

*“Compassion is not a relationship
between the healer and the wounded,
it is a covenant between equals.”*

—Gregory Boyles

**The Rape Victim Advocacy
Program provides free,
confidential, trauma-informed
advocacy to all affected by
sexual violence and promotes
social change through
prevention education.**

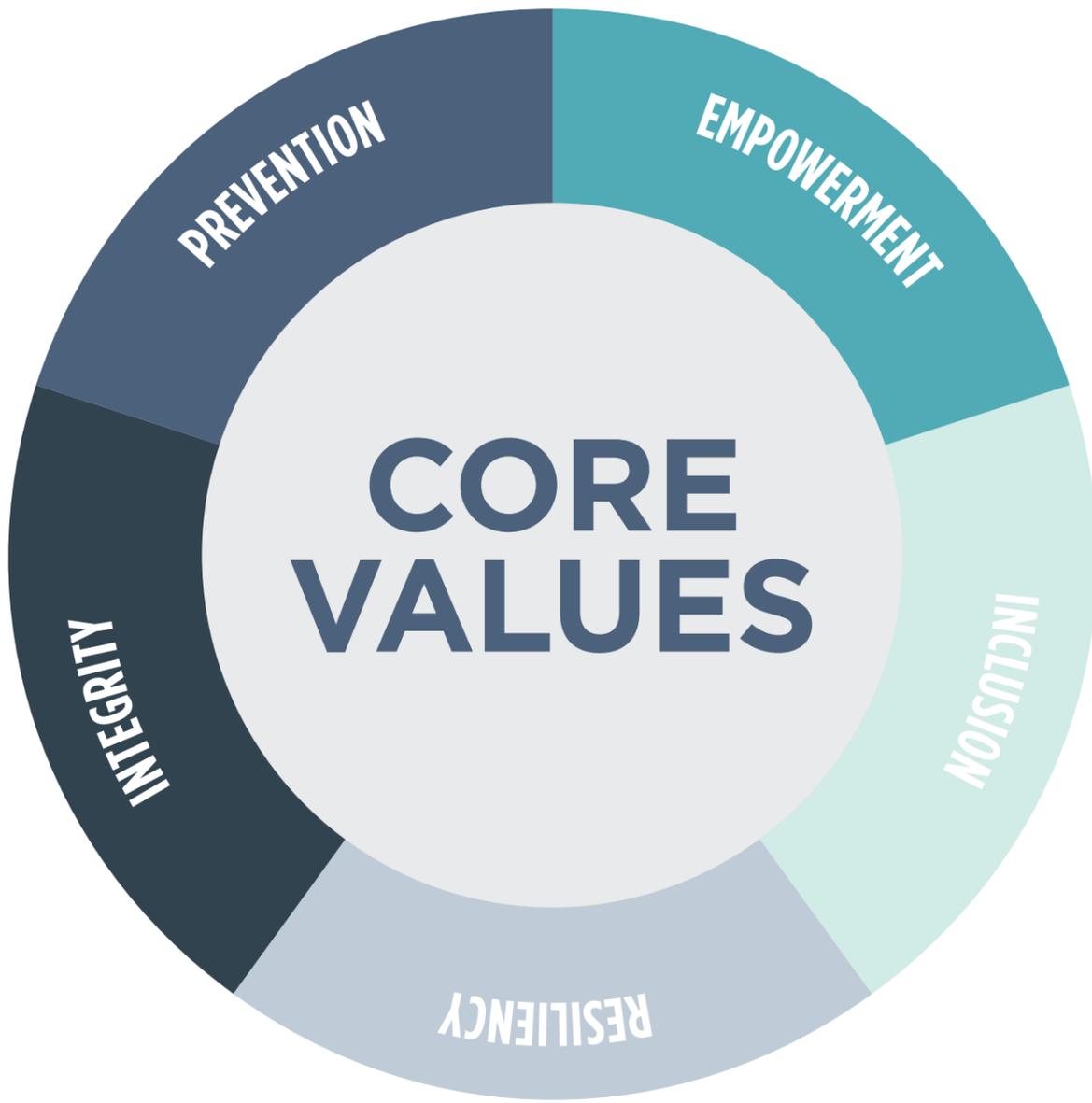
“ This has been a year of growth, change, and renewed passion for RVAP. As the new Executive Director, I want to thank you for your continued support and collaboration. The drive and dedication of our staff is emboldened by the commitment and assistance we receive from the community. Every time it feels like we have reached the peak of our abilities as an agency, we find more space for the work that needs to be done. Which rang very true this year, as RVAP provided more support services and prevention education than ever before. We are proud and humbled to do this work and to be a resource for all affected by sexual violence. Please join RVAP as we continue to take a stand against sexual violence. ”

**- Jennifer Carlson
Executive Director, RVAP**



AFFECTING SOCIAL CHANGE

SUPPORT, ADVOCACY, AND PREVENTION ACTIVITY IN FY15



↑ **RVAP** has seen an **84 percent** increase in total services

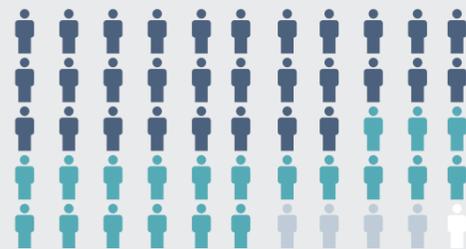
🍺 **7 bars** in Iowa City have been trained to identify and prevent unwanted sexual activity through the Raise the Bar training provided by **RVAP**

“ *It brought up situations I had not been in or thought about how to handle, and I now feel more confident in being able to have a quicker effective response to situations.* ”

👥 **565 people** have been helped through **RVAP's counseling and advocacy services.**

📞 **1,368 calls** have been answered by the **Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline**, which is up **250%** from last year

55 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS



- 30 have volunteered for a year or less
- 20 have volunteered for 2-4 years
- 4 have volunteered for 5-10 years
- 1 has volunteered for more than 10 years

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS

Bystander Intervention

Helps potential bystanders to sexual violence learn intervention techniques

“ *It starts with you. Stand up. Don't stand by.* ”

Take Back the Night

is an annual march providing the opportunity for all to speak out against sexual violence.

Resilient not silent.

Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline

Statewide 24-hour hotline for anyone affected by sexual violence. 1-800-284-7821.

The Clothesline Project

20th anniversary of this interpersonal violence awareness project where t-shirts are used as vehicles for survivors to share their experience with violence.

What I Was Wearing

Brand new art installation where survivors share what they were wearing when victimized.

Support Groups

Facilitated trauma informed yoga sessions, talk-based psychoeducational sessions, and drop-in resiliency and thriving support groups.

RVAP would like to thank you for your support this past year. If you would like to donate your time or make a financial contribution, please visit our website at rvap.org

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