



Report on our Year 2021-2022

SSAIC
Saskatoon Sexual Assault
& Information Centre

*A snapshot of our work as a nonprofit
serving survivors of sexualized violence*

SSAIC CAN'T WAIT TO GO OUT OF *business!*

We hope for the day our services are no longer necessary. But until then, we are proud to contribute our skills and hearts to the cause. We don't question the validity of a survivor's claims and we don't push for details. We respect each client's choices regarding involvement in the legal process, and their needs and wants set the counselling goals that we establish together. Our clients are eternally courageous, and healing is absolutely possible.

“Working with Survivors of Past and Recent Sexual Violence”

SSAIC OFFERS A CONTINUUM OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES:

- 100% free counselling, crisis response, and support services to survivors of sexualized violence and their loved ones in order to support their healing (some service limitations do apply)
- Sexualized violence education and resources to raise awareness, reduce stigmatization, and influence social and systemic change
- Collaboration with other professionals, support and service providers, community groups, and members of the general public who are working to improve services for survivors of sexualized violence

Snapshot

OF 2021-22

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION

Everyone is in charge of their own bodies, and we empower children and teens through our two school-based programs. This year, our Grade 4 child sexual abuse education & prevention program "I'm the Boss of Me" was delivered to 3,556 students and included over 143 puppet shows presented by 10 facilitators. We continued with our virtual model and expanded for the first time into the Prairie Spirit and Horizon School Divisions. The next step, "No is a Full Sentence", is set to hit Grade 8 classrooms this fall!

CLIENT SERVICES

SSAIC is proud to have delivered individual, group, and virtual programming to survivors of sexualized violence and their loved ones - 829 of them, in fact! Over the past ten years, SSAIC has doubled in size to a team of 5 counsellors with increased caseloads and responsibilities. It has been a relief to slowly find a balance of virtual and in-person services in a way that best serves survivors. Both new and old, our client services are the best they've ever been, and we feel grateful.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & AWARENESS

In our Education & Outreach department, we busy ourselves year-round with "Supporting Survivors of Sexualized Violence Training" (SST), our Online Learning Workshop Series (OLWS), public education presentations to nonprofits and college students, and curating an online presence that aspires to be both aesthetically-pleasing and informational. We are happy to have trained a total of 225 folks to be more trauma-informed through SST in only our second year of delivery!

FUNDRAISING

After the discontinuation of our annual "Luncheon en Vogue" fundraising event in 2019, we spent time reimagining our fundraising strategy. Largely due to the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements, donors in our community have shown up for survivors in a big way. Thank-you to each and every donor who gave to us this year; our cumulative total of individual donations, corporate giving, and third-party fundraising efforts came to \$37,727.86! Our most sincere gratitude goes to each and every one of you.

Violence Against Women Advocate Case Review (VACR)

VACR is a Canadian process in which frontline sexualized violence experts employed by SSAIC review sexual assault reports and investigations and provide feedback on issues or concerns related to individual cases or trends in investigative processes. In partnership with the Saskatoon Police Service, the review team will review all sexual assault cases closed without charges in the previous three months on a quarterly basis moving forward. The title "Violence Against Women" refers to the expertise of the review team rather than the cases we review; all cases of a sexual nature regardless of the gender of the survivor will be reviewed. We are very much looking forward to this collaborative work and the systemic changes we hope to see as a result of our work together.

"No is a Full Sentence"

In Spring 2021, we began developing a new sexualized violence prevention and education program for Grade 8 students in Saskatoon. "No is a Full Sentence" (NIAFS) will complement and build upon the foundational concepts that were previously introduced to students in Grade 4 through "I'm the Boss of Me." The delivery format of NIAFS will include five teacher-led lesson plans and two 1-hour presentations by SSAIC staff.

Together, these seven lessons will create a complete unit that is integrated with the Grade 8 Saskatchewan Health Curriculum outcomes. NIAFS will focus on themes surrounding healthy relationships, boundaries, consent, and empathy. As of July 2022, we have successfully piloted NIAFS in eight classrooms, and are looking forward to the official launch in Fall 2022. Thank-you to all the teachers, students, and stakeholders who participated!

New INITIATIVES

Coalition of Saskatchewan Sexual Assault Centres

The Battlefords & Area Sexual Assault Centre, Regina & Area Sexual Assault Centre, and SSAIC have formed an umbrella group through which we will work together to share resources and information, and advocate for improvements to systemic responses to sexualized violence. The Coalition has worked together this year to identify core areas of concern shared by survivors within the community, government, or agency partners. We identified two key areas of focus: **availability and access** to forensic kits and trauma-informed medical care and **education for justice professionals** on the neurobiological impacts of trauma. While COVID-19 has slowed our ability for collaborative work, we are committed to our new Coalition and working together for the benefit of survivors.

*"This program and its
counsellors have changed my life.
I have regained control of my mental
health and now have the tools to keep
myself in a much happier and healthier place."*

- SSAIC Client -

Message

FROM OUR OUTGOING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we continue to weather the ongoing pandemic, Zoom calls, telephone counselling, masks, online training, social distancing, and COVID-19-related absences have become normal parts of our day-to-day operations. Our investment in remote counselling technology will allow us to continue to offer expanded services post-pandemic for those it serves well. Our ongoing development and delivery of remote public education programming, updates to our website, and an increased social media presence have allowed us to reach an even greater audience. Moving forward, these innovations will help us serve our community even better than before.

We couldn't continue to meet our goals without the support of our funding partners. Your support allows us to do the foundational work we do supporting survivors, as well as complete the new projects we would otherwise have to leave on the "wish list". Your generosity has far, far exceeded our hopes once again, making more of the "wish list" items a reality every day.

This will be my last full year as SSAIC's Executive Director. I have decided to move into semi-retirement, excitedly exploring a new way of working in my next chapter. The Board of Directors and staff are excited to welcome SSAIC's new leader, Reagan Conway, who will bring her energy, ideas, and fresh perspective allowing us to grow in new and exciting ways. I will miss the amazing people I've had the good fortune to work with across the whole of the community.

To the Board, who have supported and trusted me, I can't thank you enough. To the other community CEO's and ED's who have shared their wisdom, given me a shoulder, and shared a good laugh, you have helped me more than you know. My last goodbye is to the talented and committed staff who I have been privileged to work with over the past 7 years; I will miss you the most. Your shared commitment to provide support to survivors while never losing hope that societal change is possible has been a never-ending source of inspiration. It has been an honour.

"The Board wishes to express our great appreciation for Faye's dedication to the agency, and thank her for her excellent service to its clients, staff, and volunteers, and wish her the very best as she moves on to semi-retirement."

-SSAIC Board of Directors

Faye Davis

Acknowledgements



We bid farewell to a gifted counsellor at SSAIC, Steph Locke, as they leave us to pursue private practice. Our loss is the community's gain. We also say good-bye for now to Kathie Pruden Nansel, as she takes a year leave to explore another passion of hers in the community as an elected leader of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. Finally, we say good-bye to Irene Hildebrandt as she enters retirement after 14 faithful years to SSAIC. She made the rest of us look our best when the credit belonged to her. SSAIC's staff and clients will miss all three of these talented individuals; from their vivacious personalities to their passion for this work.

We thank Steph, Kathie, and Irene for their skill and devotion.

Board of Directors

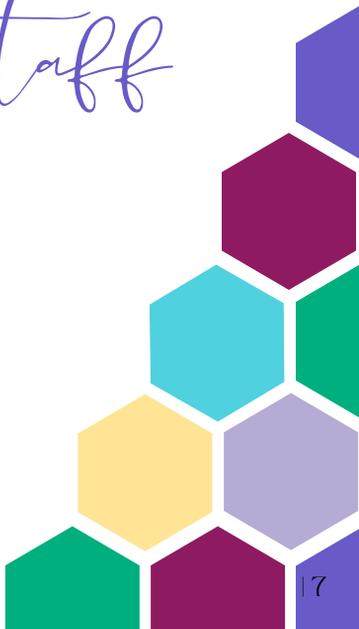
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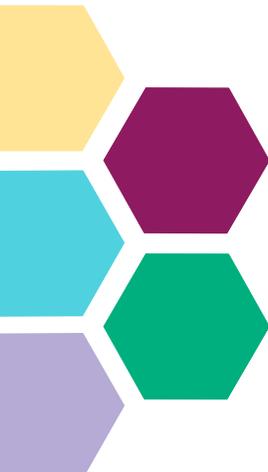


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Staff



Faye Davis	Executive Director
Katherine Jones	Office Manager
Debbie Gsell-Danilkewich	Office Manager
Megan Sawyer	Client Services Coordinator
Morgan Price	Education & Outreach Coordinator
Kathie Pruden Nansel	Counsellor (on leave)
Stephanie Locke	Counsellor
Sarah Pedersen	Counsellor
Joelle Remezoff	Counsellor
Ashley Huysamen	Counsellor
Jen Lake	Education Assistant
Ashton Thomas	Practicum Student
Irene Hildebrandt	Administrative Assistant / HR Payroll Assistant (term)



Mission

SSAIC exists to be the primary provider of community leadership in addressing sexualized violence. We provide counselling and survivor services to survivors of sexualized violence and education and prevention services to the Saskatoon community.

Vision

SSAIC aspires to be part of a community in which individuals impacted by sexualized violence are believed and offered services to assist their healing, perpetrators of sexualized violence are held accountable for their actions, and future victims are protected. Together, we can mobilize to share responsibility for addressing sexualized violence to ensure that coordinated and evidence-based services related to sexualized violence are fully resourced.



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SSAIC acknowledges that we operate on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place, and recognize the harm done to Indigenous peoples through colonization, Residential Schools, the Sixties Scoop, and neocolonialism. This legacy of intergenerational trauma is one of the reasons why our agency was created. We commit to working towards reconciliation, and reaffirm our relationship with one another.