



central okanagan
elizabeth fry
society

COMMUNITY REPORT

2019 - 2020

Empowering survivors of violence.

Promoting justice.

Seeking an end to poverty.



United Way
Central & South
Okanagan Similkameen
Change starts here.


—CENTRAL OKANAGAN—
FOUNDATION
empowering generations to give.

“We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.”



Message from our Executive Director & Board Chair

The 2019/20 fiscal year has come to a close, and this year has brought the critical need for our anti-violence work in the community into even sharper focus.

Amidst many ups, downs, and the arrival of COVID-19 towards the end of the fiscal year in March 2020, the mission of Central Okanagan Elizabeth Fry Society (COEFS) has remained unwavering: **To support and empower all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, exploitation and violence.**

In the past year alone, COEFS has provided critical support for 2,848 individuals through specialized victim assistance, crisis response and risk assessment, safety planning, court support and accompaniment, and sexual assault counselling for individuals and groups. We also provided over 12,000 additional services such as phone calls, walk-ins, and referrals for additional community services such as food and housing assistance.

With the arrival of COVID-19 and government orders to isolate at home, we knew that the individuals and families living with abusers would be at an increased risk for violence, and that the need for our services would grow. There has been an alarming 20-30% increase of domestic violence cases across Canada due to victims of abuse being isolated in unsafe homes. While 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience some form of sexual violence in their lifetimes, marginalized individuals in our communities such as black, indigenous, people of colour and transgendered women are at an even higher rate of risk to experience these crimes. Increasing the awareness and support for our services in the Central Okanagan throughout this time has been critical. To this end, we continue to work with fellow community partners, local government, organizations and businesses to ensure that victims of abuse in the community are accessing safe spaces and support.

This work cannot be done alone. We are continually encouraged by and grateful for the support of our donors, volunteers, colleagues and community members who keep us moving forward, no matter the circumstances or challenges we face. On behalf of our staff, board of directors and all those we support in our community through our programs and services, thank you for joining us in our mission!

We know that together, we can continue to create a community of safety, dignity and equality for all.



Michelle Novakowski
Executive Director



Christine Mahoney
Chair of the Board

Our Mission

To support and empower all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, exploitation and violence.

Community Impact



2,848

The number of clients we provided critical services to.



12,112

The number of brief services we provided (phone, walk ins & referrals)



914

Hours donated by our incredible volunteers.

Why We're Needed



1 in 3

women experience sexual violence in their lifetime.



1 in 6

men experience sexual violence in their lifetime.



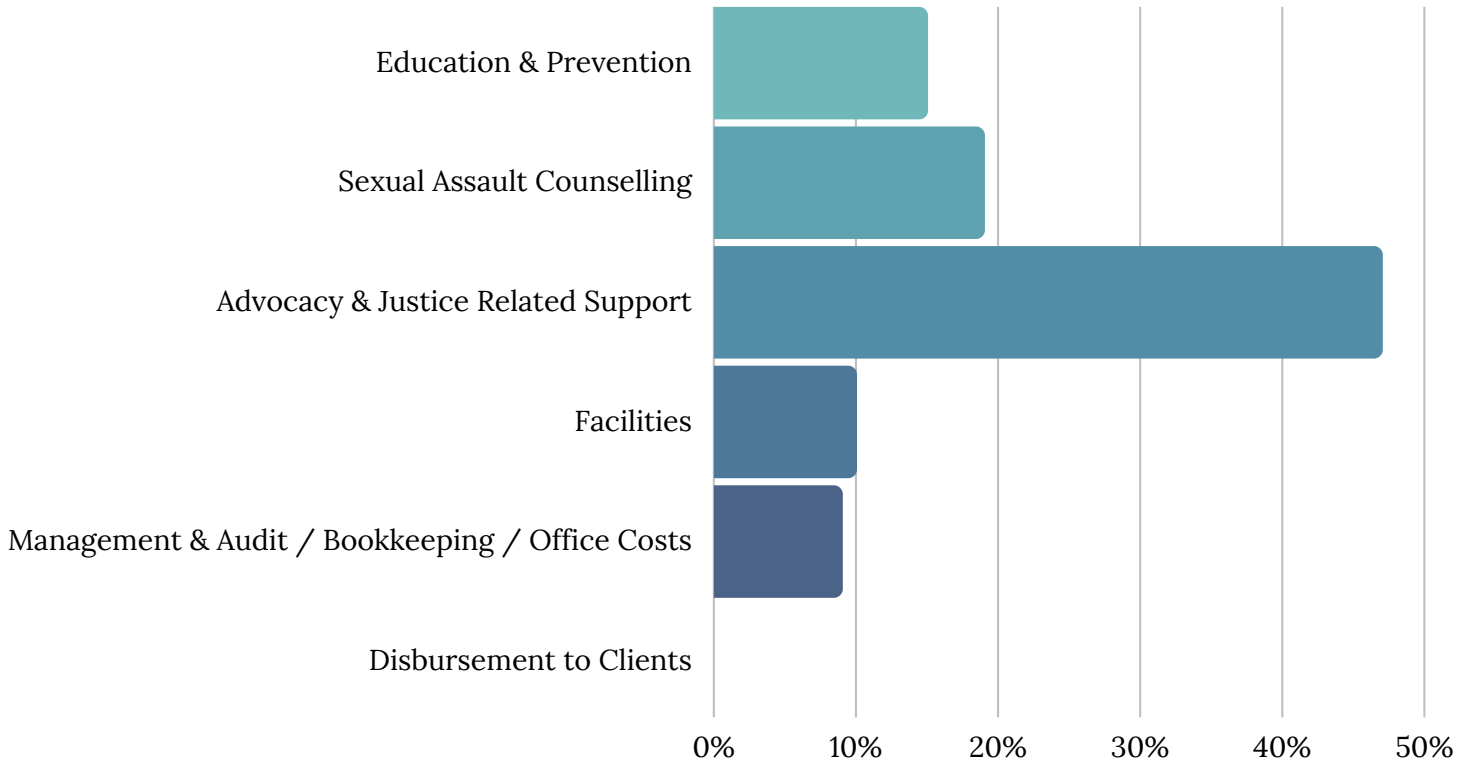
Fewer than

10%

of sexual assaults in Canada are ever reported to police.



Use of Funds



Our Donors

Every dollar of support for our services equates to the gift of safety and a chance for a new outlook on life for survivors of abuse.

We could not continue to provide our critical services without the support of our generous donors who are changing thousands of lives in our Central Okanagan community.

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Our volunteers help to make our programs, community awareness and fundraising events possible through the generous gifts of their time, energy and dedication.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

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- Christine Mahoney
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Thank you for helping us create a community of safety, dignity & equality!





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