



**MEDIA ADVISORY:      KCSDV to host 13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
*Safe Homes, Safe Streets* Event**

**When: February 8, 9, & 10, 2016**

**Where: Downtown Topeka area**

*Safe Homes, Safe Streets* is an annual event hosted by the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSVDV) that bridges public awareness, training and policy work. KCSVDV hosts member sexual assault and domestic violence advocacy programs from across the state in these various events.

**Monday & Tuesday, February 8-9:**

**KANSAS PREVENTION SUMMIT:**

**1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday**

**Topeka Ramada Downtown Hotel &  
Convention Center, Regency East Ballroom**

- “*Engaging Communities to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence*” Prevention Summit, featuring Jeffrey Bucholtz, Director, We End Violence (Monday and Tuesday); Tyler Osterhaus, Anti-Violence Educator/ Prevention Consultant (Monday and Tuesday); Juliana Carlson, Assistant Professor, School of Social Welfare University of Kansas (Tuesday); Ghazala Perveen, Health Officer/Director of Science and Surveillance Bureau of Health Promotion, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (Monday); and the Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition and Cowley County Prevention Team (Tuesday).
- Presenters will be available for interviews upon request. Check-in at the registration table.
- Summit sponsors include Westar Energy Foundation and Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Kansas.
- More information available at: <http://www.kcsdv.org/prevention-summit2016>

**Tuesday, February 9:**

**SUNFLOWER SAFETY LUNCHEON & AWARDS CEREMONY:**

**Noon- 1:30 p.m.**

**Topeka Ramada Downtown Hotel &  
Convention Center, Regency West  
Ballroom**

- This is a public education and networking opportunity for sexual assault and domestic violence programs and supporters from across Kansas.
- KCSVDV will recognize individuals and communities from across Kansas who do outstanding work on behalf of survivors of sexual and domestic violence.
- Jeffrey Bucholtz, Director, We End Violence, will provide the keynote. Other speakers include Joyce Grover, KCSVDV Executive Director. Presentation of annual awards will be made by Marlou Wegener, Chief Operating Officer, BCBSKS Foundation Manager, Community Relations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.
- Presentation of annual awards:
  1. **Juliene Maska Advocate of the Year Award** – awardee is Frenanda “Sadie” Madden, nominated by the Liberal Area Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Services, Inc.
  2. **Project of the Year Awards** – awardees are 1) the Safehouse Crisis Center and Pittsburg State University’s Students for Violence Prevention, nominated by Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc. (sexual and domestic violence program in Pittsburg); and 2) Paul & Dung Kimble for

their training of law enforcement statewide, nominated by StepStone, Inc. (domestic violence program in Wichita)

3. **Community-Based Ally of the Year Awards** – awardees are 1) Officer Lori A. Kimrey and Officer Darrin R. Williams with the Wichita Police Department, nominated by Catholic Charities Harbor House (domestic violence program in Wichita); and 2) Twila Wollenberg, MDCV Elementary School Principal, nominated by SOS, Inc. (sexual and domestic violence program in Emporia)

### **Wednesday, February 10:**

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE:**

**Kansas Statehouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rotunda**

**12:30 p.m.**

- Press Conference featuring Joyce Grover, Executive Director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV); Kansas Representative Barbara Ballard; Laura Patzner, Executive Director of Family Crisis Center; and Kansas Senator Greg Smith.

#### **PHOTO OPPORTUNITY:**

**Kansas Statehouse 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Rotundas**

**All Day**

- This is one of the rare occasions when all “Silent Witness Silhouettes” will be featured together on display. The Silent Witness Silhouettes feature stories of victims who lost their lives to sexual and domestic violence in Kansas.
- The 29 sexual and domestic violence advocacy programs from across Kansas will also have display tables on the 1st Floor of the Statehouse.

### **Additional Information:**

#### **PRESS RELEASES:**

KCSDV will be issuing press releases on the ***Safe Homes, Safe Streets*** event. Watch for these press releases via email and contact us if you need additional information.

#### **KCSDV MEDIA CONTACT:**

(785) 231-8933

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES:**

If you can't make it to ***Safe Homes, Safe Streets***, we would be happy to coordinate interviews and information for a follow-up story. Please contact us at your earliest convenience.

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