



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



ВЕБОВТ АНИМАЛ 2024

FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on 2024, I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together to advance campus safety nationwide. This year was marked by significant milestones, groundbreaking advocacy, and continued dedication to our mission of creating safer learning environments for all students.

The most defining achievement of 2024 was the passage of the Stop Campus Hazing Act, a historic federal law that requires greater transparency, accountability, and prevention efforts to address hazing on college campuses. This landmark legislation, which strengthens the newly renamed Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, is the direct result of years of advocacy from families, organizations, and lawmakers committed to ending hazing-related harm. Clery Center played a vital role in shaping the bill's language, securing endorsements from over 50 national organizations, and facilitating countless meetings between advocates and legislators. This victory is a testament to the power of collaboration and the unwavering determination of families who turned their grief into action.

Beyond our legislative efforts, Clery Center continued to serve as a national leader in campus safety education and awareness. In 2024, we hosted and participated in 13 national speaking engagements, conferences, and summits, reaching thousands of campus safety professionals and advocates. We also expanded our community engagement with the launch of our Individual Membership tier, providing more opportunities for campus safety professionals to connect, learn, and collaborate.

One of our most impactful initiatives this year was the release of *Staying Safe on Campus: A Guide for Families*, a free resource designed to help families navigate campus safety. With over 530 downloads from individuals and institutions, it has already proven to be an essential tool for parents and students seeking to make informed decisions about safety on campus. Additionally, we launched our first-ever State of the Field survey, gathering valuable insights from campus safety professionals to help shape the future of our work.

We also saw tremendous engagement during our annual National Campus Safety Awareness Month Virtual Summit, which brought together nearly 900 registrants for expert-led discussions on the most pressing safety issues facing higher education. This event continues to be a cornerstone of our outreach efforts, fostering important conversations and equipping campus professionals with the knowledge and tools they need to support their communities.

As we look ahead to 2025, we remain committed to expanding our impact, advocating for meaningful change, and providing resources that empower institutions, families, and students. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, board members, partners, and supporters. Thank you for being part of this journey with us. Together, we are building a future where every student can pursue their education in a safe and supportive environment.

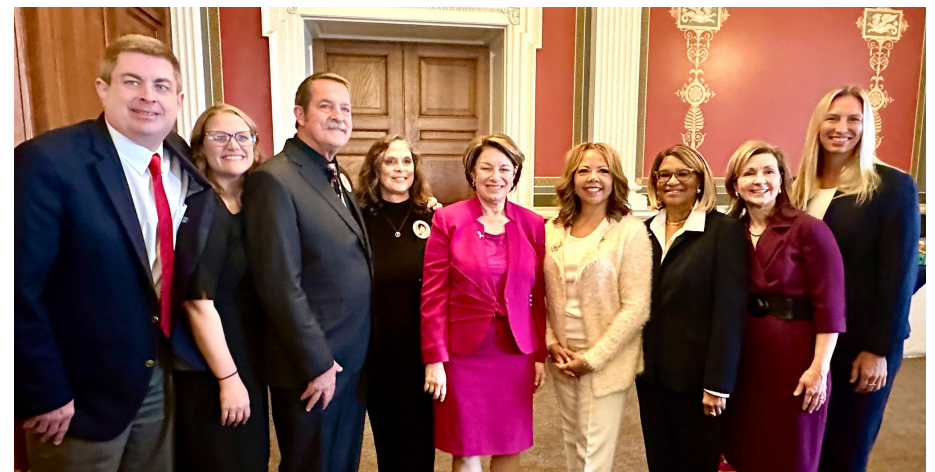
With gratitude,

Sheilah Vance

Sheilah D. Vance, Esq.

Chairperson

Clery Center Board of Directors



L-R: S. Daniel Carter, Abigail Boyer, Gary DeVercelly, Julie DeVercelly, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Representative Lucy McBath, Sheilah D. Vance, Esq., Dr. Elizabeth Allan, and Meredith Stewart celebrating the passage of the Stop Campus Hazing Act.

A VICTORY FOR CAMPUS SAFETY: THE JOURNEY TO PASSING THE STOP CAMPUS HAZING ACT

On December 23, 2024, President Biden signed the Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA) into law—a historic moment in the ongoing effort to protect students and prevent hazing on college campuses. This groundbreaking legislation amended the newly renamed Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act and will ensure greater transparency and accountability in addressing hazing nationwide. Its passage represents years of dedicated advocacy, collaboration, and resilience from families, lawmakers, and organizations committed to making campuses safer. SCHA will ensure that students and families have access to critical safety information, empowering them to make informed decisions and fostering a campus culture that prioritizes student well-being.

The Beginnings of a Movement

The push for federal anti-hazing legislation began long before the introduction of SCHA. Families who lost loved ones to hazing—including our own board members, Gary and Julie DeVercellys—have worked for years to ensure that no other family experiences the same devastating loss.

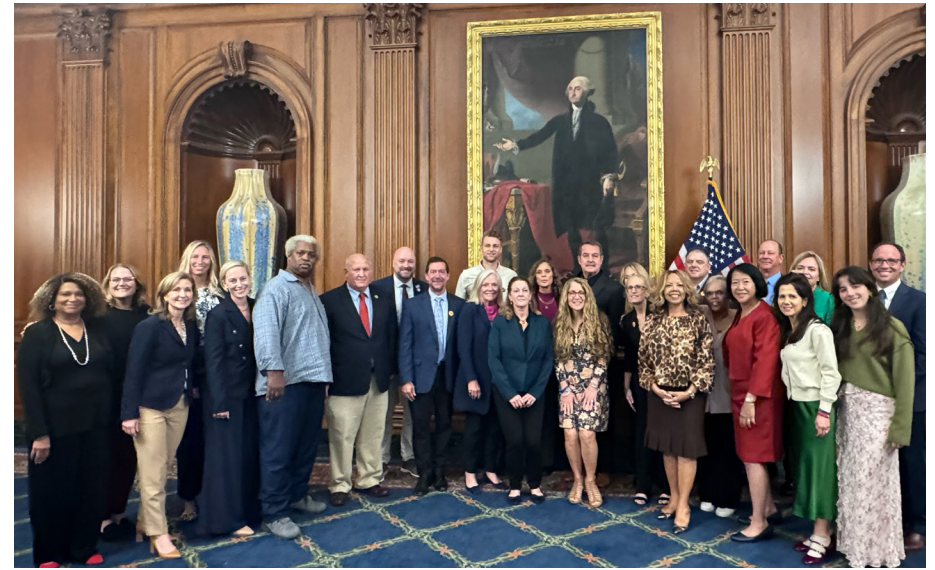


Representative Lucy McBath shakes hands with the DeVercellys after SCHA successfully passed through the House Education and Workforce Committee on September 11, 2024.

Clery Center's Role in Advancing the Legislation

From the beginning, Clery Center played a critical role in shaping and advancing this legislation. We worked alongside lawmakers, families, and other advocates to ensure that the bill would be both effective and enforceable. Clery Center helped write portions of

the bill, met with over 100 legislators to provide our expertise on the Clery Act and hazing prevention, and created opportunities for families affected by hazing to share their stories directly with lawmakers, demonstrating the urgent need for reform.



Legislators, advocates, and families gather for a celebratory photo after the Stop Campus Hazing Act passed the House of Representatives on September 24, 2024.

Bipartisan Leadership and Legislative Progress

The Stop Campus Hazing Act gained strong bipartisan support thanks to the leadership of Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Representatives Lucy McBath (D-GA) and Jeff Duncan (R-SC). These lawmakers championed the bill through Congress, recognizing the need for greater hazing transparency and prevention.

What Comes Next?

While the passage of SCHA is a tremendous victory, the work is far from over. Clery Center remains committed to supporting institutions as they implement these new requirements and continuing advocacy efforts to strengthen campus safety protections.

This legislation is more than just policy—it's a tribute to the students lost to hazing and a testament to the families, advocates, and lawmakers who refused to let their stories be forgotten. Together, we have made campuses safer, and together, we will keep pushing for a future where no student's life is cut short by hazing.

Learn more about the passage of SCHA and hazing education and prevention on our website at: clerycenter.org/hazing

2024 CLERY ACT STATE OF THE FIELD: KEY INSIGHTS

The Clery Act State of the Field survey, conducted in summer 2024, is the first national benchmarking survey aimed at understanding Clery Act implementation in higher education institutions.

Survey Overview

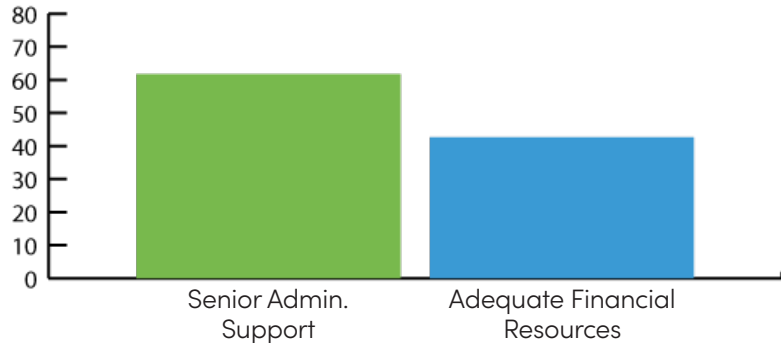
Over 500 individuals participated, representing diverse institutions such as public and private universities, community colleges, and residential colleges. Respondents primarily worked in law enforcement, Clery Act compliance, and Title IX compliance.

Key Findings

1. Institutional Support Gaps

61.7% of respondents agreed senior administration supports Clery Act efforts, but only 42.6% said adequate financial resources are allocated.

Institutional Support vs. Financial Resource Allocation



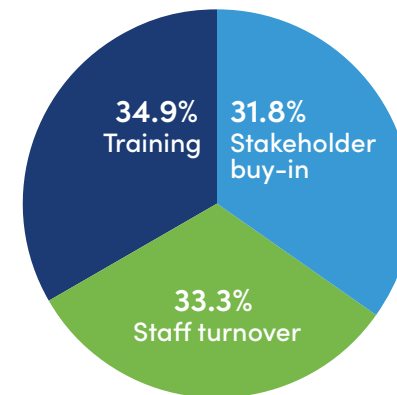
Many Clery Act coordinators balance multiple responsibilities, with only 35% dedicating 80–100% of their time to compliance.

2. Safety & Prevention as Priorities

Prevention education (60.2%), timely warnings (57.8%), and emergency notifications (55.2%) are seen as critical to improving safety.

Many institutions lack consistency in implementing safety measures due to staffing and budget constraints.

Top Challenges to Clery Act Compliance



3. Staffing and Training Needs

The top challenges to compliance are training (47.8%), staff turnover (45.6%), and stakeholder buy-in (43.6%).

Institutions need dedicated Clery Act budgets, personnel, and training to improve compliance.

4. Best Practices & Institutional Collaboration

Many institutions have compliance practices in place, including campus security authority training (69%) and decision matrices for timely warnings (60.7%).

Institutions can strengthen their Clery Act programs by sharing best practices and learning from one another.

Moving Forward

To enhance campus safety and Clery Act compliance, institutions must prioritize administrative support, invest in training and resources, and foster collaboration. By addressing these challenges, colleges and universities can build stronger, safer communities.

This survey was made possible by Clery Center and our partners: Dolores Stafford & Associates, Grand River Solutions, Healy+, and the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals.

Read our full executive summary and see all of the State of the Field data at: clerycenter.org/2024-clery-field-survey

2024 REACH

MEMBERSHIP:



53
NEW MEMBER
INSTITUTIONS
202
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS

Clery Center received over

62,900

views on our blog in 2024, on topics such as Title IX, Clery Act program reviews, and the Stop Campus Hazing Act journey. Visit it at clerycenter.org/blog.

PROGRAMS:

As a technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women Campus Grant Program, we reached over

1,300

grantees via in-person and virtual trainings & webcasts.

We also reached over

3,300

registrants with Clery Center's free programs.

"[The Clery Center team] are knowledgeable and do everything they can to help make a sometimes difficult law to understand more practical."

—
2024 Member Survey Respondent

2024 CAMPUS SAFETY IMPACT AWARD WINNER

The C.P.R. in Action Initiative at Sewanee: The University of the South was the winner of our 2024 Campus Safety Impact Award. The award highlights a program or initiative at an institution of higher education that demonstrates innovation, collaboration, and equity in enhancing safety on campus. Our National Advisory Council and selection committee considered many strong applications from colleges and universities across the country.

The C.P.R. in Action Initiative is a comprehensive program that integrates three key components – Compliance, Prevention, and Resources – to address sexual violence and improve the overall safety and well-being of all students.

Learn more about the Impact Award and 2024's winner on our website at: clerycenter.org/impact-award

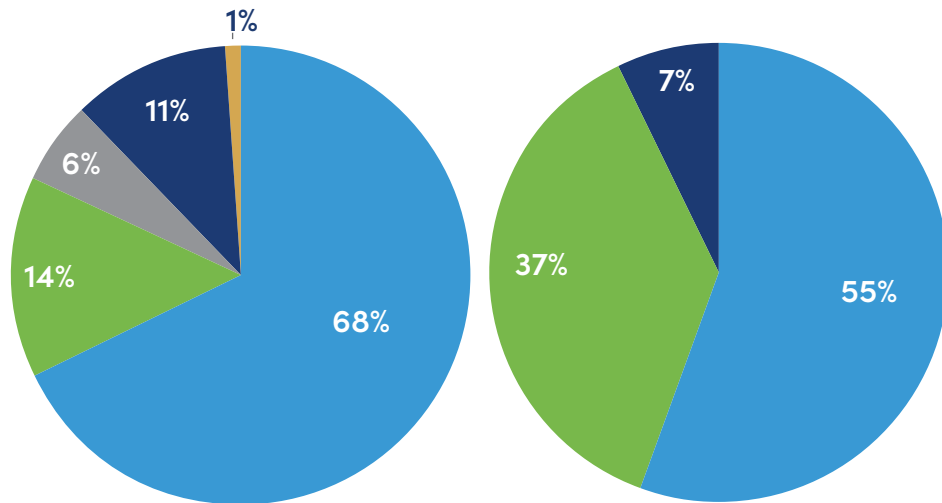


Award Finalists:

Fire & Life Safety – The University of Texas at Dallas: Dedicated to educating the campus community about fire hazards, encouraging all community members to be proactive about reporting potential issues and learning how to use extinguishers.

Utah Campus Safety Summit – University of Utah: Bringing together campus communities from around the state to explore important and relevant topics affecting campus safety for all users, explore future trends, and discuss new approaches to campus safety that are making a difference.

2024 FINANCIALS



REVENUES

68%	Membership Fees
14%	Program Fees/Pub. Sales
6%	Federal Grants
11%	Contributions
1%	Investment

EXPENSES

55%	Program Expenses
37%	Management & Operating
7%	Fundraising

Total estimated revenues for fiscal year 2024 were \$1,341,798 while estimated expenses totaled \$1,405,585. Please note that revenue and expenses are estimates and subject to change pending a final audit in 2025. More information about the Center, including a copy of our most recent audited financial statements and Form 990, can be found on our website at clerycenter.org.

Platinum
Transparency
2024

Candid.

Clery Center is pleased to have once again earned a Platinum Transparency Seal from Candid, representing our commitment to financial transparency.

For more information about Candid's transparency seals, please visit candid.org.

OUR MISSION:

Working together with college and university communities to create safer campuses.

WHAT WE DO:

We are a national nonprofit dedicated to helping college and university officials meet the standards of the Jeanne Clery Act. By equipping professionals with the training and resources they need to understand compliance requirements, we strive to make campus safety a universal reality.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

We were thrilled to welcome two new team members in 2024!



Simone Dixon

Assistant Director of
Programs – Campus Grant



Megan Hayes

Program Coordinator



“The best education
in the world is useless
if a student doesn’t
survive with a healthy
mind and body.”

—

Connie & Howard Clery
Clery Center Founders