EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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2023





ASHKIRAN MISSION & VISION

Mission

To address crises such as domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking in the foreign-born and other underserved communities, by offering culturally sensitive services and providing education to enhance understanding of cultural barriers.

Vision

AshaKiran aspires to be "A Ray of Hope" by bridging the gap between service providers and culturally diverse communities.

"As the new year approaches, and the current year reaches its end, a feeling of relief is sensed. The year 2023 brought its challenges, yet yielded its accomplishments.

It presented its obstacles, yet produced enhanced endurance.

It brought its setbacks, yet prompted opportunities for positive change and development.

As Executive Director, it is my hope that the year ahead brings continued progress, growth and advancements for sustainability.

It is an honor to serve alongside the AshaKiran Board, Leadership, Staff, Foundation and Volunteers in keeping AshaKiran
"A Ray of Hope" alive."

~ Veleda M. Davis, AshaKiran Executive Director

ASHAKIRAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

FIRST NAME LAST NAME POSITIO		POSITION	TERMS	GENDER	OCCUPATION/ AFFILIATION							
Cheryl	Lang Chair 2018-2023		2018-2023	F	Director, Alabama State University, Montgomery							
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Veleda	Davis	ExOficio Executive Director	N/A	F	AshaKiran Executive Director							
Glenn	Sommer	ExOficio Financal Officer	N/A	М	AshaKiran Financial Officer							

ASHAKIRAN SERVICES

AshaKiran continues to operate in its mission to educate, empathize, and empower the foreign-born and persons from diverse communities by providing free, nonsectarian, culturally and linguistically sensitive services specific to the needs of survivors of domestic violence/intimate partner violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, trauma across the State of Alabama.

The AshaKiran vision is to be, "A Ray of Hope" towards building a healthy and harmonious community by recognizing the intersectionality of victims of trauma and addressing those specific needs through direct services, community education, and outreach initiatives.

Reaching and engaging culturally diverse populations in Alabama is the key tenet of AshaKiran's work. The Outreach Team strives to promote awareness through professional development capacity building initiatives, community and victim service provider outreach, and prevention campaigns to further this core objective.

AshaKiran's trauma-informed team of direct service staff assist residential and nonresidential clients throughout the state with individualized client-centered case management which includes safety plans, resources, therapeutic support, language services, temporary and permanent shelter/housing.

Direct care services include: a 24—hour crisis line (AshaLine) with immediate language access—available to all partner organizations, emergency shelter, advocacy, individual and group counseling, and comprehensive case management centered on individualized culturally-sensitive care plans for each active residential and non-residential client.

ASHAKIRAN SERVICES

Shelter/Safe Home:

- · Booklets, signage, and other safe home items in various languages
- Culturally appropriate resources
- Community and social support service resources
- Seasonal culturally diverse celebrations
- Culturally diverse children's resources and support
- Accessibility to cultural markets, places of worship, and support groups
- ACADV Certified Domestice Violence Center



"It is both an honor and a calling to stand with and serve those affected by the profound challenges of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. In our mission, we find not only a duty but a passion to illuminate the path towards healing. Together, let us dismantle the walls of silence and solitude. No one should endure these struggles alone; there is help, there is hope, and our commitment lies in educating the community that the embrace of support is always within reach."

~ Kamilah Torres, Development Director



Media Hits

State grant helps fund Huntsville non-profits



https://www.waff.com/2023/01/03/state-grant-helps-fund-huntsville-non-profits/

"Asha Kiran received almost half a million dollars from the grant.

Development Director Kamilah Torres said she's grateful for the funding because her organization provides essential services to foreign-born people in Alabama going through crises like human trafficking and domestic violence."

AshaKiran is proud of be the recipient of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant.

Rocket City Now Suicide Prevention Line Media Hit

"One of the biggest concerns is, do these people know me? If they do, are they going to keep it confidential? So the fact that there's no way to be tracked is actually a good thing for those that may need the support," said Torres.



988 | Marking one year of the improved Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

The easy-to-remember number is credited with helping those in crisis access help quickly and confidentially.

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https://www.rocketcitynow.com/article/news/local/north-alabama-agencies-reflect-on-year-anniversary-of-the-988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline-bearded-warriors-ashakiran/525-b4aec4a6-1bf1-4faa-8342-4d677f38ef25



https://www.waff.com/video/2023/01/ 11/january-11-is-human-traffickingawareness-day/



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IuP-cLV7UQo



https://www.waaytv.com/video/human-chainfor-domestic-violence/video 2a614701-b1d9-56b2-a982-171499121950.html



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= hy9LiOq2b8



92.1 FM WEUP



WJAB June 2023

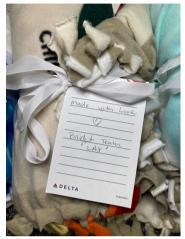
Donations Received

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Huntsville community which continues to shower our organization with generous support. Monetary contributions and charitable donations have been invaluable. Community support fuels our mission. We are profoundly thankful for the collective efforts yielding such positive impact. Together, we are building a stronger, more caring community.





Donations Received







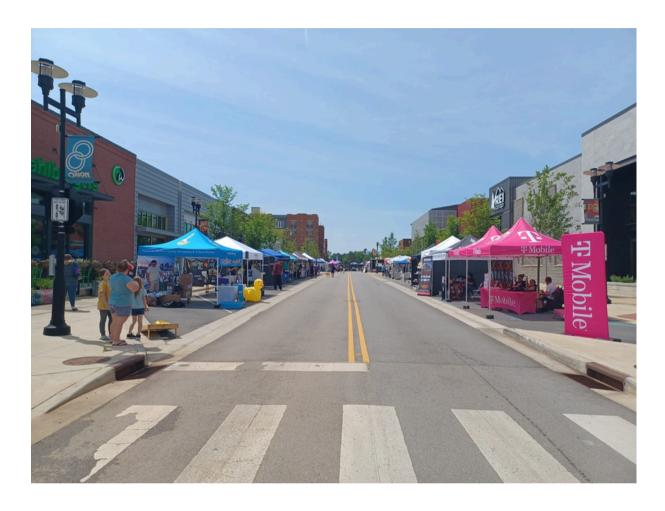












In 2023, our Outreach Team conducted numerous awareness presentations to enhance the capabilities of agencies statewide. These initiatives focused on navigating the unique needs of foreign-born, culturally diverse, and underserved populations. Through virtual and inperson training sessions, we expanded our reach with full-day training events across the state and increased accessibility through virtual platforms.

Our team actively engaged in community events to amplify awareness of our organization, its services, and programs.











A RAY OF HOPE

A celebration of cultural diversity through dance

October 20th | 5-7pm Big Spring International Park

Dance, Food Trucks and More Learn more at akhsvfoundation.org facebook.com/AshaKiranOnline





















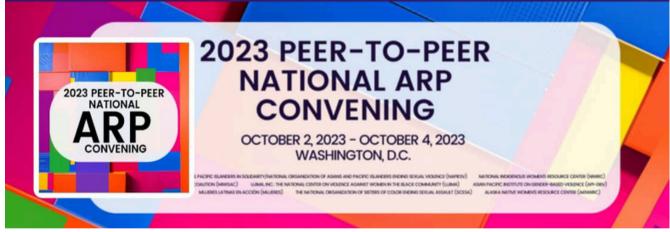


















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2023

CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN CRISIS INTERVENTION CONFERENCE "EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT"

Chelsea Sparks, AshaKiran:

"Disabled Survivors: Helping Those with Adaptive Needs"

Brandi Ivey- Senior Care Expert:

"Elder Abuse Identification and Prevention"

Nelson DeLucca- ACAR:

"Queer Culture in Context"

Tanya Rains & Shandra Hennenbeck, New Futures Inc:

"Home Is Where The Safety Is: A Discussion on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Homelessness."

Matapuna Levenson, API-GBV:

"Domestic Violence and Culturally Specific Advocacy in Asian and Pacific Islander Communities"

David Battle, Patnership for a Drug Free Community:

"How Does It End?" Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse.

When & Where:

Conference will be held virtually via Zoom on July 12th & 13th from 10 AM - 2 PM CST Registration is Required



2023 Presentation Line Up

"Managing Implicit Bias: A Look Within"-

This presentation delves into the exploration and understanding of implicit biases. By raising awareness about these biases, we can actively work toward overcoming them and creating an inclusive and equitable environment within our shelters and programs.

<u>A Lasting Mark: How Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Affects Victims, Families, and Communities-</u>

Trauma leaves a profound impact on the survivor, but it also leaves a lasting impact on families, friends, and communities as a whole. By addressing the interconnectedness of violence, we can better understand the far-reaching impact DV and SA have and work to create a comprehensive support system that extends beyond the individual survivor.

Improving Cooperation When Working with the Foreign Born-

Helping clients of any victimization isn't easy, but when working with clients who are foreign born it can be difficult to know how best to engage and connect with them, and what needs they may have. In this presentation we will discuss who the foreign born are, what barriers they face, and what are best practices when working with someone from this group.

Disabled Survivors: Supporting Those with Adaptive Needs-

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by disabled survivors and focusing on providing inclusive and accessible support is what this presentation is all about. By highlighting the importance of adapting our services and approaches to ensure that every survivor's needs are met, we can foster an environment that empowers survivors with disabilities.

Abuse Knows No Age: Recognizing and Preventing Elder DV &SA-

In this presentation we explore the intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, and the elderly community. We will cover the types of abuses and the unique challenges faced by older adults, as well as how these challenges can contribute to increased vulnerability for abuse.

Cultural Humility & Working with the Foreign-Born Community-

What is culture exactly? How does it impact us? How do we work and grow with individuals from cultures different to our own? We will explore these questions and more in this presentation, as we define what culture is, and look at some of the more prominent cultures present here in Alabama.

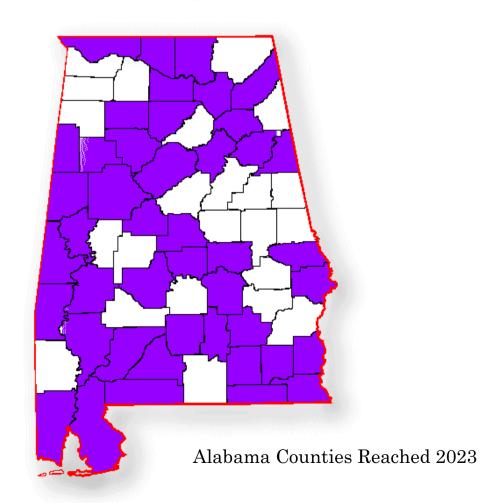
Trauma Informed Care: What is it, and How Do We Implement It? -

Presentations

AshaKiran has hosted

1,295 participants

Community awareness presentations for staff, service providers, first responders and partner agencies



ASHAKIRAN 2023

National Recognition

We are thrilled to be included in national directories dedicated to supporting victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. This recognition amplifies our commitment to providing a safe haven for those in need. Being part of these directories strengthens our reach and reinforces our dedication to aiding survivors on a national scale. We are pleased to extend our collaborations and partnerships with like-minded organizations that extend our services to those seeking refuge and support in their journey towards healing.



https://www.api-gbv.org/resources/directory-api-services/



https://www.thehotline.org/get-help/domestic-violence-local-resources/

Better Business Bureau Standards of Excellence Accreditation



Letters of Support

GLOBALTIES > Alabama

June 22, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Global Ties Alabama proudly supports AshaKiran in its mission to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Their commitment to providing free, confidential services to these survivors is truly unique here in the State of Alabama. Additionally, their 24/7 help hotline is a great resource for our community.

We have had the privilege of getting to know the leadership at AshaKiran and that has strengthened our belief that this is an organization that truly cares for those that they are helping. They go above and beyond to make sure that these survivors are safe, cared for, and have the resources that they need not only to survive, but to thrive.

It is because of these reasons above that we are happy to be a strategic partner and supporter of AshaKiran as they continue their work in Alabama's communities.

Yours in global service,

Jacquelyn Shipe Gobal Ties Alabama 256-532-3560 (o) www.globaltiesalabama.org



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UNIDOS US AFFILIATE



July 24, 2023

To whom it may concern,

We here at ¡HICA! (Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama) are proud to support AshaKiran in their mission to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across the state of Alabama. Their commitment to provide free, confidential services to these survivors is truly unique. Additionally, their 24/7 help hotline is a great resource for the community. We have had the privilege of getting to know the leadership at AshaKiran and that has only strengthened our belief that this is an organization that truly cares for those that they are helping. They go above and beyond to make sure that these survivors are safe, cared for, and have the resources that they need not only to survive, but to thrive.

It is because of these reasons above that we are happy to be a supporter of AshaKiran as they continue to work here in our community.

Sincerely,

Carlos E. Alemán, PH.D Chief Executive Officer



For More Than 70 Years

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Chanda Crutcher Commissioner

Larry Lowe Commissioner

Antonio McGinnis, Sr. Executive Director/CEO August 16, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

In partnership with AshaKiran, Inc., the Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for their mission to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across the state of Alabama. Their commitment to providing free, confidential services to these survivors is truly unique.

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It is because of these reasons above that we are happy to be a supporter of AshaKiran as they continue their work here in our community. Please feel free to contact me for any questions.

Sincerely,

Antonio McGinnis, Sr. Executive Director/CEO Huntsville Housing Authority

cc: Turkessa Coleman Lacey, Deputy Executive Director Jacqueline Egbujo, Executive Assistant





GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

United Way of Madison County

United Way

madisoncountycares.org

June 23, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

Our community is more than an assortment of buildings and businesses. Our community is the result of the hard work and determination of our non-profit organizations like AshaKiran. Therefore, as a local community leader, I am honored to provide this letter of support for AshaKiran in their mission to help survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Their commitment to provide free, confidential services to these survivors is just one area of the plethora of services they provide.

According to a ranking by U.S. News & World Report, the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is the 2022-2023 best place to live in the United States. The leadership and team at AshaKiran exemplify daily what it means to be true Servant Leaders. They are instrumental to this success and continue to make North Alabama a great place to live, work and play for all our residents.

As we celebrate 80 years of serving Huntsville/Madison County, we are looking forward to continuing to work alongside and strongly support an organization like AshaKiran to further enhance our ability to meet and exceed the needs of all our community residents.

If you need any additional information, please feel free reaching out to me directly at Daniel.kasambira@uwmadisoncounty.org or 256-518-8213.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kasambira President & CEO

United Way of Madison County



To Whom It May Concern:

We here at Bridgeworth Wealth Management are proud to support AshaKiran in their mission to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Their commitment to providing free, confidential services to these survivors is truly unique here in North Alabama. Additionally, their 24/7 help hotline is a great resource for folks here in our community. We have had the privilege of getting to know the leadership at AshaKiran and that has only strengthened our belief that this is an organization that truly cares for those that they are helping. They go above and beyond to make sure that these survivors are safe, cared for, and have the resources that they need not only to survive, but to thrive.

It is because of these reasons above that we are happy to be a supporter of AshaKiran as they continue their work here in our community.

Regards,

Stephen Gunter

Bridgeworth Community Fund, Chair

Memorandum of Agreement

Between the

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence

And

AshaKiran, Inc.

This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into between the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV) and AshaKiran. To provide services that assist with increasing the capacity of certified domestic violence programs to meet the diverse needs of all survivors of domestic violence.

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement setting forth the services to be provided by the collaboration.

ACADV

The Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a nonprofit advocacy agency that is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. ACADV is committed to creating opportunities for freedom from domestic violence through advocacy, education, and the promotion of social intolerance of abuse. ACADV provides training, technical assistance, public policy and development, and support to domestic violence center programs.

AshaKiran, Inc.

AshaKiran assists immigrant survivors experiencing crises, such as human trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence, throughout Alabama.

AshaKiran focuses on assisting diverse communities in overcoming barriers such as language, cultural or religious stigmas through education, empowerment, and providing culturally-sensitive services.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. Parties

Alabama Coalition Against Rape (ACAR) 334-264-0123 7003 Fulton Court Montgomery, AL 36117

AshaKiran PO Box 1021 Huntsville, AL 35807 256-698-4446

II. Relationships

AshaKiran is one of ACAR's 17-member rape crisis center, providing crucial rape crisis services to victim/survivors in culturally specific counties. They have been an ACAR member since their inception. ACAR and AshaKiran have partnered on a number of projects in this time, including trainings, resource development, and technical assistance.

III. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to provide national-level quality training for law enforcement officers including sexual assault investigators, advocates, and other first responders in culturally specific counties and to encourage the cooperative relationship between advocacy groups and law enforcement in that area, including Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs).

IV. Responsibilities

ACAR agrees to:

- Provide training to Executive Directors on issues relevant to sexual assault agency
 management as well as how to enhance their relationship with law enforcement and how to
 strengthen their multi-disciplinary teams.
- Provide regional training for law enforcement officers, including sexual assault investigators, on enhancing the law enforcement response to sexual assault victim/survivors effectively, serving marginalized populations, and resiliency.
- Develop training flyers for all trainings.
- Provide a registration site for all attendees.
- Provide APOST credits and certificates.
- Provide social work continuing education credits and certificates.
- Provide materials for trainees.

AshaKiran agrees to:

- Promote these trainings within their service area.
- Assist ACAR in procuring training space for in-person trainings in their service area.

"Direct Services is our one-on-one contact with survivors, by shining a ray of hope through collective efforts, together, we transform lives, from humble beginnings to staggering growth, I have witnessed the journey of this exceptional organization and team members. Empowering survivors, spreading awareness, transforming lives. AshaKiran is truly a beacon of hope and support."

~Vanessa Bueno, Director of Operations



AshaLine Services

Direct
services
team
members
have
provided

Month	# Of Calls	# Of Info/referrals	# Of Counseling Support	# Of Advocacy	# Of Language Access Services
January	81	100	21	18	11
February	61	83	13	6	18
March	84	149	23	7	10
April	81	137	17	18	9
May	91	145	23	11	21
June	61	94	18	11	16
July	67	88	11	9	12
August	83	114	7	13	15
September	75	91	5	5	8
October	172	137	19	10	9
November	87	71	7	2	2
Total	943	1209	164	110	131

1,614 **Services**

Victimizations Served

- Adult Physical Assault Adult Sexual Assault Domestic/Family Violence
 Bullying
 - Child Sexual Abuse Sex Trafficking
 - Labor Trafficking Stalking/Harassment



Services		COUNSELING INDIVIDUAL	COUNSELING GROUP	OTHER THERAPY	CRISIS INTERVENTION	OYMENT COUNSELING	SENERAL ADVOCACY	LEGAL ADVOCACY	JUSTICE ADVOCACY	SURVIVOR ADVOCACY	TRANSPORTATION	TION AND REFERRAL	IGHT	MEDICALASSISTANCE	MMIGRATION ASSISTANCE	ANGUAGE SERVICES	MATERIAL ASSISTANCE	FINANCIALASSISTANCE	OTHER
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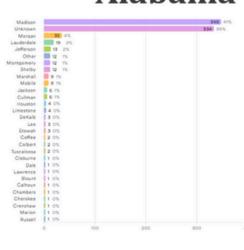
6,305 Services

Counties Served

AshaKiran has served



Counties in Alabama



















ASHAKIRAN FINANCE 2023

"A measure of financial success is when AshaKiran's Direct Service and Outreach teams have the resources to accomplish their goals. Funding cuts or unexpected expenses happen, just the same as an always welcomed donation. This year, providing the support to experience the development of our programs has been a point of pride."

~ Glenn C Sommer, Financial Officer



ASHAKIRAN FOUNDATION 2023

"Our investments are sound and will continue to grow. Adding board members and increasing the sponsorship of the "Ray of Hope" event will put us in a good growth position. The goal is to add a net amount of over fifty thousand dollars a year to the foundation's endowment."

- Nick Lioce, Vice Chair



ASHAKIRAN FINANCE 2023

Totals for 2023:

• Government & Grants: 69%

• COVID-19 related: 19%

• Events & Other: 12%

Highlights:

New funding in 2023:

- \$222,000 Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence for AshaKiran's targeted Outreach
- \$6,000 Bridgeworth Financial for promoting AshaKiran's Outreach initiatives
- \$2,500 Allstate Wellness Initiative for AshaKiran's unrestricted use
- \$2,000 Church of the Nativity, Episcopal for for the children of AshaKiran's Direct Service clients

Received additional funding from the following ongoing sources:

- \$66,000 Alabama Coalition Against Rape's American Rescue Plan
- \$10,000 Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- \$1,000 Alabama Coalition Against Rape's Sexual Assault Service Program

The best thing to report about AshaKiran's finances in 2023 is attaining new funding to offset expected funding losses. Total agency income and expenses were within 2 percent of 2022 totals. Hidden within these totals was AshaKiran providing salary increases to current staff and hiring new staff at competitive wages. This is a considerable achievement with the local high-tech, high-growth labor market.

The biggest favorable benefit to the overall financial picture was the stability at the Leadership level. Unlike previous years, 2023 finance could work on execution instead of building from scratch.

Glenn C Sommer – Finance Director

ASHAKIRAN FINANCE SUMMARY 2023

Consolidated Financial Summary AshaKiran Inc, and The AshaKiran Foundation for Fiscal Year 2023, ending 12-31-2023

Sources (Income):

 AshaKiran, Inc.
 1,118,971

 AshaKiran Foundation
 84,061

 Total Income:
 1,203,032

Uses (Expenses):

 Program Expenses
 1,098,921

 Fund Raising
 9,865

 Administration
 62,280

 Depreciation
 43,234

 Total Expenses:
 1,214,299

Net Income: \$ (11,268)

Net Assets

 AshaKiran, Inc.
 1,426,119

 AshaKiran Foundation
 837,258

 Total Assets:
 2,263,377

Total Liabilities: 6,443

Total Equity: 2,256,934

ASHAKIRAN INFOGRAPHIC 2023

