

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Reminds Us That Domestic Violence is a Public Health Problem Year-Round

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TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October. The month is dedicated to increasing awareness about domestic violence and how widespread domestic violence is.

In [2018](#), Kansas law enforcement agencies reported 24,066 domestic violence incidents and 12,000 domestic violence arrests. In the same year, [77,263](#) Kansans sought and were provided services by 26 victim advocacy services programs across the state.

In 2019:

- [69,049](#) Kansans sought and were provided services by 26 victim advocacy services programs across the state.
- In just one day, Kansas domestic violence victim advocacy services programs provided services to a total of [891](#) domestic violence victims.
- 1,250 requests for service had to be referred to other service providers outside the victim's community.
- One in four [homicides](#) in Kansas were domestic violence-related.

“It takes us all to create safer communities free from violence and oppression,” said Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) Executive Director Joyce Grover.

Victims and survivors can find help via the KCSDV website at <http://kcsdv.org> or by calling the Kansas Crisis Hotline at 888-363-2287.

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The [Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence \(KCSDV\)](#)'s mission is to prevent and eliminate sexual and domestic violence. Find more information on KCSDV's website at <http://kcsdv.org>. The 24-hour Kansas Crisis Hotline is 888-END-ABUS(E), or 888-363-2287.

