

SOS Support Services & Community Involvement

Free and Confidential Services

SOS Sexual Violence Services provides free and confidential services for victims of sexual violence, their partners, families, friends and other concerned persons.

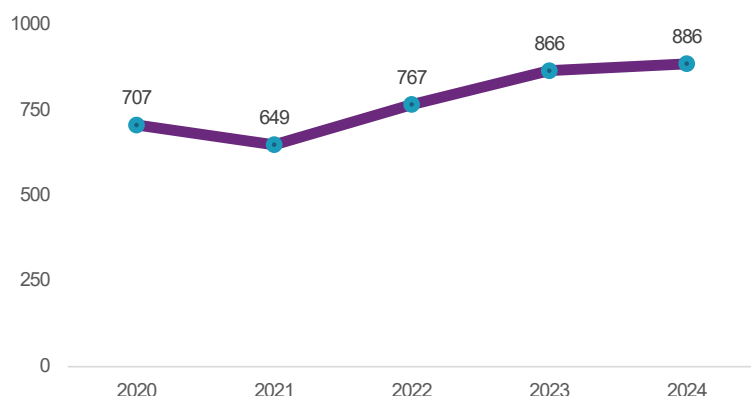


24/7 Resource Line
651-266-1000



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Numbers of victims/survivors served by SOS over time



In 2024, SOS served 886 clients, the highest number in the past five years. Of those 886 clients:

- 753 clients were primary victims, directly experiencing sexual violence.
- 133 clients were secondary victims, indirectly impacted by sexual violence.

Number of SOS clients in 2024, that had law enforcement involvement

266

In 2024, 266 SOS clients chose to report their case to law enforcement.

SOS partnered with 16 police/sheriff departments to make sure client's needs were being met.

SOS Advocates

Advocates provide free and confidential support according to individual victim/survivor needs. Advocates provide options and information for people to make the best decisions for themselves.

MEDICAL

An SOS advocate and trained sexual assault nurse respond each time a victim seeks medical care for a sexual assault forensic exam at any Ramsey County emergency department. **These advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

LEGAL

SOS advocates can help file police reports, attend investigative interviews, communicate case updates, find lawyers, file protection orders, attend court hearings, support Title IX investigations, sign up for address confidentiality programs and more.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers receive extensive training before answering crisis calls, supporting victims at hospitals or facilitating support groups. Continuous supervision is provided by staff. **Each year, volunteers donate over 13,500 hours supporting victims and survivors.**

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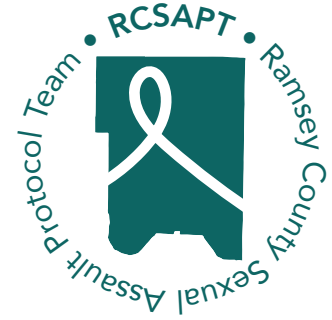
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This initiative partners with community groups to improve prevention and responses to sexual violence victims. This compassionate response assists victims with healing and opens the doors, giving the criminal justice system a chance to hold perpetrators responsible.



Professional Training & Education

SOS provides free professional education and training on topics related to sexual violence, trauma and how to support victims/survivors. Training can be tailored to audiences and take place in schools, community programs, workplaces and other settings.



Ramsey County Sexual Assault Protocol Team

The team coordinates and implements interagency responses to sexual violence which promote consistency, respect and cultural competency. The multidisciplinary team includes advocates, law enforcement, medical providers, prosecutors, corrections professionals, community organizations and higher education representatives.



Community Partnerships

SOS is engaged in multiple partnerships with community programs that aim to enhance services for victims/survivors, improve systems and prevent sexual violence. Examples of partnerships include:

- Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
- Law Enforcement.
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs at Regions, St. John's and United Hospitals.
- Colleges and universities.