

ATTACHMENT 5
AB 176 SUMMARY 2021
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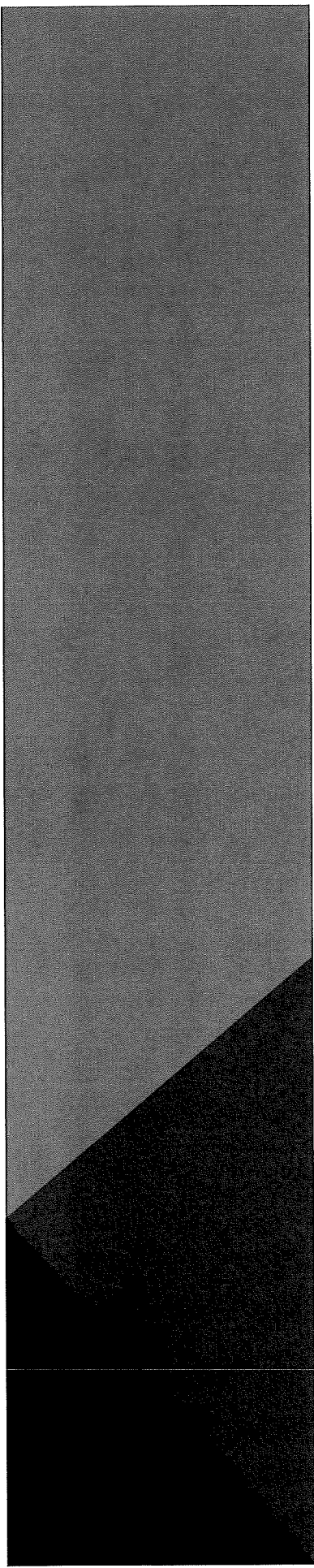


AB176 – what we learned

SEXUAL ASSAULT ADVOCACY

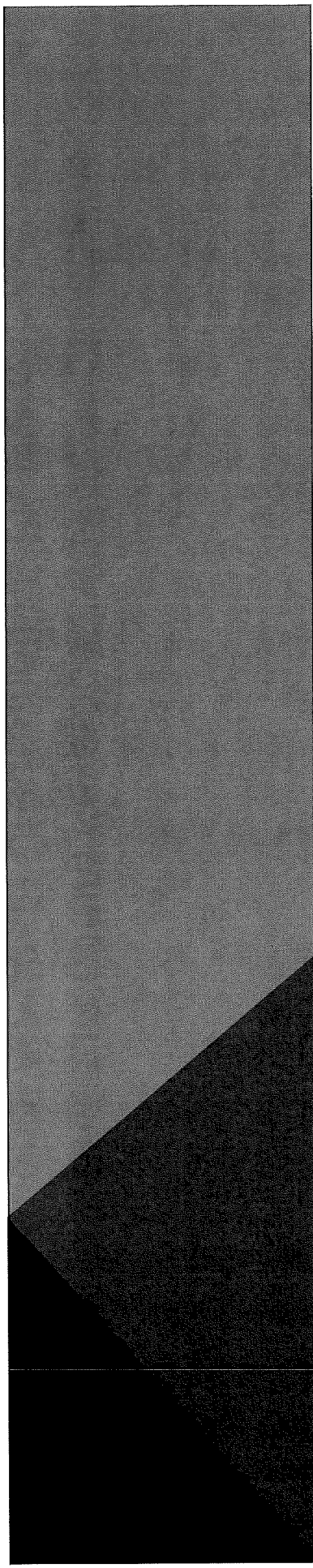
Crisis Response and Support

- **Hotline – 888-366-1640/702-366-1640**
- Trained advocates answer the hotline 24 hours a day/7 days per week
 - **Online chat on our website or text – 725-900-2640 rcclv.org**
 - 7 days per week from 10 am – 4 pm
- **Advocates respond to sexual assault victims at the hospital 24 hours a day/7 days per week**
- **In person response at LE Area Commands for Delayed Reports**
- **Services provided at the hospital**
 - Clothing Assistance
 - Transportation Assistance
 - Basic Information
 - Referrals to other services



RURAL ADVOCACY

- Rural programs that we spoke to had advocates, but generally rely on a small number of paid staff who are already working beyond capacity
- Few of the rural programs we worked with had a significant volunteer program, and could benefit from building a program to engage volunteers – we attempted to support in this with the accessibility of online training that we produce, and offering access to staff and volunteers for onboarding or ongoing training opportunities
- Numerous challenges to access and engagement with services in rural areas were identified –
 - Transportation
 - access to exams within a reasonable distance
 - fear of the person you reach out to for assistance knowing or having a connection to the perpetrator
 - overall fear of victim blaming
 - lack of overall community education on sexual assault



SUCSESSES

- ❖ **Stronger relationships with Nye and Lincoln county organizations were formed**
- ❖ **The clear need for greater support in community education in the rural areas was brought up, and is something we are working on moving forward**
- ❖ **Even with the pandemic, there were opportunities to provide information to additional individuals and organizations in the rural areas about sexual assault advocacy and general information**
- ❖ **We have created some additional service partnerships when needed**

