

COLLECTIVE VOICE. COLLECTIVE ACTION. COLLECTIVE POWER.



Letter from CEO

When we identified our 2024 theme **“Collective Voice. Collective Action. Collective Power.”** we recognized that this year would challenge our movement. Between VOCA funding being cut on a national level to hearing “it’s a bad budget year” at the state level, VALOR knew that we needed to harness our collective voices and action to move through the uncertain future.

I am proud to say that this movement stepped up! From Policy Advocacy Day, to hosting numerous powerful rallies throughout California, to

attending multiple meetings and events at the White House, and strengthening our relationships with organizations across the country, VALOR harnessed our collective power to enact change.

As you read through VALOR’s 2024 Annual Report, I hope you are as proud as we are of what we collectively accomplished this year as we returned to our roots of activism and centered survivors as leaders of our movement. We are excited to see what 2025 has in store for us as we continue to draw on our collective power in the new year.

In Community,
Sandra Henriquez, CEO



Policy Advocacy

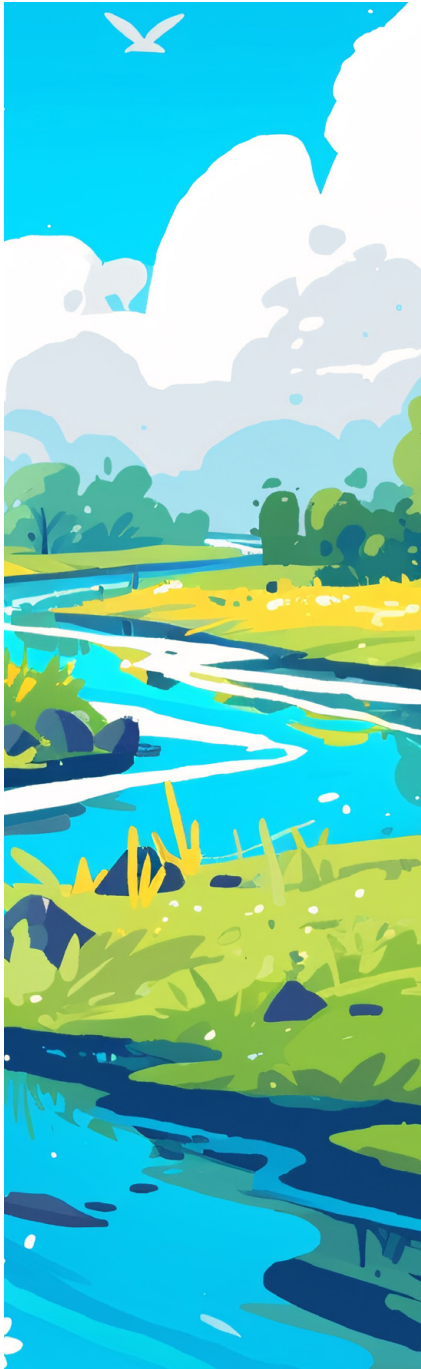
VALOR supported a number of successful policy initiatives this year in California, as we faced an unprecedented loss of an estimated \$170 million from declining funds for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). VALOR, alongside our partners, began advocating for California to step in with stop-gap funding to sustain local programs that support survivors of crime 24/7 by hosting multiple rallies and events throughout the state. This movement's work resulted in \$103 million in funding for California's crime victim services. Additionally, Governor Newsom signed AB 2432 (Gabriel) into law which creates California's own crime victim services fund.





Policy Advocacy

VALOR also traveled to Washington, DC several times this year to advocate on a national level for sustainable and lasting funding to support survivors of sexual assault and gender-based crime. Because of our work and recognition nationally, we attended several meetings at the White House including celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act with President Biden and Dr. Jill Biden.



Prevention Works!

2024 was a busy year for VALOR's Prevention Team! A major highlight of the year for PreventConnect was hosting the National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence Prevention Listening Session. PreventConnect's Ashleigh Klein-Jimenez, David S. Lee, and Janaé Sargent also presented at CDC's Reverse Site Visits for DELTA AHEAD and RPE recipients in Atlanta, Georgia and San Diego, CA while hosting a nationally recognized podcast series. VALOR's and PreventConnect's Director of Prevention, Ashleigh, traveled across the country, including to Utah as a plenary speaker for Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Statewide Conference, to speak on the importance of prevention in the anti-sexual assault movement. Shelby Vice, VALOR's Project Coordinator, hosted a two-day RPE kickoff meeting before Statewide Conference 2024, visited numerous schools to increase prevention education to youth and teachers, and advocated on behalf of folks with disabilities by sharing their experiences to stimulate discussions on how to increase accessibility and prevention in all communities.





Advancing Survivor Healing

VALOR's Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and Transform, Rebuild, Unite to Support Teens (TRUST) teams have made strides this past year. The TRUST team presented at the National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Compensation Admin.

Additionally, Marsela Rojas-Salas, VALOR's Project Manager, was recognized as a Community Leader by Sure Helpline for her work to support incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse throughout California. Through the PREA team, VALOR worked as part of the Solidarity Committee for Incarcerated Survivors to address the root causes of sexual abuse at Central California Women's Facility (CCWF) and California Institution for Women (CIW). Additionally, with the enactment of SB 1069 (Menjivar) co-sponsored by VALOR, Sister Warriors Freedom Coalition, and California Coalition for Women's Prisoners, incarcerated survivors will receive further protections and support in California as we work to prevent sexual violence.



Advancing Survivor Healing

VALOR was recognized by the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women with \$2 million in funding as one of three organizations selected as national training and technical assistance providers to assist community organizations and sexual assault service centers in implementing restorative practices as part of their services over the next 5 years! We are thankful for our work with Ampersands Restorative Justice on our Restorative Justice Pilot Program and excited to continue our work together on the national scale!



Statewide Conference 2024

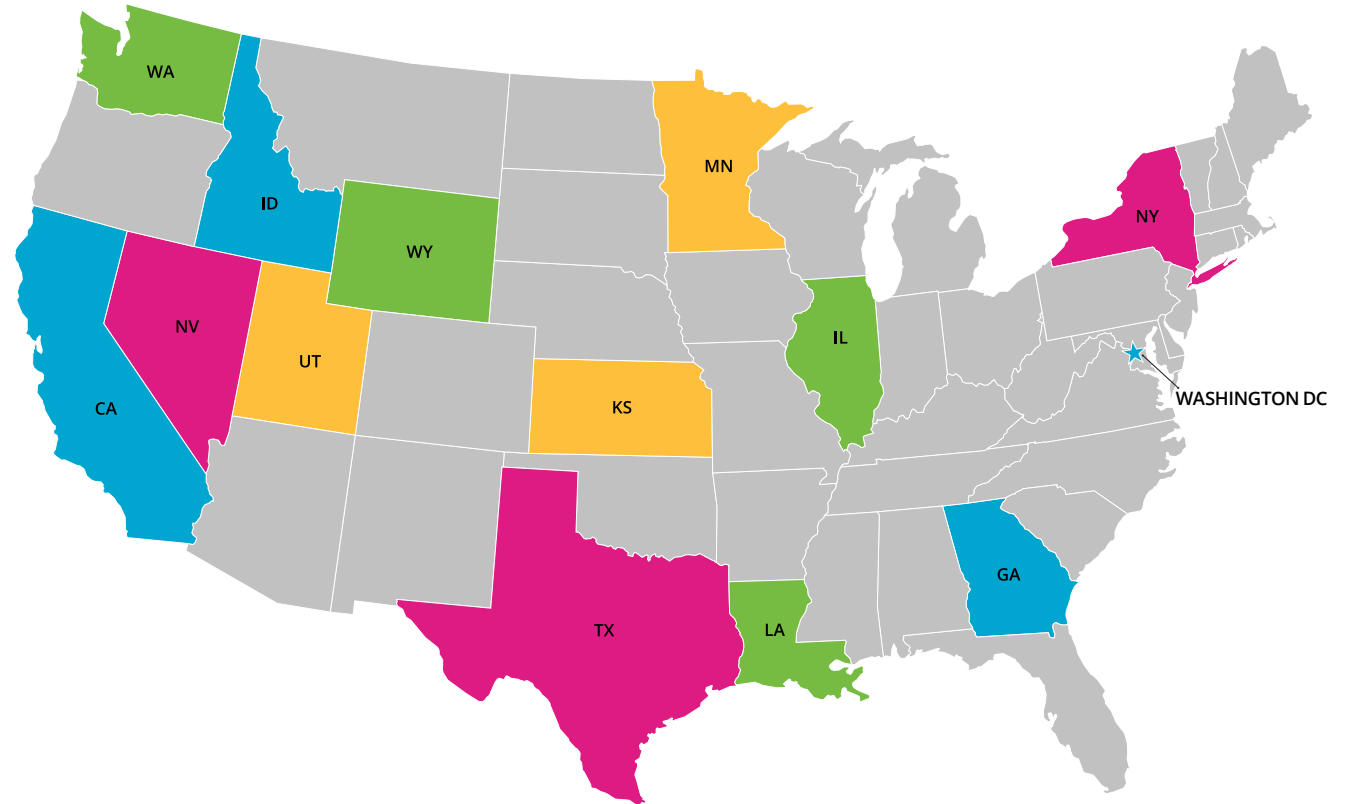
Our annual Statewide Conference 2024 gathered over 400 advocates in San Diego, CA from August 27-30 to harness our collective action and push for change and sustainability in our movement. Keynote speakers discussed how we must push for transformational change, and how we can sustain our services in the face of adversity. Additionally, session presenters challenged advocates and organizations to move beyond the status quo that we have long held since our movement's inception while harnessing the activism that made it possible, including going past land acknowledgments and increasing representation and knowledge of Native and Indigenous practices that benefit us all. This was not the beginning of these conversations, but it called all of us to put them into action, whether it be justice for survivors who want alternatives to criminalization, navigating legal assistance for immigrants, or increasing culturally rooted healing for Black, Native and Indigenous, Asian, Hispanic, and other communities.

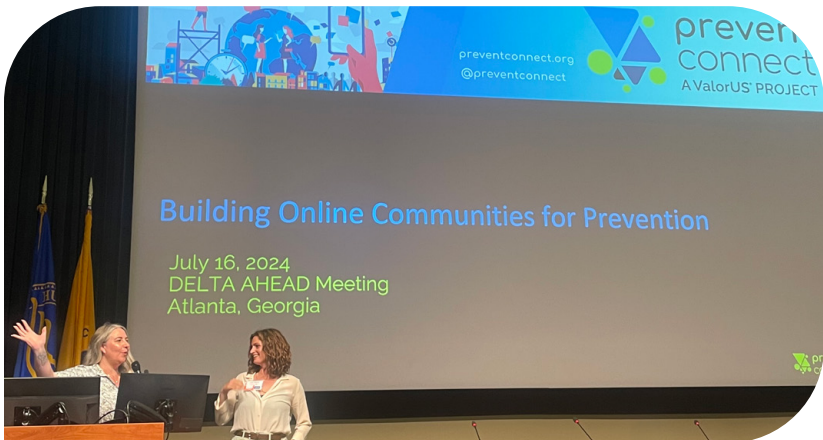


Nationally Recognized

VALOR continued our national work this year, as our team traveled far and wide across the country.

- California (CA)
- Washington (WA)
- Texas (TX)
- Minnesota (MN)
- Utah (UT)
- Georgia (GA)
- Louisiana (LA)
- Washington D.C. (DC)
- Nevada (NV)
- Idaho (ID)
- New York (NY)
- Kansas (KS)
- Wyoming (WY)
- Illinois (IL)







NEXT ERA ACTIVISM

VALOR2025

As a movement, we want to continue to harness our collective voice, action, and power as we turn the page on 2024. We are looking forward to this next year and all that it holds for us, including VALOR hosting the National Sexual Assault Conference® in Anaheim, CA from August 26-28, 2025. We recognize that, as this movement continues, we need to further address our past pitfalls and continue to work to increase the accessibility of prevention and advocacy for BIPOC communities, disabled folks, and rural communities. As we move into the next year, VALOR announces its 2025 theme as **“Next Era Activism,”** as we push ourselves to envision what our next 30 years of advocacy looks like.

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