



Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence  
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Virginia's leading voice on sexual and  
intimate partner violence  
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## PROMOTING REPRODUCTIVE & SEXUAL HEALTH FOR SURVIVORS IN VIRGINIA

HB 2120, SB 1334/HB 2207, HB 2369, SB 1451/HB 2491

### WE SUPPORT:

- Repealing TRAP restrictions and removing medically-unnecessary requirements placed upon survivors seeking abortion care;
- Enshrining the right to bodily autonomy and reproductive choice in Virginia law; and
- Establishing a paid family and medical leave program in Virginia for parenting survivors.

## OUR POSITION

The Action Alliance supports full access to non-judgmental, safe, legal, affordable, and medically accurate sexual and reproductive health care for all survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence. We support full access to prevention education and services that promote sexual and reproductive health and wellness across the lifespan, including policies that promote a trauma-informed approach to sexual and reproductive coercion and violence when it occurs and seek to reestablish autonomy, safety, and empowerment for all survivors of violence.

## TALKING POINTS

- A person's sexual and reproductive health are directly impacted by experiences of sexual and intimate partner violence. Because acts of violence serve to remove power and agency from individuals, informed consent is imperative for treating survivors. Allowing survivors to make informed decisions regarding their care is an empowering step toward recovery.
- All too often, survivors have the burden of addressing the possibility of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy and/or infertility, and other sexual and reproductive health issues. Access to sexual and reproductive health care is critical to recovering from the trauma of sexual and intimate partner violence—and that access must include options for all people regardless of income, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, ability, or age. A survivor of sexual violence who is pregnant must be able to make decisions about whether to end a pregnancy, choose adoption, or raise a child. As part of that process, they should have access to non-judgmental, safe, legal, affordable, and medically accurate information and care, without pressure or added burdens.
- Evidence consistently indicates that access to medically accurate and patient-centered sexual and reproductive health and wellness education and services has many positive outcomes, including reduced rates of unintended pregnancies in teens and adults, early detection of treatable infection, and a lifetime incidence of lower sexual risk-taking and lower rates of relationship violence.