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## KANSAS COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SAFETY, ACCOUNTABILITY, & JUSTICE  
for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and their children

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### Sexual Violence as a Human Rights Violation

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Re-thinking our views of sexual violence was the message of Loretta Ross, long-time advocate and human rights activist, who participated in KCS DV's 4th Annual Safe Homes, Safe Streets event in February.

"Our job is to understand human rights ourselves in order to better serve victims because to be free from sexual violence is a human right," Ross said.

Ross is the founder and former executive director of the National Center for Human Rights Education in Atlanta, Georgia. She is also one of the first African American women to direct a rape crisis center in the 1970s.

Sexual human rights is one of eight categories of human rights as identified by the United Nations. A few of these rights include the right to be free from sexual violence, the right to control one's own sexual destiny, and the right to sexual privacy.

For more information, visit the National Center for Human Rights Education at [www.nchre.org](http://www.nchre.org)



Loretta Ross



KCS DV and its member programs are participating in activities to raise awareness about sexual violence during the month of April. For a list of member programs' activities, visit

[www.kcsdv.org](http://www.kcsdv.org)

### Thank You

#### Safe Homes, Safe Streets Sponsors

KCS DV thanks the following for their support of the 4th Annual Safe Homes, Safe Streets Awareness Day and Reception.

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### Last Print Issue of KCS DV's Newsletter!

KCS DV is transitioning to an electronic newsletter in 2007. This April issue marks the last time you will be receiving a print edition. If you want to receive KCS DV's electronic newsletter, please send your email address to Laurie Harrison, [lharrison@kcsdv.org](mailto:lharrison@kcsdv.org).

## KCSDV's 4th Annual Safe Homes, Safe Streets in Review

Calling upon elected officials to address sexual and domestic violence was the focus of the 4th Annual Safe Homes, Safe Streets events.

"Currently, only about 40% of Kansas counties have sexual or domestic violence advocacy services for victims in a reasonable timeframe," said Sandy Barnett, executive director of KCSDV. "We call upon the Kansas Legislature to step up and address the gaps in services and to provide funding for service expansion across the state."

More than 300 people participated in the day's events.

Many state legislators attended the morning press conference and three legislators spoke during it - Rep. Bob Bethell, R-Alden, Sen. Vicki Schmidt, R-Topeka, and Rep. Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence.

The evening reception featured opening comments from the new Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison, as well as a keynote address by Loretta Ross, long-time advocate and human rights activist. She is the founder and former executive director of the National Center for Human Rights Education in Atlanta, Georgia.

Visit [www.kcsdv.org/pkshss2007.html](http://www.kcsdv.org/pkshss2007.html) for more information about the event.



Many legislators attended the press conference, including, pictured above, (back row, from left to right) Rep. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, D-Wichita; Rep. Delia Garcia, D-Wichita; Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan; Rep. Jo Ann Pottorff, R-Wichita; Rep. Kasha Kelley, R-Arkansas City; Rep. Cindy Neighbor, D-Shawnee; Rep. Judith Loganbill, D-Wichita; (front row, from left to right) Rep. Bob Bethell, R-Alden, and Sen. Vicki Schmidt, R-Topeka.

*"Sexual and domestic violence are issues of public safety. We have to do what it takes to keep Kansans safe."*

*Sen. Vicki Schmidt, R-Topeka*

*"We have to realize we have to come to some kind of a solution."*

*Rep. Bob Bethell, R-Alden*

*"It's not just a woman thing. Everyone is affected by it."*

*Barbara Ballard, D-Lawrence*

*"Sexual and domestic violence are very real issues and issues that I'm most passionate about."*

*Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison*



Marlou Wegener (center), the evening's emcee and a representative from one of the event's corporate sponsors, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, receives a thank you gift from Sarah Terwelp, KCSDV Board President (right), during the reception. Also pictured, Loretta Ross (left), who provided the keynote address for the evening.

### Hays Volunteer Advocate of the Year



Volunteer advocate Karen Bolt, left, is this year's recipient of the Juliene Maska Outstanding Advocate Award. KCSDV has been recognizing outstanding advocates since 1995 with its award named after long-time advocate Juliene Maska. Bolt has been volunteering for four years at the Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, the KCSDV member program in Hays.

**April**

- 10 Pre-Conference Institute - Wichita
- 11-12 10th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference - Wichita
- 18 EES Training - Garden City
- 4/30-5/3 Domestic Violence Advocacy Course - Topeka

**May**

- 4/30-5/3 DVAC - Topeka
- 2-3 EES Training - Wichita
- 15-17 Working with Men & Boys to Prevent Domestic Violence - Topeka

**June**

- 4-8 Governor's B.A.S.I.K. Victim Advocate Training - Salina
- 6 EES Training - Hays
- 13 EES Training - Newton
- 18 Facilitating Change - Topeka

**For more information and registration for trainings and events, visit: [www.kcsdv.org/train.html](http://www.kcsdv.org/train.html)**

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**Kansas Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Helpline Numbers  
Kansas Statewide Hotline  
1-888-END ABUSE**

Atchison	913-367-0363 or 800-367-7075
Dodge City	620-225-6510
El Dorado	316-321-7104 or 800-8870-6967
Emporia	620-342-1870 or 800-825-1295
Garden City	620-275-5911
Great Bend	620-792-1885
Hays	785-625-3055 or 800-794-4624
Hutchinson	620-663-2522 or 800-701-3630
Iola	620-365-7566
Kansas City	Friends of Yates, Joyce Williams 913-321-0951 El Centro Inc. ¡Si Se Puede! 913-281-1186 MOCSA 816-531-0233 Kansas City Anti-Violence Project 816-561-0550 Metro-wide 816-Hotline
Lawrence	Ga Du Gi 785-841-2345 Women's Transitional Care Services 785-843-3333 or 800-770-3030
Leavenworth	913-682-9131 or 800-644-1441
Liberal	620-624-8818
Manhattan	785-539-2785 or 800-727-2785
Mayetta	888-966-2932
Newton	316-283-0350 or 800-487-0510
Overland Park	913-262-2868 Metro-wide 816-Hotline Miami County 888-432-4300
Pittsburg	800-794-9148
Salina	800-874-1499
Topeka	daytime 785-354-7927 or evening & wknds. 785-234-3330 or 888-822-2983
Ulysses	620-356-2608
Wichita	Harbor House 316-263-6000 Step Stone 316-265-1611 Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center 316-263-3002 YWCA Women's Crisis Center 316-267-SAFE
Winfield	620-221-HELP or 800-794-7672

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\_\_\_ Individual member: \$20.00 (Any person who subscribes to the purpose of the Coalition and who pays annual dues.)

\_\_\_ Program Advocate or Survivor: \$5.00

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