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# NEBRASKA COALITION

TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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## 2017 Statewide Report

*You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean itself does not become dirty.*

**-Mahatma Gandhi**

## Mission Statement

*The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence enhances safety and justice by changing the societal beliefs that perpetuate sexual and domestic violence.*

## Vision Statement

*We envision a world where sexual and domestic violence are a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper.*

## Core Values

*Accountability  
Collaboration  
Diversity/Equality  
Education  
Empowerment/Autonomy  
Leadership  
Prevention  
Safety*

## Statement of Philosophy

*Abuse is a choice and a practice by which persons achieve power, gratification, or financial advancement through the abuse of another person by abrogating that person's human right to dignity, equality, autonomy, and physical and mental well being. Therefore, we must work to eliminate racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, classism, and oppression of all traditionally silenced groups. These oppressions are perpetuated by the same systems that profit from violence against women and children and cannot be separated from the overall mission of the Coalition, for the oppression of one is the oppression of all.*

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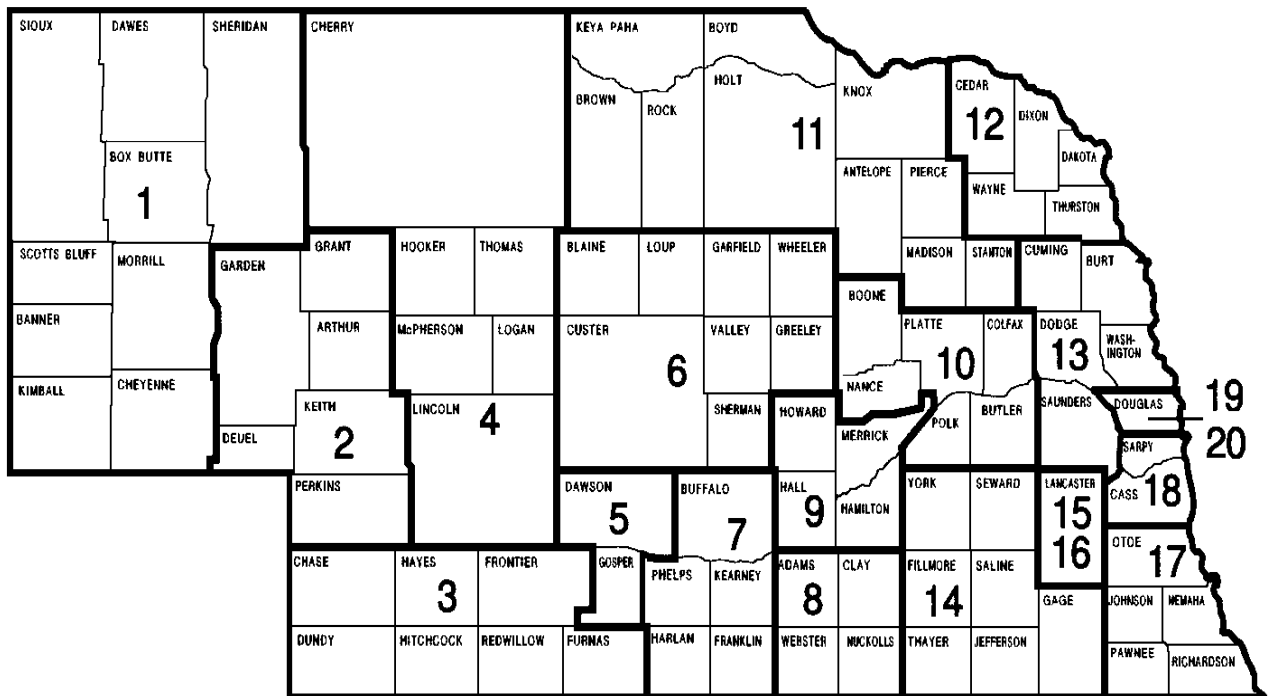
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# Network of Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs

There are currently 20 community-based domestic and sexual violence programs in Nebraska.

1. DOVES Program, Gering
2. Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Ogallala
3. Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Service, McCook
4. Rape/Domestic Abuse Program, North Platte
5. Parent-Child Center, Lexington
6. Healing Hearts and Families, Broken Bow
7. The S.A.F.E. Center, Kearney
8. Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Hastings
9. Crisis Center, Grand Island
10. Center for Survivors, Columbus
11. Bright Horizons, Norfolk
12. Haven House, Wayne
13. The Bridge, Fremont
14. Hope Crisis Center, Fairbury
15. Voices of Hope, Lincoln
16. Friendship Home, Lincoln
17. Project Response, Auburn
18. Heartland Family Service - Domestic Abuse Program, Papillion
19. Catholic Charities - The Shelter, Omaha
20. Women's Center for Advancement, Omaha



There also are five\* tribal domestic violence/sexual assault programs in Nebraska, serving the Ponca, Winnebago, Omaha, and Santee Sioux nations.

(\*The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska has two programs serving victims of domestic and sexual violence.)

## Network Services

The network of domestic and sexual violence programs offer a range of services for both adults and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. Each program provides the following seven core services. Supplemental services vary in each area.

### 24 Hour Crisis Line

Confidential support, information, and access to services are available 24 hours a day by calling the program in your area.

### Legal Referrals and Assistance with Protection Orders

Programs cannot give legal advice. However, they can provide assistance with obtaining a protection order, emotional support through court proceedings, and referrals to local attorneys.

### Emergency Shelter

Providing a safe place to stay is an important service of the programs. Using a combination of shelters, hotels, and other options, programs offer people a place to escape further violence.

### Ongoing Support and Information

Individual ongoing support is provided to survivors. Support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault are available in many communities. Some programs offer groups for teens experiencing violence, child witnesses, and educational groups for people who batter.

### Transportation

Emergency transportation to shelter is available 24 hours a day. Programs also may provide transportation to court proceedings, medical services, or to other community agencies.

### Education and Prevention Programs

Prevention programs are provided for children, youth, and adults on topics such as child sexual abuse, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and healthy relationships. Staff and volunteers are available for presentations to community groups and other organizations.

### Medical Advocacy and Referrals

Staff and volunteers are available to accompany survivors to hospital emergency rooms and local medical offices for treatment of injuries or an exam after a domestic or sexual assault.

**Nebraska's coalition of domestic and sexual violence programs provide access to safety and shelter across the state.**

**To locate the program nearest you, visit [www.nebraskacoalition.org](http://www.nebraskacoalition.org).**

Other Resources:

1-877-215-0167 - Línea de Crisis en Nebraska (en español)

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) - National Domestic Violence Hotline, [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

1-800-656-HOPE (4673) - Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network, [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

1-866-331-9474 - National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)

1-844-7NATIVE - StrongHearts Native Helpline (Monday-Friday, 9am-5:30pm CST)

# 2016 - 2017 Network Statistics

The local domestic and sexual violence programs work tirelessly to support victims and survivors and to speak on their behalf when needed. Additionally, programs work to hold perpetrators accountable and implement efforts to prevent domestic and sexual violence. During October 1, 2016—September 30, 2017, the local domestic and sexual violence programs provided the following services.

## People Served

⌘ 17,300 people received direct services

## Shelter Services

⌘ 53,460 shelter beds provided to 1,128 adults and 1,206 children

## Crisis Line Calls

⌘ 40,687 calls to the 24 hour crisis lines

## Supportive Counseling and Advocacy

When reporting statistics, programs had the option of including either the number of contacts or the number of hours. Therefore, the number of contacts does not include the number of hours listed.

### ⌘ Adults

- ⌘ 71,558 service contacts for individual support/advocacy
- ⌘ 7,523 contacts for group support/advocacy

### ⌘ Children/Youth

- ⌘ 10,423 contacts made for individual support/advocacy
- ⌘ 2,440 contacts made for group support/advocacy
- ⌘ 2,492 other contacts were spent providing additional services to children and youth

## Prevention/Educational Programs

⌘ 2,337 prevention/educational programs were conducted; 58,591 individuals attended\*

## Demographics of People Served

Gender	
Adult Female	11,565
Adult Male	1,038
Children/Youth-Undisclosed	793
Age	
0-17 years	2,754
18-24 Years	1,975
25-59 Years	8,677
60+ Years	345
Undisclosed	3,549
Ethnicity**	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2,754
Asian	130
American Indian/Native Alaskan	607
African American/Black	1,447
Hispanic/Latino	2,425
Caucasian	8,184
Undisclosed	4,472

*\*This report includes the statistics provided to the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence by the local domestic and sexual violence programs. These numbers reflect only the services provided by the programs. They do not include services provided to victims/survivors by other agencies (i.e., police, medical). Therefore, this information should be seen as a conservative estimate. The actual number of victims, survivors, and services provided in Nebraska is likely to be much greater.*

*\*\*Some survivors may have identified as more than one ethnicity.*

## Overview of Funding

The following is a 2017 summary of funding for the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. The fiscal year is a calendar year (January - December).

### U.S. Department of Justice - Violence Against Women Act: \$449,808

- ⌘ Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: \$237,952
- ⌘ Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant: \$211,856

### Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice - \$501,213

- ⌘ Sexual Assault Services Program: \$303,122
- ⌘ Prison Rape Elimination Act - JAG: \$56,526
- ⌘ Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): \$141,565

### Nebraska Health and Human Services: \$401,745

- ⌘ Rape Prevention and Education: \$287,147
- ⌘ Nebraska Health and Human Services: \$60,648
- ⌘ Preventive Health and Health Services: \$53,950

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Family Violence Prevention and Services Act: \$264,177

### The Allstate Foundation: \$78,132

- ⌘ Moving Forward Grant: \$78,132

### Training Support: \$29,375

### Program Membership Dues: \$18,141

### The Verizon Foundation: \$10,799

### Lozier Foundation: \$5,000

### In Kind Donations: \$8,291

### Miscellaneous: \$14,099

### Fundraising Events: \$10,651

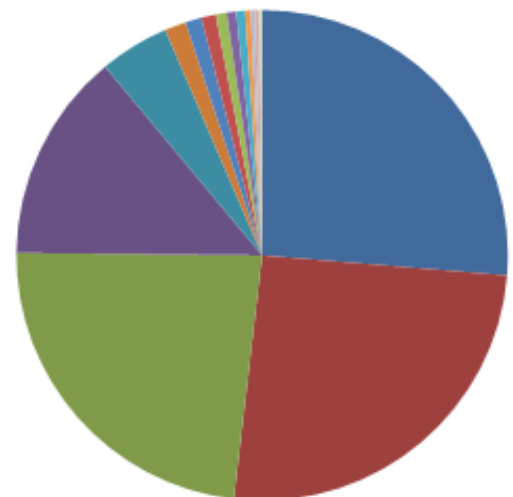
### Community Services Fund: \$6,396

### Individual and Organizational Donors: \$4,254

### Woods Charitable Fund: \$1,779

### Interest: \$426

### Total: \$1,804,286



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### Network Membership

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### Organization Membership

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Norfolk



2016 Coalition Staff. Not pictured: Sarah Balcom and Claudia Fullerton.

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**Help us fulfill our mission!**

Financial support for local programs and the Coalition comes from many sources: federal and state funding, private foundations, and individual donors. As we prepare for 2018 and beyond, it is likely that funding from state and federal sources may change. Because of this, support from private foundations and individual donors will become even more crucial.

For more information about how to support efforts to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, contact the Coalition at 402-476-6256 or your local domestic and sexual violence program.

[www.nebraskacoalition.org](http://www.nebraskacoalition.org)

*On the bright side I do see so much good being done by our advocates across the state. I always think of them as the angels who so many times guide victims from the darkness to light, giving them hope for the future.*

*What would we do without our advocates who deserve so much thanks but are often forgotten about?*

-comments from a Criminal Bureau Investigator in Nebraska

## Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence



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