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DOJ Findings Highlight Importance of Sexual Safety at TCF

Topeka, KS, 9/7/2012 – KCSDV has been a part of ongoing meetings with the Kansas Department of Corrections officials to address the sexual safety of the women at the Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF). However, at this time, implementation of suggested programming has not occurred.

Nonetheless, KCSDV is extremely troubled by a report recently released by the US Department of Justice regarding TCF. The report concludes that “TCF fails to protect women prisoners from harm due to sexual abuse and misconduct from correctional staff and other prisoners in violation of their constitutional rights.”

KCSDV promotes the belief that all women have the basic human right to be free from rape, sexual abuse, and sexual coercion.

We hope that with the impetus from these findings, TCF will develop the facility-wide culture and much-needed programming that provides a safe space for victims to disclose abuse and addresses the long-term impact of trauma that many of the women at TCF have experienced.

No woman deserves to be raped or sexually assaulted, no matter where she is.

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Founded in 1982, the purpose of KCSDV is the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence through a statewide network of programs providing support and safety for all victims of sexual and domestic violence and stalking, with primary focus on women and their children; direct services; public awareness and education; advocacy for victims; comprehensive prevention; and, social change efforts. Learn more at www.kcsdv.org.