

Training and Expert Guidance



“I wanted to say “Thank you” for all you have done to help me. 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. “

- Survivor of domestic violence

Coalition Role	Member Program Role
Advocates on the state and federal levels for funding for local services; interfaces with funders to assure understanding of program issues	Provides local core services to over 25,000 people a year; 24-7 hotline and other services, including shelter, court accompaniment, on-site hospital response and more
Supports member program staff and executive directors with specialized training and resources	Trained advocates provide shelter, support and intervention in person and through 24-hour hotlines
Convenes member programs to facilitate shared learning and peer support	Creates and share strategies, mentor one another, and participate on working committees and on the Coalition Program Council and Board of Directors
Collects and disseminates best practices and current information	Implements Coalition-wide Program Core Services Standards
Directs Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, which trains nurses to conduct forensic exams and provide compassionate care to victims	Accompanies survivors during sexual assault exams and provides ongoing support and referrals
Provides legal education and training to law enforcement officials, attorneys, and other law-related professionals	Accompanies and assists survivors while working with law enforcement and during court proceedings
Collaborates with legal assistance organizations and programs and provides lawyers for survivors and their families	Connects survivors with attorneys, advocates for pro bono representation, works with survivors referred to Coalition legal assistance project
Promotes cross-system collaboration with child protective services and child advocacy centers to assure safety for children exposed to or who have experienced domestic and sexual violence, and for their parents	Provides services to children and parents through shelters and community-based services, receives referrals from child advocacy centers and child protection offices
Advocates on the state and federal levels for effective and coordinated public and private services for survivors	Develops and maintains relationships with local organizations to assure full and effective services, and connects survivors with those services

Public Education to Prevent Violence Before it Occurs



“I liked best that I got help because I got the courage to tell [my teacher] that I was sexually harassed at school”

– feedback from a 7th grader following a sexual harassment workshop

Coalition Role	Member Program Role
Educates the public on the causes and effects of domestic and sexual violence and stalking and the services available across the state	Conducts community and school-based education programs annually
Provides extensive website information for public and programs; acts as a clearinghouse for information Convenes member programs to facilitate shared learning and peer support	Connects survivors and communities to accurate and up-to-date information on domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
Provides resources and sources for responsible news media and reporting	Connects news media with local advocates and survivors willing to tell their stories
Develops statewide plans to prevent domestic and sexual violence	Implements prevention programs in communities

Influence Public Policy on the Local, State and National Level

“The Kansas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is a national model of both a successful public/private partnership and a program dedicated to assisting survivors of violence in accessing the safety and resources needed to escape abuse, obtain self-sufficiency and gain skills needed to achieve long term security.”

- Sue Else, president of the National Network to End Domestic Violence

Coalition Role	Member Program Role
Works with state government to create and defend effective laws and policies	Informs discussion about needed reforms, and identify and support survivors who share their stories
Provides leadership within national organizations to promote funding, laws and policies on the federal level	Provides direction for and feedback to proposals from federal organizations and other states and coordinates and mobilizes grassroots advocates
Participates in numerous statewide boards and commissions to advocate for effective responses to victims.	Works with local first responders to assure laws and policies are followed