

DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence (DCCESV)
Meeting Minutes
07/27/2022

I. Organizations Present

- DAWN
- Amara Legal Center
- WAWF
- Her Resiliency Center
- Safe Shores
- Mary's Center
- Network and Victim Recovery of DC
- DCFNE
- NVRDC
- Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR)
- Child and adolescent protective center at the children's hospital

II. Legislative and Policy updates

- Dobbs decision leaving states to regulate abortion -- influences our work for people who need abortions as healthcare and in response to sexual assault.
 - How is this going to play out in the future, in terms of civil lawsuits for those assisting others in receiving support for abortions?
 - <https://www.washingtoninformer.com/d-c-council-seeks-to-codify-abortion-access-and-rights/>
- Firearm Removal Provision Act
- Title IX—Biden's proposal includes protections for LGBTQIA population, not as explicit as many advocates would like him to be about trans exclusion, specifically in sports
 - Expanded definition of sex- based harassment
 - Reversed Trump's decision to exclude protection against survivor's who experience assault off campus
- Comments for Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs:
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/12/2022-13734/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-sex-in-education-programs-or-activities-receiving-federal#open-comment>
- Summaries for Biden's Title IX Proposal
 - <https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Biden-Title-IX-proposed-rule-explainer-7.14.22-vF.pdf>
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III. OVSJG Presentation on the Address Confidentiality Program

IV. Group Discussion

- What transitions have you experienced or seen in the victim services in the past 2 years? (including in your organizations)
 - Having to alter outreach strategies
 - Decreased funding
 - Program staffing challenges
 - i.e. hourly rate/salaries increased tremendously during COVID, but don't have funding to pay competitively
 - Casa Ruby closure
 - Effects of the Great Resignation
- How have transitions impacted service delivery at your organization or others
 - Lack of accommodations for resources
- How can DCCESV support your organization as you're managing these transitions?
 - Figure out how Casa Ruby continued to receive funding from OVSJG despite evidence of mismanagement—how does OVSJG make these determinations?
 - Managing government grants with evolving requirements
 - Helping with frontline staff burnout
 - Multi-year funding (from OVSJG)