

# ANNUAL REPORT FY 2024-2025



## HAVIN (Helping All Victims in Need)

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*The mission of HAVIN is to provide supportive services and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as their significant others; to increase public awareness; and effect critical changes in public policy in response to domestic violence and sexual assault.*

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**I AM NO LONGER ACCEPTING  
THE THINGS I CANNOT  
CHANGE. I AM CHANGING THE  
THINGS I CANNOT ACCEPT.**

– ANGELA DAVIS

# 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

## A Note from the Director

As I review HAVIN's current strategic plan and reflect on the past year, I am reminded that our **vision** is simple in words but complex in reality – **an Armstrong County that is safe and free of violence**. This is the goal we strive toward every day, and though we have much work ahead, we continue to make meaningful progress.

As reflected in this annual report, HAVIN provided services to **932** victim/survivors, offered **3,174** shelter nights, and provided **3,777** hours of counseling. These numbers represent only a portion of the courageous individuals who have reached out for help – countless others continue to live in silence or fear.

While working toward a world free of violence, HAVIN remains steadfast in offering free and confidential services guided by our **core values** of **compassion, respect, equity, and professionalism**. Our dedicated staff show up every day, driven not by compensation, but by commitment – offering every person who calls our crisis hotline or walks through our doors critical support and trauma-informed care. They meet individuals where they are, providing safety, resources, and empowerment to help them make the best decisions for themselves and their families.

I also want to recognize the extraordinary strength of the victims and survivors we serve. The path to safety and healing is not easy – leaving behind the familiar, facing uncertainty, and rebuilding from hardship takes incredible courage and perseverance. Yet, day after day, survivors persist, forging their way toward lives free from violence.

Together – with our staff, partners, volunteers, and community – we will continue to work toward a safer, more compassionate Armstrong County.

Laurie Johns  
Executive Director

## How you can help

If you are interested in helping HAVIN, here are just a few ways you can make a difference:

- Financial donation (any amount is appreciated)
- In-Kind donation (we accept new and gently used items at HAVIN's 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop)
- Building Maintenance (yard work, general maintenance, painting etc.)
- Organize a fundraiser
- Adopt A Family during HAVIN's annual Holiday season gifting
- Spend time at HAVIN's 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop sorting and organizing
- Spread the word - follow and share HAVIN's posts on social media
- Educate yourself - learn about the impact of family violence on our community



## Kay's Cottage Advocacy Center

During FY 24-25, Kay's Cottage received 109 referrals for services, conducted 96 forensic interviews and made 18 medical exam referrals. The types of abuse alleged were sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, drug endangerment and witness to violence. 10 cases had charges filed against the alleged perpetrator. The multidisciplinary investigative team approach to child abuse investigations in Armstrong County remains strong and continues to be a great, trauma-informed benefit to the children and families that we serve.

In September of 2024, we held our 3rd annual SHINE Walk in downtown Kittanning. We had 136 participants over multiple locations in a strong effort to bring awareness to the community that child sexual abuse does happen in our community and to show child victims that there is a strong support system in Armstrong County when they report abuse. Our annual walk continues to grow!

# HAVIN INC FINANCIAL REPORT

| INCOME                       |             | EXPENDITURES         |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| \$1,334,773                  |             | \$1,285,909          |             |
| Federal Financial Assistance | \$639,765   | Program Services     | \$1,069,910 |
| State Financial Assistance   | \$452,571   | Management & General | \$193,945   |
| United Way                   | \$2,465     | Fundraising          | \$22,054    |
| Other                        | \$62,689    |                      |             |
| Donated materials            | \$42,566    |                      |             |
| Individuals & Businesses     | \$84,613    |                      |             |
| HAVIN Foundation Grant       | \$50,000    |                      |             |
| Interest Income              | \$104       |                      |             |
| Total                        | \$1,334,773 |                      | \$1,285,909 |

## HAVIN

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mindy Knappenberger, President

Michelle Young, Vice President

Erin Butler, Treasurer

Karen Brock, Secretary

Louise Baker

Audrey Miller

### HAVIN VOLUNTEERS

NexTier Bank  
AHS Leo Club Students

### HAVIN's 2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Karen Brock  
Maria Diaz Aguayo  
Gara Hidingar  
Jocelyn Pawloski  
Barb Taylor

# HAVIN FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

| INCOME                          |           | EXPENDITURES         |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| \$216,333                       |           | \$212,963            |           |
| Contributions                   | \$11,042  | Program Services     | \$174,619 |
| Contributed nonfinancial assets | \$48,554  | Management & General | \$27,996  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop     | \$86,760  | Fundraising          | \$10,348  |
| Rental income                   | \$14,400  |                      |           |
| Net investment income           | \$28,220  |                      |           |
| Special events                  | \$27,309  |                      |           |
| Interest income                 | \$24      |                      |           |
| Miscellaneous Income            | \$24      |                      |           |
| Total                           | \$216,333 |                      | \$212,963 |

## HAVIN STAFF

Executive Director: **Laurie Johns**  
 Administrative Assistant: **Melissa Whitlinger**  
 Executive Assistant: **Heather DeMeno**  
 Counselor/Advocate: **Sara Thompson/Heather Fink**  
 Medical Advocate: **Mia Airgood**  
 CAC Advocate: **Tia Lukehart**  
 Shelter Supervisor: **Ami Akins**  
 Shelter Counselor/Advocate: **Lynzee Stitt**  
 Shelter Advocates:  
     **Sarah Bureau**  
     **Sarah Booher**  
     **Krystal Dollman**  
     **Shannon Miller**  
     **Madison Wonderling**

## KAY'S COTTAGE STAFF

Executive Director: **Laurie Johns**,  
 Kay's Cottage Manager: **Deana Kirkland**  
 Kay's Cottage Coordinator: **Maggie Conte**

## HAVIN 2<sup>nd</sup> CHANCE SHOP STAFF

Executive Director: **Laurie Johns**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop Manager: **Alice Yanoff**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Shop Cashiers:  
     **Jenna Claypool**  
     **McKenzie Cogley**  
     **Melissa Hawk**

# PROGRAM REVIEW

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

### Counseling:

Clients Served - 644

Counseling Hours - 3,169

### Shelter:

Shelter Clients - 73

Adult Shelter Nights - 2,003

Child Shelter Nights - 1,171

**Hotline Calls – 399**

### Education/Awareness:

Total Programs - 43

Total Reached - 1,206

### Primary Prevention Programs:

Total Programs - 103

Total Reached - 939

### Community Trainings:

Total Trainings - 60

Total Reached - 162



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICE CATEGORIES SEEN THIS FISCAL YEAR

### Victim/Offender Relationships

spouse      other relative      ex-spouse  
 step-parent      **partner**      parent  
 boyfriend/girlfriend      child  
 ex-partner      sibling

### Victimizations

assault      elder abuse      stalking  
 strangulation  
 endangering welfare of children      reckless endangerment  
 harassment      **terroristic threats**  
 aggravated assault

## SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES

### Counseling:

Clients Served - 288

Counseling Hours - 608

**Hotline Calls** - 61

A **Hotline Call** is considered as the first interaction a new client has with HAVIN. Thereafter, it is considered advocacy.

### Education/Awareness:

Total Programs - 44

Total Reached - 1,225

### Primary Prevention:

Total Programs - 103

Total Reached - 1,425

### Community Trainings:

Total Trainings - 58

Total Reached - 558

## SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM SERVICE CATEGORIES SEEN THIS FISCAL YEAR

### Victim/Offender Relationships

acquaintance      step-parent      sibling  
 spouse      **partner**      authority figure  
 parent      other relative      ex-spouse  
**ex-partner**      friend

### Victimizations

strangulation      sexual harassment      sex trafficking  
**sexual assault of children**  
 indecent exposure      indecent assault  
**rape**      incest