

Kansas Domestic Violence Victim Services are Effective

Highlights from the “Domestic Violence Victim Services: Awareness, Use and Satisfaction Project” Report.

In Kansas...

93% of women in Kansas agree that domestic violence is a widespread problem.

Those seeking services from a domestic violence program report more intense levels of violence.

As the intensity of violence increases, so does the likelihood of the abuser using children as a tool of control over the victim.

30% of women in Kansas know someone, other than themselves, who is a victim of domestic violence.

Domestic violence victims reported feeling safer and helped most by these program services:

- Safety planning
- Court preparation
- Individual counseling
- Long-term support
- Mobilizing resources and skills

What can be done?

- Increase access to and knowledge about services; reduce the barriers around lack of transportation, child care, health insurance/healthcare, waiting lists for crisis services in large communities, and language limitations
- Increase public awareness about domestic violence
- Increase dissemination of domestic violence information through law enforcement officers
- Reduce abuser access to firearms
- Address the needs of children who accompany help-seeking mothers.

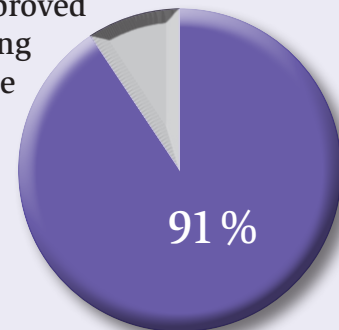
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91% of victims report their situation has improved since receiving domestic violence services



On a scale from 0-10, Kansas women report domestic violence as the 3rd most important health issue, following closely behind cancer and heart disease.



Three out of five victims do not know where to go to receive services.

10.1% of adult women in Kansas reported domestic violence victimization, when extrapolated to the Kansas census this would result in

106,419

adult female victims per year.