

## Special Announcement from OAESV's Board of Directors

Rosa Beltré announced as permanent Executive Director

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The Board of Directors of the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) is pleased to announce that Rosa Beltré is the new Executive Director of the organization, effective immediately.

Rosa has been with OAESV since 2013, serving as the Advocacy & Training Director until her appointment as Interim Executive Director in January 2017, when former E.D. Katie Hanna left the organization. Rosa was selected by the Board of Directors following an extensive national search process.

“Rosa possesses exceptional leadership, expertise, and commitment that will propel OAESV forward as a leading organization confronting sexual violence and all forms of oppression,” stated Sharlene Boltz, Board President.

“The Staff of OAESV have thrived under Rosa’s leadership during this transition period,” states Becky Perkins, Communications Director and staff representative to the Board during the Executive Director search process. “We are ecstatic that Rosa is now our permanent E.D. and we are incredibly excited about all that we will accomplish together.”

## Statement from Rosa

“I am honored and humbled to serve OAESV members, staff, board and survivors statewide in a time of tension in so many aspects of culture and society. We are poised to support all the great work of the rape crisis centers in the State of Ohio, to collaborate with different organizations, to provide survivors of sexual assault with a voice and ensure legislative changes that would bring justice to survivors and accountability to perpetrators. OAESV has long been the leader in this area and I look forward to joining such a strong, dedicated and accomplished staff in planning for the future.

It is fantastic to be alive in a time when there is still hope and sense of purpose, we are a catalyst of change, for those of us who believe so deeply in the power of advocacy, connection, prevention, collaboration, conversation and community. This opportunity is also deeply challenging. Our obligation to ourselves, to survivors, the mission, to the movement is to thoughtfully and intentionally find the pivot point for ourselves and for our organization.

I would also like to thank OAESV Board of Directors and amazing staff for showing confidence in my abilities and giving me the opportunity to lead OAESV as the statewide coalition to end sexual assault and oppression.”

### **About the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence**

As Ohio’s statewide sexual assault coalition, OAESV advocates for comprehensive responses and rape crisis services for survivors and empowers communities to prevent sexual violence. Committed to confronting oppression and ending sexual violence, OAESV’s work is guided by a dedicated Board of Directors and carried out by a staff of ten accomplished professionals, with offices in Cleveland and Columbus.



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