

SUPPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS



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Overview

- Working with Sex Assault Survivors
- San Francisco District Attorney's Victim Service Division
- Interventions
- Opportunities

Working with Sexual Assault Survivors

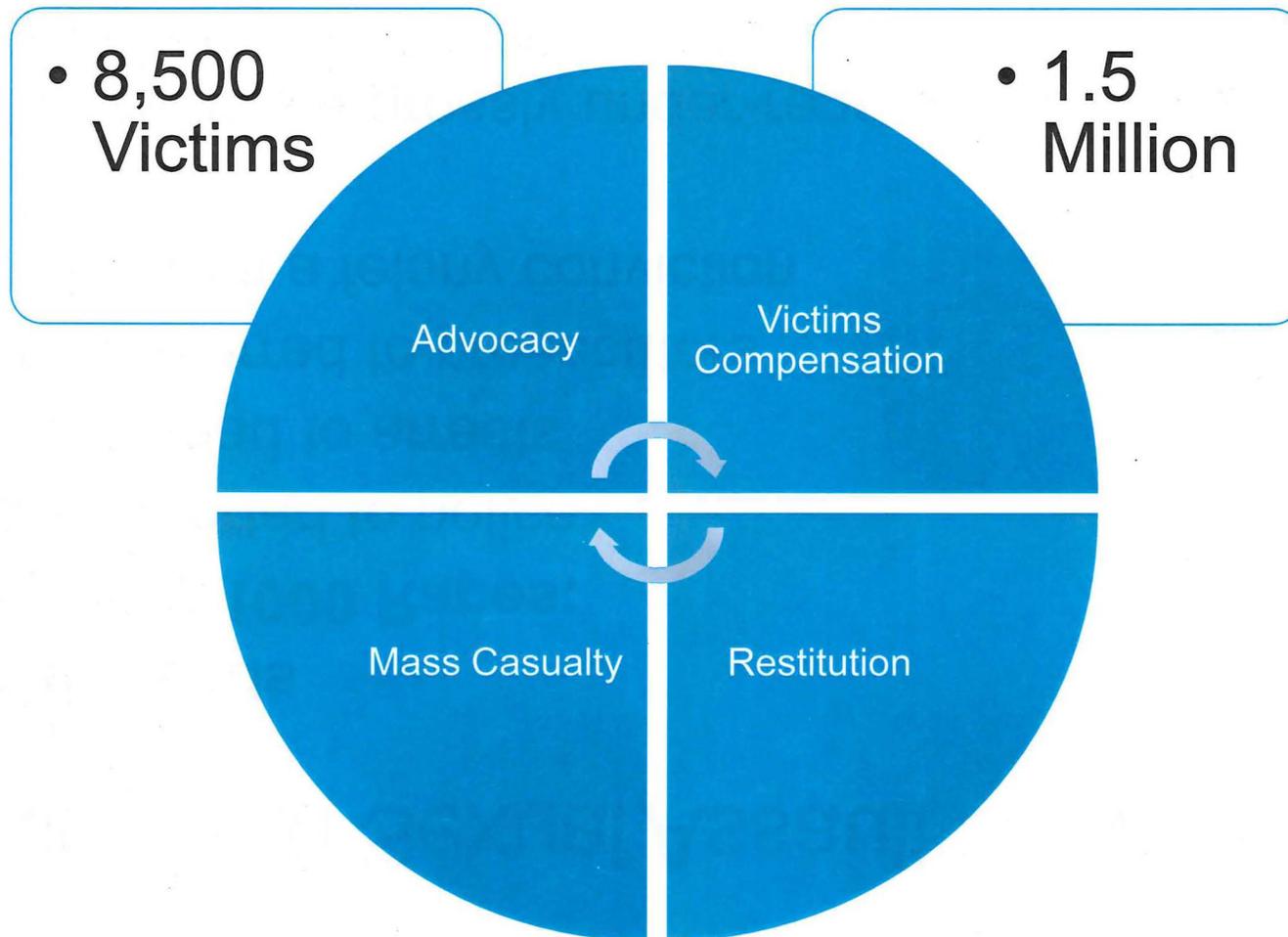
National Trends

Out of Every 1000 Rapes:

- 310 are reported to police
- 57 reports lead to arrests
- 11 cases referred to prosecutors
- Only 7 led to a a felony conviction

Sexual assault is a grossly under-reported crime for a variety of internal and external factors. The low incidence of prosecution is not a reflection of not believing a victim, it is often a the result of lack of evidence to prove a case beyond a reasonable doubt.

SFDA Victim Services Division



Interventions

- Primary
 - Red Zone 2014-17
 - MOUs
 - Symposiums
 - Safe Bars 2017
- Secondary
 - Sex Assault Response Team-SART
 - Training “Effective Communication with Survivors of Sexual Assault”
- Tertiary
 - Sex Assault Advocates
 - 2017
 - 347 Survivors (105 charged)
 - 47 Survivor Associates or Family
 - Victim Service Dogs



Opportunities

1. Supplemental report and protocol on sex assault cases
2. Enhance materials for survivors
3. Formalize process for reporting dissatisfaction with cases at SFDA's office
4. Coordinated meetings with survivors, ADA, advocates and support people
5. Additional mandated training for ADA's rotating into CASA unit
6. Develop training with local advocates, service providers and survivors