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## BARCC Fact Sheet

### About BARCC

The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC) is the only rape crisis center in the Greater Boston area and the oldest and largest center in Massachusetts. Our vision is to end sexual violence through healing and social change.

BARCC was founded in 1973 by a group of women dedicated to building a hotline to answer calls from rape survivors. Today, we are national leaders in providing comprehensive, free rape crisis services including a 24-hour hotline, 24-hour medical advocacy, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy. We also provide community awareness and prevention services through partnerships and training with organizations and communities.

BARCC assists thousands of sexual violence survivors and their families, friends and communities each year, regardless of sex, gender identity, race, physical/developmental disabilities, income, ethnicity, class, religion, or sexual orientation. With the help of our professional staff and more than 100 dedicated volunteers, we serve 29 cities from our offices in Cambridge and Boston. We provide services in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and French, with other languages available upon request.

### BARCC Services

BARCC offers the following **free** and confidential services in Spanish, English, French and Haitian Creole, with other languages available upon request:

- **24-hour hotline crisis counseling.** Our diverse group of trained counselors responds to more than 3,000 callers each year.
- **Individual and group counseling.** BARCC provides individual, short-term counseling as well as ongoing support groups for more than 300 survivors and their families annually.
- **Medical advocacy.** BARCC provides 24-hour, seven-day-a-week hospital emergency room accompaniment for more than 300 victims of sexual assault and their families per year, working with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to care for all of a victim's immediate needs.
- **Legal assistance.** BARCC's legal advocacy program serves 250-300 clients per year, providing consultation and assistance with housing, economic, insurance, and immigration concerns.
- **Case management.** BARCC provides ongoing assistance related to issues that often arise as a result of sexual violence including medical follow-up, immigration, insurance, finances, and housing.
- **Community Awareness and Prevention Services (CAPS).** Staff and volunteers in our CAPS program provide outreach, education, and training to more than 4,000 people each year at local colleges, high schools, middle schools, businesses, public events, professional conferences, and other speaking engagements.

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### **Recent Key Accomplishments**

- April 2008: In partnership with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), BARCC launches a groundbreaking campaign to address inappropriate sexual behavior on Boston-area public transportation (the “T”). The first of its kind in the nation, the campaign is an important step toward preventing sexual crimes on the T and calls on riders, MBTA personnel, and bystanders to participate in making the T safer.
- March 2008: BARCC is named the Groupwork Agency of the Year by the Massachusetts Chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups for the quality and effectiveness of its group counseling programs.
- July 2006: Following several years of collaborative planning, BARCC joins in the opening of the Family Justice Center of Boston (FJCB). The FJCB acts as a central point of contact for individuals and families who have experienced child abuse, sexual assault, and/or domestic violence.
- April 2006: BARCC earns the prestigious Non-Profit of the Year award from the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce for its “superior performance, quality and consistency in pursuit of its mission.”

