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### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

TOPEKA, Kan. –The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October. The Month is dedicated to increasing awareness about domestic violence and how widespread domestic violence is.

In one year in Kansas, about 19,000 victims are served and about 24,000 phone calls are taken by KCSDV's [27 coalition members](#), which are independent organizations across the state of Kansas that provide direct services to victims and survivors.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) states that “intimate partner violence [also known as “domestic violence”] is a serious, preventable public health problem that affects millions of Americans.” 25 percent of women and 11 percent of men are affected by sexual and domestic violence in the U.S. in their lifetimes according to the [National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey](#); the underreporting of these violent crimes is widely known.

The term “domestic violence” means intimate partner violence. Intimate partner violence can take many forms and describes physical, sexual, financial, and emotional and psychological harm –in the dating process, which is called “dating violence,” and by a current or former partner or spouse. The violence can occur among heterosexual, same-sex, or any other type of intimate partner relationship and does not require sexual intimacy.

KCSDV submitted proclamations to Topeka Mayor Larry Wolgast and to Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

“Proclamations by community leaders signify the importance of domestic violence work. We are so grateful for our partner lawmakers, organizations and agencies, and individuals that contribute and work with us in our mission to prevent and eliminate sexual and domestic violence,” said Joyce Grover, Executive Director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV).



For Domestic Violence Awareness Month, KCSDV is publishing writing pieces on domestic violence every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) in the month of Oct. The writings will debut KCSDV's new blog, where more conversational writing pieces on subjects related to KCSDV's work will be published. KCSDV is partnering with national and local organizations for events in the month of Oct. There are activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month across the nation by national and other state organizations and across Kansas by local Kansas organizations.

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List of KCSDV Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in October:

- [Blog](#) posts every Monday and Thursday mornings (Oct. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 at 10 a.m. CDT), including topics and writings:
  - History of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
  - Power and control wheel
  - Former Kansas attorney general as a survivor
  - Member of Women for Kansas as a survivor
  - Leader of Kansas Legal Services as an attorney
  - Witnessing intimate partner violence as a friend
- National online [Twitter](#) chat #safety4survivors with the [National Network to End Domestic Violence \(NNEDV\)](#) (Oct. 17 at 1-2 p.m. CDT)
- [Victory Over Violence 5 kilometer walk and run](#) by [Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity](#) and STAND student organizations at Washburn University in Topeka, KS (Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. CDT)
- Wearing purple on Purple Thursday (Oct. 19)

For more information about domestic violence, a list of domestic violence organizations across the state of Kansas, and for the nearest domestic violence organization near you, please visit KCSDV's website at <http://kcsdv.org>.

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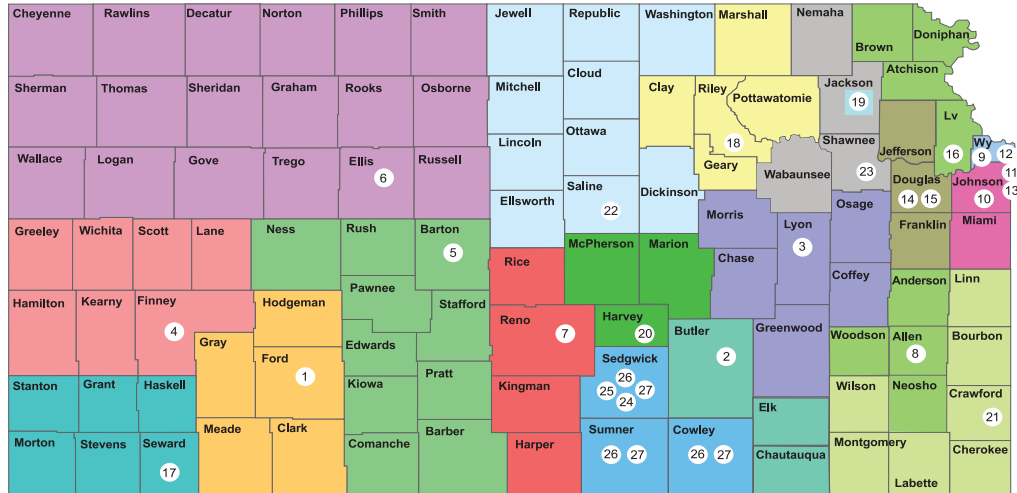
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The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is a leading statewide voice in Kansas for victims and survivors. KCSDV works with 27 coalition members and with partners and advocates across the state of Kansas to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Find more information, visit KCSDV's website at <http://kcsdv.org>. Contact KCSDV by email at [coalition@kcsdv.org](mailto:coalition@kcsdv.org) and by phone at 785.232.9784. The 24-hour Kansas Crisis Hotline is 888-END-ABUSE (888-363-2287).



PRESS RELEASE

Sexual and Domestic Violence Organizations in Kansas



DV = domestic violence services provided SA = sexual assault services provided DV/SA = both services provided

CITY	SERVICES	PROGRAM	CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBER
1. Dodge City	DV/SA	Crisis Center of Dodge City	866-270-2270 or 620-225-6510
2. El Dorado	DV/SA	Family Life Center of Butler County	800-870-6967 or 316-321-7104
3. Emporia	DV/SA	SOS, Inc.	800-825-1295 or 620-342-1870
4. Garden City	DV/SA	Family Crisis Services	620-275-5911
5. Great Bend	DV/SA	Family Crisis Center	866-792-1885 or 620-792-1885
6. Hays	DV/SA	Options: Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Inc.	800-794-4624 or 785-625-3055
7. Hutchinson	DV/SA	Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center	800-701-3630 or 620-663-2522
8. Iola	DV/SA	Hope Unlimited	620-365-7566
9. Wyandotte Cnty	DV	Friends of Yates - Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center	913-321-0951
10. Johnson Cnty	DV	SAFEHOME	888-432-4300 or 913-262-2868
11. MOCSA	SA	Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	913-642-0233 or 816-531-0233
12. Mattie Rhodes	DV	Mattie Rhodes Center ¡Si Se Puede!	816-241-3780 (not a crisis line)
13. KCAVP	DV/SA	Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (LGBT services)	816-561-0550
14. Lawrence	SA	The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center	785-843-8985
15. Lawrence	DV	The Willow Domestic Violence Center	800-770-3030 or 785-843-3333
16. Leavenworth	DV/SA	Alliance Against Family Violence	800-644-1441 or 913-682-9131
17. Liberal	DV/SA	LARC/DVS, Inc.	620-624-8818
18. Manhattan	DV/SA	The Crisis Center, Inc.	800-727-2785 or 785-539-2785
19. Mayetta	DV/SA	PBP Nation - Tribal Victims Services Program	866-966-0173
20. Newton	DV/SA	Safehope, Inc.	800-487-0510 or 316-283-0350
21. Pittsburg	DV/SA	Safehouse Crisis Center, Inc.	800-794-9148 or 620-231-8251
22. Salina	DV/SA	Domestic Violence Assoc. of Central Kansas	800-874-1499 or 785-827-5862
23. Topeka	DV/SA	YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment	888-822-2983 or 785-354-7927
24. Wichita	DV	Catholic Charities Harbor House	866-899-5522 or 316-263-6000
25. Wichita	DV	StepStone	316-265-1611
26. Wichita	SA	Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center	877-927-2248 or 316-263-3002
27. Wichita	DV	Wichita Family Crisis Center	316-267-7233



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