SSAIC

Saskatoon Sexual Assault
& Information Centre

Annual *Report*

supporting survivors of past and present sexualized violence

About Us

SSAIC is a Saskatoon-based, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to taking a leadership role in responding to sexualized violence in our community.
We have a vibrant team - from administrative support to counsellors, executive director to Board of Directors, and our education and outreach team, SSAIC employs professionals who are passionate about ending sexualized violence and supporting survivors of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.

SSAIC acknowledges that we operate on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit ancestors of Turtle Island, and recognize the harm done to Indigenous peoples through colonization, Residential Schools, and the Sixties Scoop. 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.

Our 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.

Our 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.

Board of Directors Report

This year, we celebrated 50 years of the Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Centre. When we think about what this milestone means, we are reminded of just how rare it is to see a non-profit organization sustain not only its work, but its values, over five decades. SSAIC hasn't just endured; it has evolved, responded, and led.

The work of ending sexualized violence is never easy. It requires a deep and unrelenting commitment to truth — to hear the stories that others would rather not hear, to challenge systems that protect perpetrators and silence victims, and to pave a better and healthier way forward for the future generation through public education.

Fifty years ago, this organization was born out of courage. At a time when there were few, if any, places for survivors to turn, a group of committed individuals came together and said: "We believe you. We are here for you. We will not stay silent." That was a radical act then — and in many ways, it still is today.

As board members, we often get a behind-the-scenes view of the challenges this organization faces, from funding uncertainties to increasing demand for services. But what always strikes us, and what we believe is worth celebrating at this juncture, is SSAIC's resilience. Every obstacle has been met with determination. Every barrier, with innovation. And every call for help, with compassion.

As you may know, the Saskatchewan's Parents' Bill of Rights that was passed into law in October 2023 has had significant impacts on the work of our organization. After 18 years of bringing the "I'm the Boss of Me" program to Grade 4 students and teaching them age-appropriate content about bodily autonomy and consent, we are told we are no longer welcome. "No is a Full Sentence", which is another wonderful program that aims at teaching Grade 8 students about root causes of sexualized violence and its impacts on survivors and communities at large - that's also no longer being presented in schools. Just before this law came into force, SSAIC was presenting to 96 percent of public schools and 66 percent of Catholic schools in Saskatoon. For just one program, we were reaching over 4,000 students annually.

When the policy was first introduced and then later became law, our organization did not have a moment of hesitation. Our passionate and dedicated staff immediately got to work to find alternative and creative ways to bring these programs to students, through old and new partnerships, using old and new tools. Our educational reach is no longer what it used to be, but rest assured: SSAIC will continue to persevere and find new ways to do what is necessary because we deeply believe that through education, we can end sexualized violence.

This is just one example of SSAIC's resilience. It is a way to demonstrate that resilience is not some abstract thing, nor is it something that materializes overnight. It takes years of bringing people together and building tools and systems that may outlive our time with the organization. We are as strong as we are today and as adaptable as we have had to be because there have always been people showing up and continuing to show up to build and to create: the staff, the board members, the volunteers, and the donors. This work is not glamourous; it is much harder than an Instagram post or a TikTok video. It is never going to go viral. In fact, most of the time, it goes unnoticed. Sustainable institutional building is not for the thrill seekers but it is also not for the faint of heart. It requires unwavering commitment to create something lasting so that collectively, we may create a safer community for everyone.

At this time of celebration, we remember the trailblazers who started this work 50 years ago. We honour the staff and volunteers who have carried it forward. We recommit ourselves — as board members, as supporters, as a community — to standing beside survivors for as long as we are needed and to equipping future generations with the tools to live free of sexualized violence.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Thank you for believing in this mission. And thank you for ensuring that SSAIC's legacy of care, courage, and change will carry on for the next 50 years and beyond.

Linh Lê & Marcie Dupuis
Co-Chairs

Executive Director Report

This past year has been a powerful reminder of the resilience of survivors and the unwavering strength of our community. At the Saskatoon Sexual Assault & Information Center, our mission — to be the primary provider of community leadership in addressing sexualized violence and to provide counselling and services to survivors of sexualized violence and education and prevention services to the Saskatoon community — remains at the heart of everything we do.

In 2024, we witnessed an increase in demand for our services. Survivors reached out seeking not only crisis support but also for counseling, advocacy, and connection. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, we were able to meet this need with compassion, professionalism, and steadfast support.

Our prevention education and outreach programs are continuing to reach children, youth, caregivers, educators, and community members with the tools and knowledge needed to build safer environments. We strengthened partnerships with health care workers, law enforcement, and other social service agencies, ensuring survivors receive comprehensive and trauma-informed care at every step. This work would not be possible without the generosity of our donors, the trust of our clients, and the commitment of our team. I want to acknowledge the contribution of our Board of Directors for their leadership and vision. They are volunteers that donate their time and knowledge to support the work SSAIC achieves. I am proud to share that because of you, we continue to be a place where survivors find hope, healing, and empowerment.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to breaking the silence around sexualized violence and building a future where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect. Thank you to our funders, individual and corporate donors, and our community partners for their continued support in helping SSAIC meet our vision. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in the possibility of healing, and for helping us create lasting change.

Reagan Conway
Executive Director

Client Services

1007

Clients Served
572 new
374 ongoing
61 reopened

2,658 units

of service were delivered, including individual and group counselling, police and court accompaniments, crisis line calls and information and support calls. Clients include survivors as well as their loved ones or support persons such as parents, guardians, partners, other family members and friends.

27

Group Sessions
5 groups
40 clients

290 hours

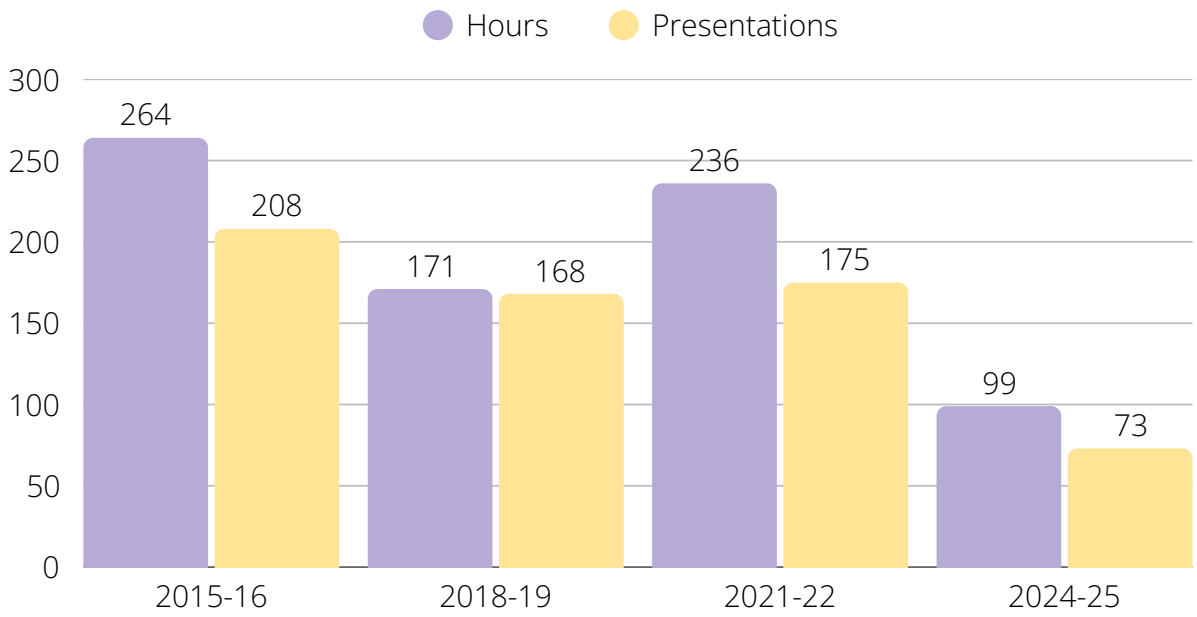
of group programming delivered. Men's and women's groups are two hours in length and cover topics including trauma and the nervous system, trust, shame, boundaries, triggers, grounding, anger, and self-compassion. Teen group and yoga sessions are 1.5 hours in length and taught by a counsellor and trauma-Informed yoga instructor.

The demographics of our new clients stayed consistent with previous years; the majority were female-identifying (74%) and over the age of 18 (55%). The client services team attended to more court accompaniments than usual, and continue to carry the highest caseload of clients to date. Thank-you to the client services team for your dedication and tireless efforts.

Megan Sawyer
Client Services Coordinator

Education & Outreach

Educational efforts at SSAIC continue to be impacted by the government restriction of third-party sexual health educators. Where we would typically present to thousands of students each year, we now reach a few hundred in our Community Sessions of “I’m the Boss of Me”™ (ITBOM) and “No is a Full Sentence”™ (NIAFS) sexual violence prevention programs. A silver lining of the Community Session format is reaching caregivers, who are most able to carry these teachings over into the home. Unfortunately we know that many of the children and youth who deserve the life-saving information our programs provide will never attend a Community Session, and for that, our resolve to get our programs back into classrooms is stronger than ever.



Our presentations this year included Community Sessions of ITBOM and NIAFS to both youth and adults; tailored presentations to post-secondary students, professionals, and to the public; as well as continued offerings of our Online Learning Workshop Series and Supporting Survivors of Sexualized Violence Training™. Altogether, we delivered **73 presentations** over **99 hours.**

SSAIC attended six information fairs this fiscal, spent 17 hours learning as a team, and ran three successful awareness campaigns: our annual “Bet on Survivors” 50/50 raffle in April, “Choose to See” campaign for Sexual Violence Awareness Week in May, and Holiday Giving Campaign fundraiser in December. The Education & Outreach team continues to attend community events, engage in interviews with local media outlets, and offer support to community partners who may also support survivors of sexualized violence.

Although losing our access to schools and students, we remain resolute that prevention education is the best way to end sexualized violence. SSAIC’s vision is to be a part of a community where individuals impacted by sexualized violence are believed and future victims are protected. We recommit to this vision and thank each and every one of our community partners who help us make it a reality.

Morgan Price

Education & Outreach Coordinator

All Social Media Insights

Instagram Insights

32,517 Reach

1,688 Followers

186 New Followers

1,925 Profile Visits

Facebook Insights

19,464 Reach

2,733 Followers

38 New Page Likes

3,986 Profile Visits

TikTok Insights

7,002 Reach

423 Followers

14 New Page Likes

97 Profile Visits

Staff

Our team this year was comprised of 13 dynamic, passionate individuals who provide survivors with the deepest of care and fight to prevent sexualized violence each day.

Reagan Conway
Executive Director

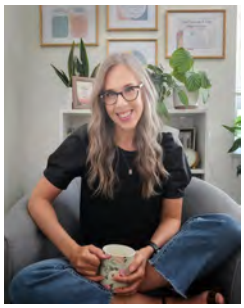
Morgan Price
Education & Outreach Coordinator (on leave)

Sarah Hedlin
Counsellor

Ashley Voinorosky
Education Assistant

J.Lynn Aurat
Office Manager

Megan Sawyer
Client Services Coordinator



Jen Lake
Counsellor

Joelle Remezoff
Counsellor

Brooklynn Jacobucci
Education Assistant

Kat Jones
Office Manager (on leave)

Merianne Anonuevo
Administrative Assistant

Jada Reimer
Intake Counsellor / Education Assistant

Francie Millar
Intake Counsellor

Board of Directors

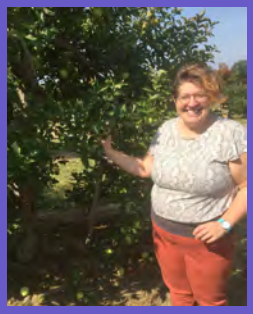
SSAIC's Board of Directors is a group of knowledgeable and compassionate individuals who are committed to serving the survivors of sexualized violence in our community in the most exemplary way. From human resources to indigenous engagement to financial and strategic oversight, the volunteers on the board work to uphold and act in accordance with SSAIC's mission, vision, philosophy, and goals while supporting the Executive Director and their team. We thank each and every Director for their time and input this year.

Linh Lê
Co-Chair

Blair Weimer
Treasurer

Sheri Watkins
Member

Egan Day
Member



Eli Noonan
Member

Marcie Dupuis
Co-Chair

Lise Milne
Member

Alicia Madden
Member

Meghan Seidle
Member

Alex Brown
Member

Acknowledgements

This year, we were pleased to welcome three new team members to SSAIC: Merianne Anonuevo as our administrative assistant, Francie Millar as our intake counsellor, and previous practicum student Jada Reimer, who joined us in a dual role as intake counsellor and education assistant. We also bid a temporary farewell to both Kat Jones and Morgan Price, who began leaves of absence during this fiscal year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our new and returning staff and board members for their contributions.

Special thanks go to our dedicated volunteer facilitators of our youth programming - Ashely Marshall, Nicole Rodas, and Alysha Hudson. Your passion and commitment were instrumental in delivering a successful presentation season.

Our public education efforts would not be possible without the invaluable support of our community partners, including Saskatoon Public School Division, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, and Saskatoon Public Libraries. Thank-you for believing in and supporting our programs. We're also deeply grateful to everyone who hosted us or co-facilitated presentations throughout the year.

We extend sincere appreciation to our funders at the Ministry of Justice (Integrated Justice Services - Community Safety and Wellbeing and Victim Services - Community Safety and Wellbeing) for your steadfast support over the years. We also thank the United Way, Community Initiatives Fund, City of Saskatoon, and the Government of Canada - Department of Defense - Sexual Misconduct Support and Resource Centre for funding our work.

To each and every individual donor: your generosity this year totaled an astounding $64,465.66 - the highest annual donation amount SSAIC has ever received. Thank-you for believing in our work and for helping to create meaningful change.

Finally, to the survivors of sexualized violence, both known and unknown to us: thank-you for your trust. Everything we do is carried out in solidarity with you.

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