



# Stewardship REPORT

SPRING 2023 DONOR UPDATE

## Your support allows WEAVE to work smarter

Thanks to you, WEAVE has grown into the organization we are today. But, much of this growth over these 45 years would not have been possible without the support of our donors, along with the hundreds of organizations we have worked with over the years.

While WEAVE is the region's recognized leader in supporting survivors of domestic violence and Sacramento County's sole Rape Crisis Center, our hard work is leveraged for even greater impact through relationships with other organizations in our region. All of these organizations share our common commitment to assisting people in our community.

If others have greater expertise in specific areas than we do, wouldn't

it be smart to work together toward a common goal to accomplish even more? If our clients can benefit from the knowledge of another organization, it's our goal to figure out if it's possible to team up, work together, and highlight our differing strengths.

At WEAVE, we strive to use donated funds wisely and efficiently by not replicating what other organizations have already done. Instead, we leverage those dollars and layer the WEAVE expertise to build something even better through partnership.

Your generous support has enabled us to "work smarter" by establishing partnerships which creates better experiences and outcomes for the survivors we serve.



At WEAVE, we work together toward a common goal to accomplish even more.

## We do not do this work alone

As you know, WEAVE supports survivors of sexual and domestic violence as well as educates the community about violence prevention and promotes healthy relationships. On the individual level, we support survivors' specific needs, but at the community level, we play a pivotal role in a variety of systems and complex community approaches to addressing violence, housing, and prevention.

Being successful in this work would be much harder without the support of others within our community. Every day, WEAVE engages with our partners to ensure the work we all do results in a positive outcome for the people and communities we serve. We do not do this work alone, and working smarter by collaborating has made us *all* stronger.

# Types of Partnerships

## Embedded/On-Site Partnerships:

WEAVE staff are embedded in different locations throughout Sacramento County, physically working at our partners' sites. A few examples include the embedded Advocates we have within schools and universities, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and family and community resource centers. Partnerships like these allow WEAVE employees

to support survivors at locations where they are already. It also allows for WEAVE to provide guidance and support to those organizations that regularly encounter the type of victims we serve.

For example, WEAVE has embedded advocates within the Sacramento Police Department,

Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, Citrus Heights Police Department, and Elk Grove Police Departments. Alongside law enforcement, WEAVE Advocates show up in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, or trafficking to ensure there is a client-centered perspective and to support a victim in areas where law enforcement is less familiar.

## Community Partnerships:

WEAVE has multiple formal and informal community partnerships, collaborating with other organizations. This may include participating in networking events in the community or dispatching an Advocate to the partner agency when needed. These partnerships are important because they allow for meaningful and accurate cross-referrals between organizations, collaborative opportunities, and information sharing.



## South Sacramento

# Healthy Black Families Collaborative

In 2019, the South Sacramento Healthy Black Families Collaborative (SSHBFC) was formed. The goal of this Collaborative was to identify the most effective and culturally responsive strategies for engaging African American/Black residents of Valley Hi and Meadowview neighborhoods in South Sacramento in addressing domestic and sexual violence. A core collaborative team was established including WEAVE, South Sacramento Christian Center, Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center, Sacramento Children's Home, Escape Velocity, and Kaiser Permanente, with at least 12 consistent members who met monthly.

WEAVE, in partnership with the Collaborative,

focused on two areas: listening to the community and assessing its internal organizational policies, procedures, and practices to identify where bias may exist or our service delivery felt unwelcoming. To understand and assess the community's perspectives on how domestic violence shows up in their community and what is needed to address it, WEAVE and the collaborative partners conducted 34 listening sessions with 371 participants from the South Sacramento neighborhoods. The community listening sessions were an opportunity for the Collaborative to implement a community assessment and for WEAVE to learn how it can become more culturally  
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# Next Move Homeless Services

In July 2020, WEAVE began partnering with Next Move Homeless Services to provide supportive services for the 25 families residing at the Transitional Housing for Families Program at the Mather Community Campus. WEAVE has two Residential Advocates and a Children's Advocate embedded at Mather who provide Strengths Model Case Management, advocacy, resources, and referrals to assist families with transitioning into permanent housing.

Through this partnership, and because of the intersections between homelessness and domestic violence, WEAVE has been able to support survivors with current, recent, or a history of domestic violence by providing trauma-informed care and supportive services that specifically meet the needs of survivors.

The support WEAVE Advocates provide onsite has provided survivors with access to

wraparound services that may have otherwise been more challenging to obtain and to address the barriers that survivors face to safety, economic stability, and housing. The goal of both WEAVE and Next Move is to ensure residents can exit the program into safe and permanent housing, and together we are achieving this.

In our last fiscal year, WEAVE partnered with Next Move Homeless Services to serve 41 families, and 19 families successfully exited the program. 84% of those who successfully exited the program did not access homeless services during the next six months. Through this collaboration, families have been more successful and less reliant on future homeless services than families not engaging with WEAVE.



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responsive and show up differently to engage and serve more survivors.

Within the South Sacramento Healthy Black Families Collaborative, partnering with both Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center and Escape Velocity has been especially impactful as they have been trusted and wise pillars in the community. Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center is an organization that combats social and cultural poverty through arts and education programs that help equip and empower children and families to succeed and thrive. Escape Velocity Resources Foundation's "soul" purpose is to assist youth and their families with escaping the trajectory of generational trauma. Escape Velocity responds to the needs of youth and their families by offering programs and services that lead to family wholeness through literacy, enrichment, and well-being.

In working with these two organizations and the SSHBFC as a whole, we have learned the value of true collaboration and the intentional work needed to lay a strong foundation to create a shared space that allows for transparency, honesty, trust, relationship building, participation, shared goals, and success.

WEAVE's IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility) Initiatives are foundational to all WEAVE services now. In our strategy we are integrating IDEA activities in all programs and agency governance; building trusted partnerships across communities and systems to engage all voices; meeting the needs of diverse and historically underserved communities; and ensuring WEAVE is welcoming and responsive. The partnership with South Sacramento Healthy Black Family Collaborative created a model for engagement, and it remains an example of how WEAVE is working to welcome and serve all communities.



# Our Reach

WEAVE and so many other organizations within our community are coming together in order to work smarter, not harder. By leveraging our funding and your philanthropic support, we can ensure our services have the widest reach, and we can offer the greatest amount of resources to our clients.

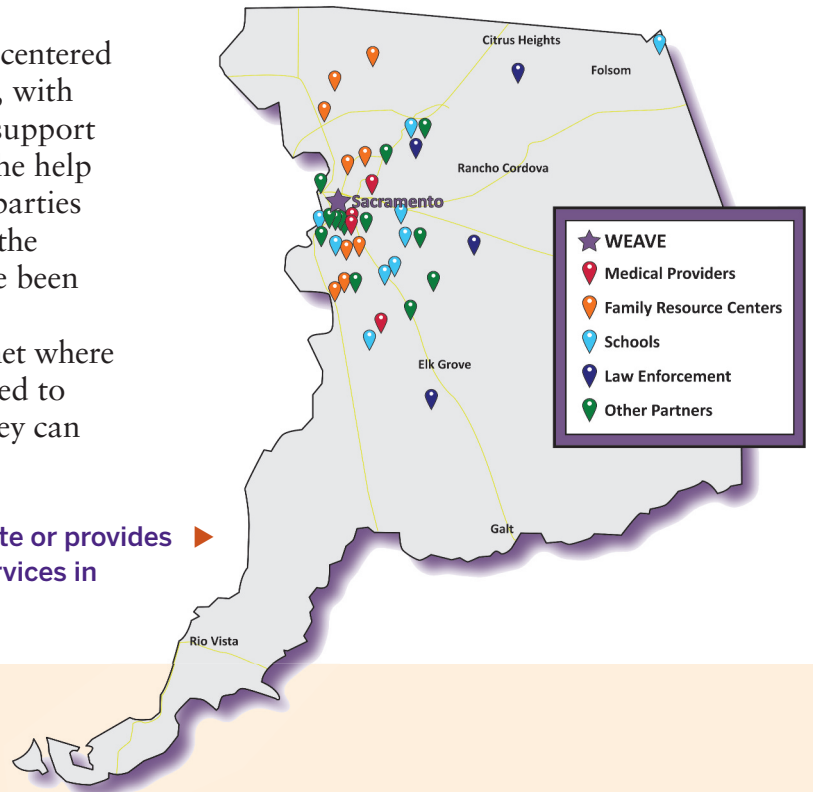
We have a goal of providing client-centered services that support the whole person, with the intention of avoiding fragmented support that leaves victims struggling to find the help they need. Partnerships allow for all parties involved to work more efficiently with the funding we receive, and the results have been truly life-changing.

The survivors being served can be met where they are at ... they can be easily referred to other services they may need ... and they can feel comfortable and fully supported.

**WEAVE is onsite or provides contracted services in 40 locations.**

Over the years, WEAVE has established many partnerships, and in this graphic, you can see how integral and widespread these partnerships are to our community.

## WEAVE IN THE COMMUNITY Serving Sacramento County



# Thank you!

It's only with your support that we have the ability to create meaningful collaborations within our community. We also consider you to be an important and valued partner, and your partnership provides the resources necessary to allow us to take the necessary steps when we see opportunities to work with other organizations.

You make our community a better place when you support WEAVE, and your partnership supports the survivors who decide to make a change in their lives.



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OUR MISSION is to promote safe and healthy relationships and support survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and sex trafficking.