



## **In-Session Newsletter**

### **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Today marks **Day 9** of our 2023 Legislative Session. The first week was full of inaugural activities as Governor Kemp, Executive Officers and the 236\* members of the General Assembly were sworn in. The legislature is full of new faces with more women and people of color elected to office than ever before. Week 2 was busy with budget hearings for the “little budget” (the remainder of SFY23). CJCC Director Jay Neal testified before the Public Safety Subcommittee on January 18th and answered questions related to the dwindling deposits from the state victims of crime fund as well as the Federal victims of crime funds which funds VOCA.

#### **GCADV’S 2023 Legislative Priorities**

**Address Confidentiality Program-** As a part of a comprehensive safety plan, an address confidentiality program provides survivors who have recently located, with a substitute address because they fear future harm.

**Safe Time-** This bill would require employers to allow survivors to take time away from work to attend to the consequences of abuse including obtaining judicial or legal assistance, counseling, meeting with a domestic or sexual violence program or change residence.

**Increase in the State Allocation for DV Shelters-** An increase in the state’s allocation for certified DV shelters would bring the state’s allocation up from 30% to 50% and off-set VOCA cuts over the next 2-3years.

#### **Stand With Survivors Days**

We are back in person! This year Stand With Survivors Days will be held the 13th and 14th of February. Starting with a virtual Advocacy 101 training February 13th from 10:00-11:30am and Kicking-off our Lobby Day on Feb.14th from 9-10:30am at Central Presbyterian Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

**REGISTER FOR STAND WITH  
SURVIVORS DAY HERE**

\* 236 members- There are still several vacant seats in the General Assembly. Run-off elections are in progress.