

2025

POLITICAL, LEGAL, SOCIAL

NCSF

national coalition for sexual freedom

IMPACT REPORT





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Overview of the 2025 NCSF Impact Plan

NCSF has strategic goals designed to better serve our communities and deliver value to our constituency. This report, along with our 2025 Annual Report, documents our work, our goals, and our progress towards sexual freedom. The Board and Coalition Partners will be determining our goals for 2026 at our Annual Meeting.

NCSF Mission Statement

The NCSF is committed to creating a political, legal, and social environment in the US that advances equal rights for consenting adults who engage in alternative sexual and relationship expressions. The NCSF aims to advance the rights of, and advocate for consenting adults in the BDSM-Leather-Fetish, Swing, and Polyamory Communities. We pursue our vision through direct services, education, advocacy, and outreach, in conjunction with our partners, to directly benefit these communities.

OUR 2025 GOALS



KEY 2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

Goal #1: SPREAD THE WORD

Goal #1 Spread The Word		
Strategy	Details	Progress
# 1	Create a Committee under Media Outreach that focuses on promotion.	COMPLETED
# 2	Increase presence at smaller local events.	IN PROGRESS
# 3	Remove barriers to the liaison program and increase local representation.	IN PROGRESS
#4	Educate more professionals to reduce stigma and discrimination.	In Progress

While NCSF does great work every year, we are often not very good at broadcasting the work we do and the resources we offer. In 2025, we set a goal to improve.

SPOTLIGHT OF SPREADING THE WORD

- [NCSF announcement list on Constant Contact](#) – 7,856 (+12) contacts
- [Facebook](#) – 2025 Pageviews 200,365 / 7,554 Followers (+708)
- [Instagram](#) – 4,257 Followers (+457)
- [NCSF Profile on FetLife](#) – 2,070 Followers (+745)
- [NCSF News on FetLife](#) – 7,138 Members (+286)
- [Consent Counts on FetLife](#) – 3,260 Members (+20)
- [TikTok](#) – 1,651 Followers (+381)
- [YouTube](#) – 467 Views (-54%)

Goal #1 SPREAD THE WORD

Spread the Word: The PR Committee

The PR Committee manages NCSF's social media by raising awareness of NCSF and providing education about our projects and consent to enhance our presence and be more effective in broadcasting our information.

The PR Committee falls under the Media Outreach Program, which does media advocacy for kink and non-monogamy groups, events, and individuals on request.

Increase our Presence at smaller local events.

Consent Counts Tablers

We created a Tabling Training for Consent Counts committee members so members can attend local/regional events to distribute information about consent and Consent Counts:

- o [Consent Counts Tabling Training](#) on the tabling Page

Educate more professionals to reduce stigma and discrimination.

NCSF increased our professional events by 42%.

- Legal
- Law Enforcement
- Mental Health
- Medical

Goal #2:

Fight Discrimination

Fight Discrimination: The Freedom and Privacy Project

As we continue to fight Sexually Oriented Business Ordinances and the myth of Adverse Secondary Effects, we have come to realize that more education and activism in our community is necessary.

We have created the [Freedom and Privacy Project](#), dedicated to protecting our groups and clubs from administrative and judicial discrimination.

6 private membership clubs needed assistance dealing with local authorities trying to apply or create “Sexually Oriented Business” regulations to shut them down.

Fight Discrimination: Administrative Discrimination

NCSF helped 7 groups with media reports about the legality of their existence.

Attacks on private membership clubs took many forms. NCSF created resources for licensing, zoning, building code, health department, and criminal complaints.

SPOTLIGHT OF HOW NCSF FOUGHT DISCRIMINATION

MUNICIPALITIES OFTEN INVOKE LOCAL OR STATE ORDINANCES THAT ARE SELECTIVELY APPLIED TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST OUR GATHERING PLACES.

SOME OF THOSE INCLUDE: SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS ORDINANCES, HEALTH CODES, ZONING, OCCUPANCY, FIRE, VICE LAWS, AND PUBLIC NUISANCE LAWS.

NCSF HAS PRESENTED “KEY CONCEPTS FOR CLUBS” AT MAJOR CONFERENCES TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE RISKS.

Goal #3 Offer Direct Services

NCSF CONSULTS AND HOLDS TRAINING FOR GROUPS, CLUBS, AND EVENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND REGULATORY ISSUES, REFERRING PROFESSIONALS WHEN NECESSARY.

Goal #3: Offer Direct Services		
Strategy	Details	Progress
# 1	Consent reporting policies & procedures	Ongoing
# 2	Training to prepare for local authorities to visit	Ongoing
# 3	Guidance on kink education for college campuses	Ongoing
# 4	Media training	Ongoing
# 5	Feedback on administrative policies	Ongoing

SPOTLIGHT OF DIRECT SERVICES

INSPECTIONS BY AUTHORITIES ARE INEVITABLE; OUR GROUPS, CLUBS, AND EVENTS NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THEM. WE HELPED 20 GROUPS, CLUBS, AND EVENTS PREPARE FOR THIS INEVITABILITY.

AT ANY MOMENT, THE MEDIA MAY BECOME INTERESTED IN OUR GATHERING PLACES. NCSF HELPS GROUPS WITH MEDIA TRAINING BECAUSE KNOWING HOW TO RESPOND IN INTERVIEWS IS IMPORTANT TO PROTECTING OURSELVES.

Goal #3

Offer Direct Services



HIGHLIGHT OF DIRECT SERVICES:

Consent Reporting Policies & Procedures

IN RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENCY, NCSF CONSULTED WITH AND TRAINED MORE THAN 50 GROUPS, CLUBS AND EVENTS.

HIGHLIGHT OF DIRECT SERVICES:

FEEDBACK ON ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

Often, groups will approach NCSF for help with organization, administrative, and regulatory fitness. NCSF responds to those requests with our experience and the advice provided by professionals. NCSF will consult with groups, clubs, and events, and refer appropriate professionals when necessary.

Goal #4:

Create Resources in Response to Needs

Goal #4 Create Resources in Response to Needs		
Strategy	Strategy Details	Progress
# 1	Help law enforcement understand our communities	Continuing
# 2	Educate on the dangers and liabilities of erotic choking	Ongoing
# 3	Help our communities avoid liability by using self-help rather than seeking professional guidance	Ongoing

NOTABLE 2025 IRR STATS

- 43 REPORTS (COMPARED TO 69 IN 2024) FROM PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCED A CRIME:
 - 11 OF THOSE PEOPLE (24%) REPORTED THE CRIME TO THE POLICE
 - 5 REPORTS (11%) OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF CRIMINAL CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS
 - 7 PEOPLE (16%) REPORTED THEY HAD AN ORDER OF PROTECTION
- 6 PEOPLE NEEDED A REFERRAL TO A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR MEDIATOR REGARDING AN INTERPERSONAL DISPUTE

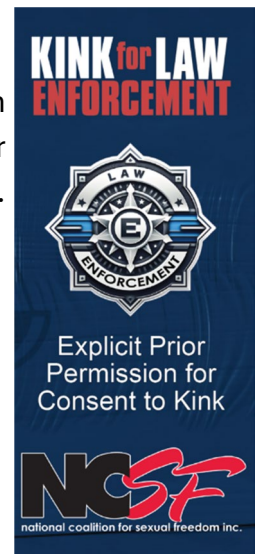
[HTTPS://NCSFREEDOM.ORG/2026/01/15/2025-INCIDENT-REPORTING-RESPONSE-REPORT/](https://ncsfreedom.org/2026/01/15/2025-incident-reporting-response-report/)

Highlight of New Resources: Help Law Enforcement Understand Our Communities

Law enforcement is not our enemy, but a lack of education sometimes creates an adversarial relationship. NCSF focused on creating resources to strengthen our community's relationship with law enforcement.



The Law Enforcement Brochure on Explicit Prior Permission and the Wallet Card for Dealing with Police were created to help everyone communicate more effectively.



In addition, NCSF attended two (2) conferences which supported this goal, 2025 Female Survivors of Violence Conference, and the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology.

Goal #4

Create Resources in Response to Needs

Highlight of New Resources: Educate On the Dangers and Liabilities of Erotic Choking

Erotic Choking (legally known as strangulation) is not only illegal in all 50 States under case law, but it is also medically dangerous and carries a tremendous amount of liability for those who engage in the practice.

The NCSF worked diligently to educate our communities and professionals on the dangers of this practice.

Survey: NCSF conducted a survey with UNC Charlotte to ask about beliefs and attitudes toward sexual choking, as well as about specific experiences of those who have engaged in choking. NCSF will use these results to advocate for our communities. For example, NCSF will give the results to law enforcement, prosecutors, and health care professionals so they can better understand the experiences of kinky people and provide better quality service.

NCSF will also provide club owners and event producers with this information so they can understand the dynamics of sexual choking that happen, and thereby take steps to create a better environment for their members.

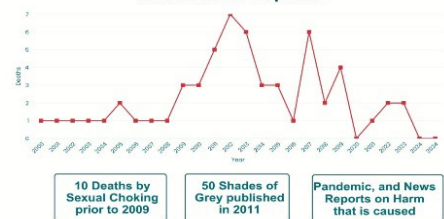
Report: [Deaths from Sexual Choking: A review of U.S. News Reports \(2000-2025\)](#)

Resource: [Is Erotic Choking Legal?](#) With a state-by-state guide.

Education: NCSF also presented about the dangers of erotic choking at:

- The National Sex Ed Conference.
- The American Psychological Association.
- The Society for Police and Criminal Psychologists.

Table 1: Year and Number of Deaths Caused by Sexual Choking in U.S. News Reports



Goal #5

Strengthen Our Communities

Goal #5 Strengthen Our Communities		
Strategy	Strategy Details	Progress
# 1	Ombuds template	COMPLETE
# 2	Anti-discrimination policies	COMPLETE
# 3	Attorney and Mediation referrals	ONGOING
# 4	Help victim advocacy agencies	ONGOING
# 5	Research	ONGOING

Highlight of Attorney and Mediation Referrals

NCSF makes dozens of attorney and mediation referrals each year. Self-help is no substitute for appropriate professional guidance. For instance, failing to hire a professional mediator can significantly hinder the resolution process, leading to increased conflict, ineffective communication, power imbalances, and long-term negative consequences.

Engaging a mediator can provide the necessary structure, neutrality, and expertise to facilitate a more constructive dialogue and achieve a satisfactory resolution for all parties involved.

[The Kink and Polyamory Aware Professionals lists 44 professional mediators.](#)

Highlight of Strengthening Our Community: Ombuds

Often NCSF takes reports of issues with the management of our Groups, Clubs, and Events.

NCSF shares our Ombuds policies and processes with groups as a model for how people can safely report those in authority without fear or retaliation.

Goal #5

Strengthen Our Communities

Highlight of Strengthening Our Community: Anti-discrimination Policy

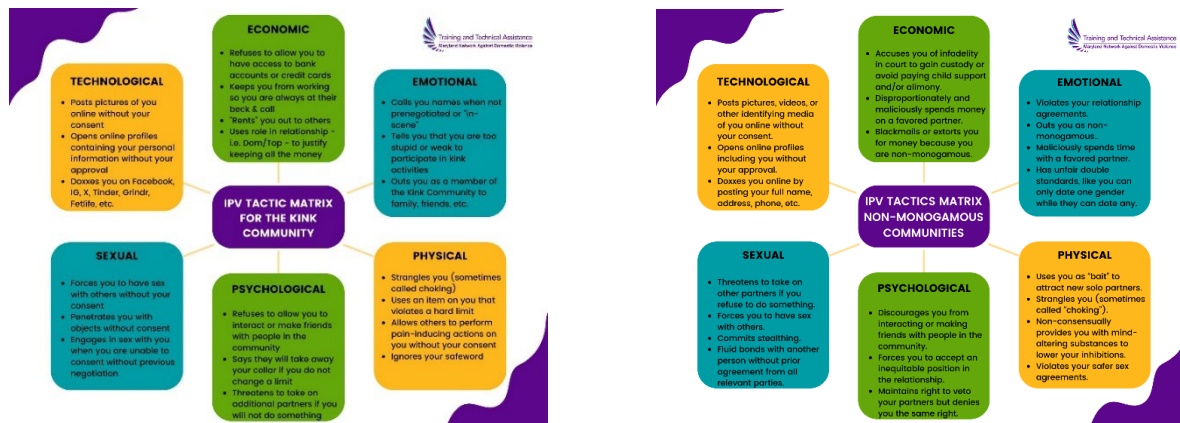
NCSF helps groups, clubs, and events be more inclusive by creating policies that protect their members from discrimination and shield groups from liability.

[Creating Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment](#)

Highlight of Strengthening Our Community: IPV Tactics Matrixes

NCSF worked with the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence to create two new Interpersonal Violence Tactics Matrixes:

- [IPV Tactics Matrix for the Non-monogamy Community](#)
- [IPV Tactics Matrix for the Kink Community](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON: Create Resources in Response to Needs

- HELP OUR COMMUNITIES AVOID LIABILITY BY USING SELF-HELP RATHER THAN SEEKING PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE.
 - IRR SAW A PATTERN OF GROUPS SENDING THEIR OWN CEASE-AND-DESIST LETTERS RATHER THAN HIRING AN ATTORNEY. WHILE YOU DO NOT ALWAYS NEED AN ATTORNEY, THERE ARE RISKS AND DANGERS. WE CREATED A RESOURCE ON [DEFAMATION AND CEASE-AND-DESIST](#).
 - CONSENT COUNTS SAW A NEED TO UPDATE OUR [IS THIS ASSAULT?](#) FAQ TO ASSIST PEOPLE