

LACADA  
P.O. Box 356  
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# 2020



## ANNUAL REPORT

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide safe shelter, independence, empowerment and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking while seeking to end violence against individuals and their families through promoting social change, community education and public awareness in our community.

# LACADA

LACADA has faced new challenges this year as we adapted to these unprecedented times. The pandemic has made life even more unsafe and unstable for survivors of domestic violence as they are afraid to leave their homes due to fear of COVID-19 and afraid to stay there with their assailants.

LACADA has remained open as we provide safe emergency shelter and supportive services to domestic and sexual assault survivors and their children.

We continue to work hard as we find safe new ways of reaching out to those survivors to let them know LACADA remains open and here to help. LACADA is utilizing mobile advocacy, technology and social distancing to continue to provide essential services to survivors.

*Tracey Walker*  
*Executive Director*  
*LACADA*



# ADVOCACY



**3500**

**Nights of safe shelter  
provided in 2020 to  
adults and children**



**815**

**Calls answered  
through LACADA's  
24/7 HELP-LINE**



**1205**

**Instances of advocacy  
provided to adult  
survivors**

LACADA provides a wide range of voluntary support services to survivors and their dependent children. Advocacy is assisting a client in securing rights, remedies and services from other agencies and intervening, when necessary, with other agencies and systems to ensure sensitive responses including employment, financial assistance, health care, housing and specific assistance. Supportive Services is providing or making available a wide range of voluntary supportive services to the survivors. Advocates will empower survivors by introducing choices and options to assist the survivor in greater self-determination.

During the 19/20 fiscal year LACADA provided over 103 adults survivors with 1205 instances of advocacy.

# EMPOWERMENT

The philosophy of empowerment is the cornerstone of LACADA's advocacy process and the foundation of the entire structure of our service delivery. A survivor's abuser takes all power and control from them through abusive behaviors and tactics such as, but not limited to, physical violence, threats, emotional abuse, and manipulation.

Empowerment means helping individuals explore and evaluate options in order to make informed decisions based on their own needs and goals. Empowerment is a process by which an individual gains inner-strength, power, access to resources, and control of their own life.

LACADA strives to empower survivors of intimate partner violence by, providing options, current information, support groups, knowledge, tools, absolute confidentiality, safe environments, comprehensive referrals, and continuous support of each survivor and their decisions. Through empowering a survivor, we can support and assist them in regaining control over their life, as well as the tools, knowledge and strength to reach a life free from intimate partner violence.

During the 2019/2020 fiscal year LACADA participants completed unanimous feedback surveys, of those completed 95% reported that they were felt more empowered and informed to ways to plan for their safety, 94% reported they knew more about community resources and 97% reported they knew more about their rights and options.





# AWARENESS

Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, including your mom, sister, best friend, and brother. Domestic violence survivors come from all walks of life, all backgrounds, all education levels, all economic levels, all cultures, and all religions. Domestic violence is a systemic and coercive pattern of behaviors that is intended to gain power and control over one's intimate partner and is not limited to physical abuse; it can include isolation, financial abuse, verbal and psychological abuse, stalking and threats to harm children, other loved ones or the family pet.

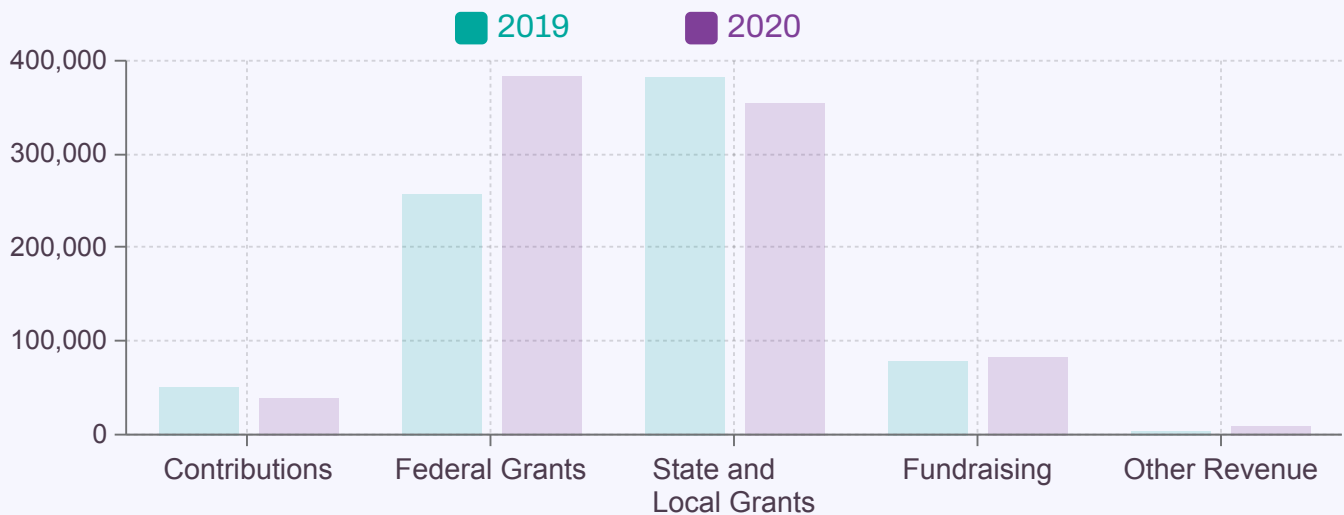
Domestic Violence has flourished in the shadows, and now it is time to SHINE A LIGHT. LACADA confirms our commitment to make every home a safe home, especially in these unprecedented times of a global pandemic. Now more than ever, we must do our part to raise awareness about domestic violence and stand with survivors.

This past October, LACADA is reached out to our community to join us and SHINE A LIGHT on domestic violence. LACADA had a month-long window display downtown Lapeer, where candles were placed to represent every domestic violence survivor that LACADA provided safe shelter and supportive services to this past year. Many area businesses are joining LACADA in raising awareness by displaying a Shine A Light poster along with a candle in their windows.

# FINANCIALS

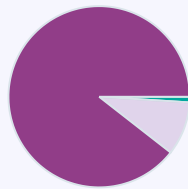
## OPERATING REVENUE

FY 2019 and FY 2020



## OPERATING EXPENSES

FY 2020



Fund Raising	7,679
Administrative	73,449
Program Services	687,872

90%

OF EXPENSES GO  
DIRECTLY TO PROGRAM  
SERVICES.

10%

OF EXPENSES GO  
TOWARDS ADMINISTRATIVE  
AND FUNDRAISING

Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault ("LACADA") was incorporated in 1991 as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Michigan and qualifies as a tax exempt not-for-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code: accordingly, contributions made to LACADA qualify for a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. LACADA was established to provide safety, support, and prevention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Lapeer County, Michigan.

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