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LaFASA Welcomes New Executive Director Rafael de Castro



September 7, 2016, Baton Rouge, LA. – Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA) is excited to announce new Executive Director Rafael de Castro. Mr. de Castro will officially join the LaFASA team on September 19th.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Rafael de Castro has worked in Business Development and Non-Profit Management for the last 31 years. Before joining LaFASA he served as the Executive Director of Youth Oasis, a nonprofit agency that primarily operates a Homeless Shelter for youth ages 10-17 years old.

During his time at Youth Oasis, Rafael was responsible for a complete transformation of the agency resulting in a 170% increase in provided bed-nights and the development of the gulf coast region's first Transitional Living Program for LGBTQ homeless youth ages 16-21. In a previous role as Executive Director of the National Independent Nursery Furniture Association, he worked to ensure safer sleeping environments for infants by serving as a member of the CPSC Infant Bedding Task Force Committee and participating in ASTM subcommittees to establish the ASTM Consumer Safety Specifications for Full-Size Baby Cribs (F1169).

According to Rafael: "LaFASA and its member agencies already do an amazing job providing supportive services, advocacy, and prevention education throughout most of Louisiana but we are faced with an immediate need to expand those services across the entire state. We must insure that all sexual assault survivors have access to reliable and quality local services."

Rafael is a Louisiana native and excited to lead the LaFASA team. For more information on LaFASA, please visit www.lafasa.org.

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About LaFASA

Our mission is to work toward the elimination of sexual violence through program support, education, and social change. LaFASA was founded in 1982 to offer support advocates, victims and survivors of sexual assault. It is a private nonprofit coalition made up 13 sexual assault crisis centers, as well as other agencies and individuals concerned about sexual violence.