement or CYFD suspect a child is experiencing abuse, the child is brought to the CAC where they talk to a highly skilled, specially trained forensic interviewer trained to ask developmentally appropriate, non-leading questions.

CACs are the central stable community hub coordinating multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) as part of child abuse investigations, including medical, advocacy, mental health, child protective services, law enforcement, and prosecution, in addition to providing forensic interviews



WITH A CAC

Child recounts event once to forensic interviewer & info is shared with the MDT

FY25 IMPACT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS

3,035

Forensic Interviews Conducted



5,185 Advocacy Sessions Provided



11,465 Counseling Services & Referrals



444 Medical Exams Coordinated



Education & employment support & referrals



Case follow up with MDT partners

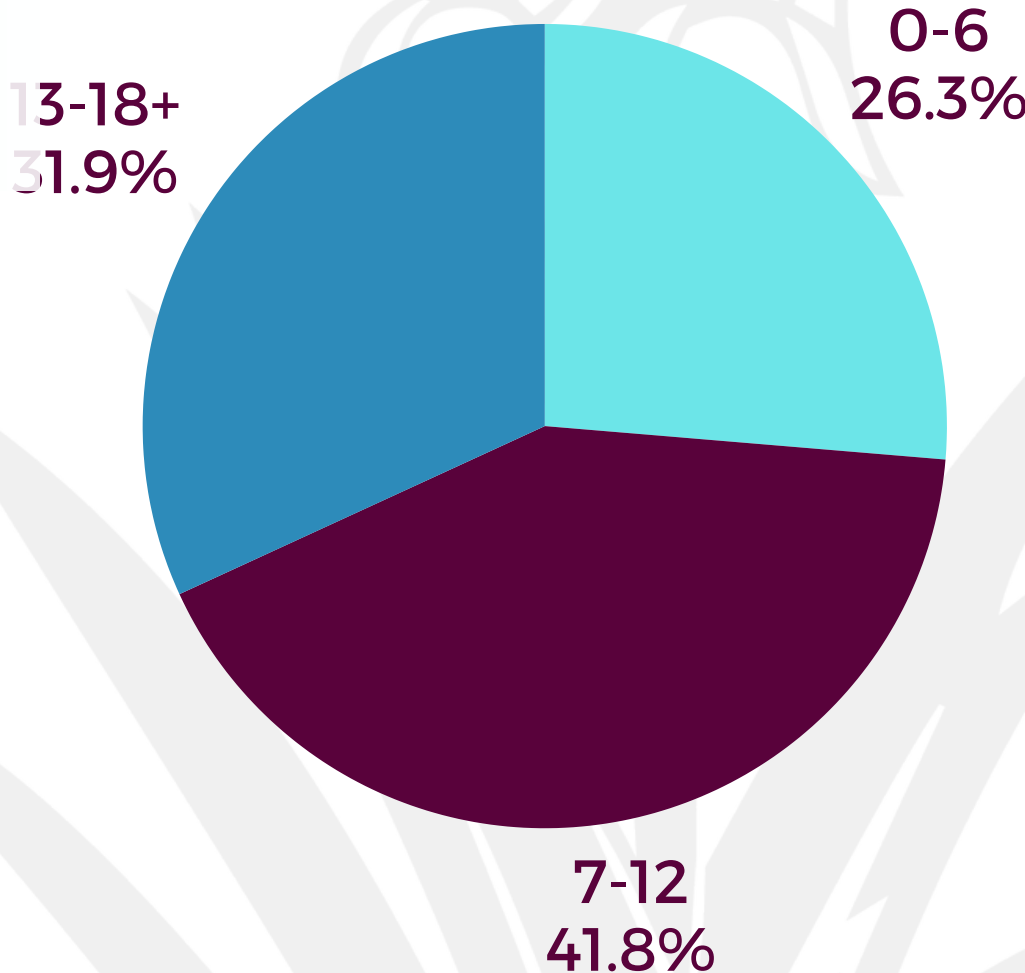


Court accompaniment



Assistance with victim comp & financial resources, housing, food, & transportation

Ages of Children Served



EXISTING GAPS

Survivor Housing Resources

The **#1** Emergency Fund request NMCSAP receives is for housing assistance.

Experiencing **SEXUAL VIOLENCE** is a risk factor for becoming unhoused



BEING UNHOUSED is a risk factor for experiencing sexual violence



Continued Funding for New SA Programs

While we are grateful for increased funding in recent years, we are in a cycle of one-time funding causing us to lose ground each year.

2026 LEGISLATIVE ASK

**\$2 Million in recurring Sexual Assault Services
Funding - CVRC - Agency #780**

\$2 Million for Sexual Violence Prevention - DOH

\$1 Million for Children's Advocacy Centers - CYFD

Survivors' Justice Act

\$2M RECURRING FOR SA SERVICES

CVRC - Agency #780

With \$2M Recurring Funding for SA Services, providers can:

- Sustain the existing sexual assault services in communities across NM at Sexual Assault Service Providers for advocacy, mental health support, medical care, and trauma recovery services from the impact of sexual violence.
- Sustain the NM Sexual Assault Helpline

\$2M FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Department of Health

With \$2M in Sexual Violence Prevention Funding, providers can:

- Grow the number of prevention staff
- Increase evidence-informed & evidence-based prevention programming
- Sustain programming funded by the Violence Intervention Program Funding

\$1M FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS

CYFD

With a \$1 Million Increase, CACs can:



- Expand service (particularly in rural areas)



- Decrease drive time for families and MDT partners
- Fund transportation services






- Hire additional forensic interviewers, therapists, & victim advocates
- Hire full-time MDT Coordinators
- Train MDT partners





- Expand evidence based primary prevention services

SURVIVORS' JUSTICE ACT

Over their lifetime, survivors of childhood sexual abuse:

-  Are more likely to be revictimized
-  Lose \$241,600 in income
-  Are at increased risk of negative health outcomes

The current Civil Statute doesn't support survivors

-  It does not account for the realities of the time it takes many survivors to seek justice.
-  It has led to confusion & inconsistency in court proceedings.

THE SURVIVORS' JUSTICE ACT =

**Accountability
for people who
cause harm**

Justice for survivors

**Make New Mexico
a model for justice**

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