

Celebrating 30 years!

For the last 30 years, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) has been Kansas's leading voice on sexual and domestic violence. We enhance response and prevention efforts through training, public policy advocacy, public awareness programs, and support to professionals and local crisis centers.

When women came together in the 1970's across Kansas, and across the country, the tears that they were crying became a powerful force for change, leading to the first rape crisis centers and the first battered women's shelters – places where it was safe to cry, with dignity and without shame.

Here in Kansas those women began to work in coalition to raise public awareness, to create laws, and to bring about the change that would bring an end to sexual and domestic violence. Two coalitions, the Kansas Organization of Sexual

Assault and the Kansas Association of Domestic Violence Programs, were formally organized in 1982, later merging to create KCSDV in order to have a collective voice at the State level. Today the Coalition serves as the voice of the 29 organizations providing direct services to victims of sexual and domestic violence and their families.

Now a generation is being raised by women and men who have grown up in a world where many survivors of sexual and domestic violence have had support and help in the healing process, rebuilding their lives, and in seeking legal remedies and protection. This generation of young adults has an expectation that their communities will respond effectively and appropriately with children, youth, and adults who have been affected by sexual and domestic violence. They believe in the possibility of change and as a result they expect support for prevention initiatives that

can ultimately reduce the levels of violence that have been epidemic for years. In their intimate relationships and their relationships with family, friends, and strangers in their communities they seek both respect...and joy.

While sexual and domestic violence survivors and local shelters and crisis centers have made great strides toward the goal of a Kansas free of violence, the recession and cuts in government budgets pose major challenges. Demand for services has increased, while funding has shrunk. Situations are more complicated and more lethal for those seeking services.

We know that grassroots sexual and domestic violence programs don't have the time or resources to face these challenges alone. The Coalition allows all Kansans working to end violence to join forces, making our work stronger, smarter, and more effective.

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It's a bold goal. And it will take all of us working together to get there.

By supporting KCSDV, you ensure that:

- Sexual and domestic violence staff in Kansas is connected to each other and to public policy initiatives.
- Professionals have access to the expert knowledge they need to make sure their work increases safety for victims.
- Kansas sexual and domestic violence staff is part of a State and National network that is building alliances with law enforcement groups and others who have the power to make a difference in the lives of victims and their children.
- The voice of Kansas sexual and domestic violence professionals is heard in the media, reaching the public with their message about the need to end violence now.
- All those working to end sexual and domestic violence can share best practices, staying informed and inspired.

Tell everyone you know:

For every victim that receives services, countless others are in need or don't know that help is available.

- 3 out of 5 victims in Kansas don't know that help is available to them.
- In Kansas, one rape is reported to law enforcement every eight hours.
- 31% of Kansas homicides were domestic violence related.
- 70% of police calls are for domestic violence

It's someone you know.

Why should I care?

The next time you're in a room with 6 people, think about this:

1 in 4 women experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes.

1 in 3 teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year.

1 in 6 women are survivors of sexual assault.

1 in 5 men have experienced some form of sexual victimization in their lives.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men were sexually abused before the age of 18.

These are not numbers.

They're our mothers, girlfriends, brothers, sisters, children, co-workers, and friends.

They're the person you confide in most at work, the guy you play basketball with, the people in your book club, your poker buddy, your teenager's best friend – or your teen, herself.

The silence and shame must end for good.

"I wanted to say "Thank you" for all you have done to help me. Like I said before, I never imagined myself in this position. If it wasn't for people like you helping and guiding women of abuse I cannot imagine how things would end up for most. This is the worst and scariest thing I have ever faced and I was lost. The legal system is a maze. Not only that, but it is hard to share your personal life with strangers. Especially under the circumstances. I greatly appreciated your professionalism, sincerity and words of encouragement. I felt like I wasn't alone and someone believed me. If there is anything I can do to contribute to the KCSDV please let me know. I want to give back so you can continue doing the work you do. You are making a difference and I want to make sure you are able to continue doing so. Thank you!!"

Each year in Kansas:

- Law enforcement receives 23,828 domestic violence calls
- Nearly 25,000 victims are served
- Over 44,000 crisis counseling hours are provided
- Over 23,000 crisis hotline calls are answered

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence is a part of the solution for these women, children and families by providing public awareness information, training professionals and victim services staff, publishing best practice materials, and ensuring the safety and quality of services by setting standards and accrediting programs.

We are not just a good cause. A good business partner.

Summary of National Data:

Costs of Sexual and Domestic Violence and Stalking

- The mean medical care cost per incident assault is \$548. Of the 53,000 Kansans who call police or receive services from programs – this is over 29 million dollars annually.
- In Kansas on average there are 1100 rapes reported to police each year.
 - » If each of these victims receives a forensic exam, which costs \$725.00, this is an additional cost to Kansans of \$797,500.00.
 - » The average rape cost \$5100.00, resulting in a cost of \$5,610,000.00 to Kansans per year.
- Cost of DV is nearly 67 billion per year, roughly 15% total US crime cost, rape is an additional 127 billion.

It is clear that violence against women places a significant social and economic burden on society. Reducing violence not only makes good community sense, it makes good economic sense.

The campaign focuses on four areas: **Training and Expert Advice** for staff and allies, **Safety and Security for Victims and their Children**, **Legal Crisis Intervention** and **Vulnerable Population Support**.

Impact Lives by Supporting Training and Expert Advice

KCSDV develops training curricula and provides training for professionals across the entire spectrum, including the criminal justice system, advocates, law enforcement officers, 911 dispatchers, prosecutors, probation and parole offi-

► **A donation of \$10,000 would cover the cost of 1 professional attending a training.**

cers, child welfare workers, nurses, doctors, social workers, teachers, mental health professionals, employers, and others who come in contact with victims. Trainings not only educate sexual and domestic violence staff, but improves, response time. Your donation will support these efforts.

KCSDV offers approximately 100 trainings per year, training close to 4000 sexual and domestic violence allies.

Examples of trainings offered by KCSDV staff annually include the following:

Protection Orders and Law Enforcement Training

Done in conjunction with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center and provide members of the law enforcement community the knowledge and skills required in their roles to facilitate the effectiveness of protection orders as a safety tool for victims of domestic

and sexual violence and stalking through proper enforcement of those orders.

Applying Trauma-Informed Practices to Working with Adult Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Provides social workers, health care professionals, attorneys, mental health professionals, homeless shelter professionals, victim services professionals, and other helping professionals working with sexual assault and domestic violence victims an opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills to reduce trauma and improve victim recovery.

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/SAFE as a Witness in Sexual Assault Cases

Develops skills for quality testimony in sexual assault criminal cases, including testimony preparation, understanding the science in order to provide accurate testimony, and practicing the basic tenets of communicating knowledge to judges and juries.

Improving Coordinated Community Response and SART Development and Sustainability

Provides victim services program executive directors with information about CCR and SART development and sustainability, including team development, motivation and focus.

SANE/SART 40-Hour Course

KCSDV is an approved provider of

continuing nursing and legal education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and the Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission, allowing nurses and attorneys to receive continuing education credits. Nurses completing this course often become certified sexual assault nurse examiners. The course topics include sexual violence dynamics & prevalence, collection and preservation of evidence, conducting the sexual assault forensic exam using the Kansas Bureau of Investigation sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit, anatomy identification, identification of common injuries resulting from sexual assault, Kansas sexual assault statutes, understanding the criminal justice system, behavior of sex offenders, and understanding sexual assault response teams.

40-Hour SANE-SART Pediatrics Course

Enables nurses to be qualified to conduct sexual assault forensic examinations on child sexual assault victims.

SART: Working As a Team to Enhance the Prosecution of Non-Stranger Sexual Assault Cases

This training will include overcoming challenges to responding to sexual assault by improving the coordination of services across professional disciplines and agencies and discussion regarding difficult cases to prosecute.

Parent-Child Advocacy For Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates

This training will discuss safety and advocacy considerations for supporting survivors through custody and visitations and will examine the emotional and social needs of teens in contact with advocacy programs and explore techniques to support and empower young people.

Responding to Subpoenas: What Executive Directors Need to Know

This training helps directors respond and answer requests for subpoenas in a safe and professional manner.



Advocate and Interpreter Cross Training: Working Together for the Safety of Limited English Proficient Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence - includes developing an understanding of sexual and domestic violence and considerations for working with LEP survivors, and best practices for interpreters and sexual assault and domestic violence advocates working together.

Domestic Violence: Assessing Risk, Safety and Case Planning

Training developed specifically for CFS Social Work Specialists and Child Welfare Case Management Provider Staff. This interactive, advanced-level training will provide participants with best practice tools to use when working with families where there is a co-occurrence of domestic and sexual violence and child welfare related issues.

Understanding Domestic Violence: What Professionals Should Know

Appropriate for social workers, health care professionals, attorneys, mental health professionals, educators, and other helping professionals. Also covers advanced dynamics of domestic violence, effects of trauma, and safety considerations.

Sexual Assault Advocacy Course/ Domestic Violence Advocacy Course

- basic training for sexual assault and domestic violence advocates working in domestic violence and sexual assault services programs, includes basics on responding to sexual and domestic

violence, core services and guiding principles, reporting options, child sexual abuse, ethics, confidentiality, and advocacy, understanding the criminal system, civil legal resources.

In Stealth Mode: An Interactive Illustration of Stalking & Intimate Partner Abuse in the Digital Age

- addresses how abusers, perpetrators, and stalkers misuse common technologies to further abuse victims of sexual and domestic violence and stalking. Participants will experience the life of a victim experiencing technology abuse through a hands-on multimedia journey. The perpetrator stalks, harasses, threatens, and intimidates the victim by misusing cell phones, GPS, spyware, e-mail, internet, and more. Best practices, safety considerations, and strategies for law enforcement will be provided.

Impact Lives by Supporting Safety and Security for Victims and their Children

The issues of child maltreatment and adult domestic violence have long been examined separately with two distinctive systems for intervening with children and adults. This needs to change to offer more efficient and successful services. Children are sometimes removed from homes where a protective parent, who is also abused, could be providing safety and care. Battered mothers in particular have

become afraid to seek assistance, fearing loss of custody of their children to the state or their abuser. Domestic and sexual violence and child abuse often occur in the same home, with mothers and children being subjected to abuse at the hands of the perpetrator. More than 30 studies have shown a co-occurrence rate of between 30 and 70 percent. Regardless of whether the abuse is directed at the child or at the adult, new responses are required of everyone if violence within families is to stop. More recent policy statements, particularly around domestic violence, now recognize: Child welfare agencies can best protect children by offering their abused mothers appropriate services and protection; being a victim of domestic violence does not equate with being a neglectful parent; separating battered mothers from their children should be the alternative of last resort; and intervention should focus on removing batterers from the households (not the children) and holding batterers accountable for their violence.

Financial support has allowed KC-SDV to train hundreds of child welfare workers and victim services program staff on the critical issues of resiliency of and safety for children, support for the protective parent, and collaboration between child welfare workers and domestic violence programs. Nationally lauded materials, a train-the-trainer curriculum, and children's services materials have provided

critical resources for working with these families. Unfortunately, this highly successful family and children's project will end in the fall of 2012 as the grant award has ended. KCSDV was not able to re-apply for this grant due to new priority areas in the funding source that did not include child and family focused projects.

A donation of \$25,000 would pay for the cost of continuing the printing and distribution of materials, curriculum, and children's services materials. Your support would enhance the capacity of the child protective system (CPS), child welfare professionals, advocates, and child and youth organizational allies to appropriately respond to sexual and domestic violence and stalking.

A donation of \$100,000 would pay for the cost of a staff salary to continue implementing the project.

Accreditation of domestic violence and sexual assault programs: KCSDV is the accrediting body for programs serving sexual assault and domestic violence victims. The Accreditation Standards enable core services to be provided to all victims, including assuring that all advocates have core competencies, all services are free and voluntary, and all programs adhere to strict confidentiality requirements. Twenty-eight programs are accredited on a 5 year cycle, with updates reviewed each year or as needed.

A donation of \$15,000 would cover the cost of additional staff hours and would allow KCSDV to provide one shelter or crisis center with in-depth work with the program, review of accreditation standards with Boards and Executive Directors, reduce staff turnovers, and increase staff competencies in order to provide better and safer services for victims and their children.

Impact lives by supporting Legal Crisis Intervention

Legal resources and representation for victims is critical. Having a compassionate, well-trained attorney or legal advocate can make the difference in how and whether a victim will reach out for help. KCSDV's legal crisis intervention work is used by a broad cross-section of professionals across the state. It includes training advocates and attorneys, answering questions on new laws, assisting with homicide crisis response, and many other aspects of the legal response. This is one of the most popular and useful aspects of KCSDV's work.

Providing and Enforcing Protective Orders

Protection orders are a critical tool for victims of sexual and domestic violence. Separating from an abuser can be the most dangerous time for a victim, particularly when seeking legal help. Additionally, enforcement of protective orders is inadequate. In 2010, with over 15,000 protection orders filed,

there were only 1,987 reports of violations made by law enforcement. Kansas law enforcement officers report the number of actual violations occurring is easily 10 times this amount. Many law enforcement officers may be confused about what constitutes a violation. Training for lawyers, advocates, law enforcement, and other helping professionals is a key component of an improved response. A clear understanding of the use and enforcement of protection orders is critical for safety.

Providing Victims and Legal Professionals with Expert Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Complex Family Law Legal Advice

Kansas lacks experienced, affordable legal representation for victims of sexual assault, immigrant victims, and victims with complex legal matters. Sexual assault victims are often unable to find quality representation in order to protect their rights in criminal proceedings, housing matters, and school settings. Immigrant victims also lack representation. KCSDV currently has the only project in Kansas addressing the needs of immigrant victims, with only one attorney on staff. Domestic violence victims in particular face complex family law matters, such as disputed child custody cases and child abduction concerns, and are often unable to find attorneys with the knowledge and expertise necessary to handle these cases.

A donation of \$5,000 will cover the cost of training 20 attorneys from across the state on how to provide quality services to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Trained attorneys, advocates, and other legal professionals is a key component of reducing domestic and sexual violence in communities.

Impact lives by supporting Vulnerable Population Support

The impact of domestic and sexual violence is difficult for any individual. But, add to that the isolation of a small town or farm, the inability to speak the language, or a disability that keeps one from accessing services and one can quickly see how the impact is compounded. Rural communities, immigrants, culturally isolated populations, and persons with disabilities are all groups that are vulnerable to these extra barriers. KCSDV seeks to reduce this additional isolation regardless of how it is created.

Rural isolation

Kansas is the 11th most rural state, ranking 40th in the nation in population density. Victims of sexual and domestic violence often have to travel long distances

in order to get safe shelter or receive crisis intervention services. Asking victims to travel an extra two hours after a sexual assault makes reaching out for help nearly insurmountable. It is critical that victims in rural communities be able to find support, services and stability within a reasonable distance. For a victim, the initial contact with any agency may be her only chance at safety and security.

Immigrants and culturally isolated communities

KCSDV has the only project in the state focusing on representation for immigrant victims. Immigration work is complicated not only by the law but also by language access issues. KCSDV provides direct representation in some cases as well as training, expert advice, and printed resources. Additionally, its outreach alliance assists advocates in reaching vulnerable populations at risk for further victimization.

Sex trafficking, a modern form of human slavery, sex trafficking forces victims into the sex trade against their will, isolating them from family, community, and loved ones. Victims can be anyone from around the world or someone from right next door: citizens and non-citizens alike. Many victims of hu-

man trafficking are made to engage in prostitution, pornography, or exotic dancing. It can be hidden behind locked doors, but also exists in public places such as hotels, restaurants, and bars. KCSDV provides direct representation, training, public education and outreach, and resources on working with this vulnerable, isolated population.

Disability

People with disabilities are targeted by perpetrators of sexual and domestic violence because of their disability. The prevalence of victimization in disability communities is astronomical, upwards of 80% of people with disabilities have been victimized at some point in their lives. It is vital to train professionals working with people with disabilities about the dynamics and impact of sexual and domestic violence. It is equally important to train advocates about working with people with disabilities who may have been victimized. KCSDV has for years reached out across these lines, supporting collaboration on behalf of victims with disabilities.

\$12,000 would pay to train newly hired sexual and domestic violence staff to assure all victims receive competent and consistent services.

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