



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AT ADHS

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# CDC RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (RPE)

Arizona's RPE program is called the  
**Sexual Violence Prevention Education Program (SVPEP)**

Awards:

2019-2024

2024-2029

## SVPEP Leadership

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The RPE program is authorized through the Violence Against Women Act, passed by Congress in 1994.

The RPE program works to prevent sexual violence by providing funding to state and territorial health departments in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Program recipients work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders.

CDC supports this work by providing tools and assistance to RPE programs to promote the implementation and evaluation of programs, practices, and policies based on the best available evidence to prevent sexual violence.

# Sexual Violence Prevention Education Program (SVPEP)

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The vision and mission of Arizona's SVPEP is to have an Arizona free of sexual violence by **preventing sexual violence through sustainable education, collaboration, and advocacy.**

# Sexual Violence Prevention Education Program (SVPEP)

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ADHS received first 5-year award in 2019-2024

Amount awarded: \$749,103 per year

## **Goals:**

- Build and enhance capacity to effectively address sexual violence through primary prevention.
- Increase comprehensive education and awareness of sexual violence prevention strategies from the individual/relationship level to the community/societal level

## 2019-2024 Activities

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- Funds were awarded competitively to 10 subrecipients
  - 1 coalition, 2 local universities, 1 shelter service, 1 local county, and five non-profit organizations
- Arizona State [Sexual Violence Report](#) (2019)
- Stop SV [Arizona State Action Plan](#) (2019)
- Sexual Violence Prevention [Health Equity Needs Assessment](#) (2023)
- Sexual Violence [Surveillance Report](#) (Spring 2024)

## 2024-2029 Activities

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New 5-year CDC-RPE award started February 1, 2024

Amount awarded: \$874,476 per year

### **Required Activities:**

- Update statewide SV assessment and action plan published in 2019
- Fund community- and societal-level interventions across the state
  - RFGA coming this spring
- Build the capacity of partners to shift social norms, policies, and practices that prevent sexual violence in Arizona communities



# Resources

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AZ State Action Plan (2019)

<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/prevention/womens-childrens-health/womens-health/sexual-violence-prevention/az-sexual-violence-primary-prevention-action-report.pdf>

Sexual Violence Prevention Health Equity Sexual Violence (2024)

<https://publichealth.arizona.edu/news/2024/public-health-team-evaluates-equity-sexual-violence-prevention-and-education-arizona>

Arizona State Sexual Violence Report (2019)

<https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/prevention/womens-childrens-health/womens-health/sexual-violence-prevention/az-sexual-violence-report.pdf>

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