



NEBRASKA COALITION

TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

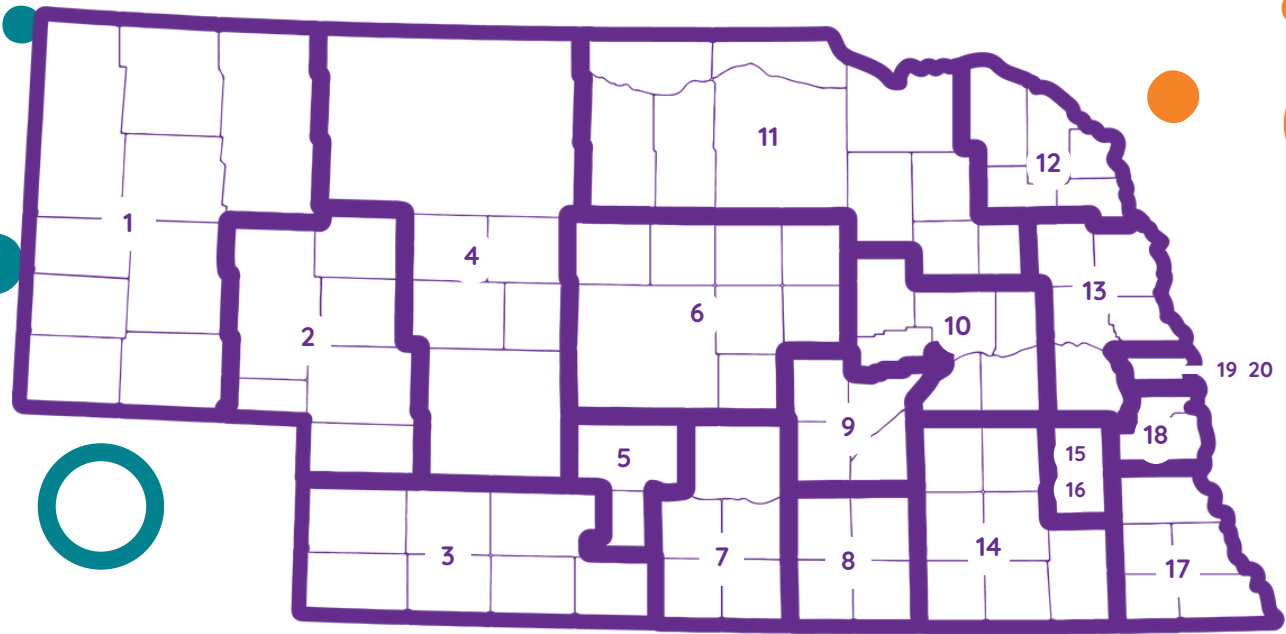
ANNUAL REPORT

2023

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MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The Nebraska Coalition continued supporting a membership network of 20 community-based organizations that serve survivors across all 93 counties.



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

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Nebraska Coalition also provided support to Native American organizations that serve survivors.

- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- Santee Dakota Tiwahe Services Unit
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

MEMBER ORGANIZATION SERVICES

The member organizations offered services for both adults and children, including but not limited to:

- 24-hour crisis lines
- Transportation
- Emergency shelter
- Medical advocacy and referrals
- Legal referrals and assistance with protection orders
- Ongoing support and information
- Education and prevention programs

Of those served:

- 10% identified as African American/Black
- 4% identified as Native American
- 2% identified as Asian
- 18% identified as Latinx/Hispanic
- 1% identified as Native Hawaiian/US Virgin Island or Territories
- 53% identified as White
- 12% identified as “Other”

Also, of those served:

- 13% were 0-12 years of age
- 4% were 13-17 years of age
- 12% were 18-24 years of age
- 65% were 25-59 years of age
- 3% were 60+ years of age
- 3% were unknown or unidentified

30,082

CRISIS CALLS
ANSWERED

11,563

INDIVIDUALS
SERVED

50,624

SHELTER NIGHTS
COORDINATED

22,741

YOUTH REACH
IN EDUCATION

SUPPORTING MEMBERS

The Nebraska Coalition supported member organizations through in-person and virtual workshops and sharing days designed to increase advocates' skills, knowledge, and confidence working with survivors and the communities in which they live. The Nebraska Coalition also provided training for all new member advocates on the basics of advocacy through eight courses in an online learning platform.

37
TRAINING
SESSIONS
COORDINATED

1,234
LEARNERS
ENGAGED IN
TRAINING
SESSIONS

490
ONLINE COURSE
CERTIFICATES
ISSUED

“I feel very inspired after this training! I haven't been super juiced about my work for a while so being in the energy of such passion is honestly the most valuable thing I received. All info and resources were fantastic also!”



RAPE PREVENTION & EDUCATION GRANTS

The Nebraska Coalition worked with the Nebraska DHHS to distribute CDC Rape Prevention & Education grant funding to a limited number of member organizations to develop, implement, and evaluate equitable community prevention strategies over a five-year period. These prevention strategies included outreach programs targeting local community members, school, and organizations.

2,016

INDIVIDUALS
REACHED

22

SCHOOLS
REACHED

29

ORGANIZATIONS
REACHED

CENTER FOR SUVIVORS engaged high school students in a Building Healthy Relationships Program which increased students' confidence in identifying healthy/unhealthy relationships, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

THE S.A.F.E. CENTER coordinated a Safe Bars training which increased bar and restaurant staff's understanding of active bystander techniques.

WOMEN'S CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT convened the Girls Leadership Academy which engaged teens in financial fitness, goal setting, career exploration, health, and wellness programming.

LEGAL SERVICES

Through referrals, the Nebraska Coalition provided direct legal services to individuals with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions, U visas, T visas, and related filings before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

80 SURVIVORS SERVED



55 FAMILY MEMBERS SERVED



SURVIVOR LEADERSHIP

The Nebraska Coalition established a new Survivor Leadership project which included hiring the first-ever director of survivor leadership and convening a 15-person advisory council.



JANUARY
2023

Survivors Rising, an omaha-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering post-crisis survivors, merged into the Nebraska Coalition.

MAY
2023

In May, Amber Jurgens was hired as the Director of Survivor Leadership. She was tasked with building and overseeing the newly reborn Survivor Leadership project.

OCTOBER
2023

In October, Amber convened the first-ever Survivor Leadership Advisory Council, consisting of a diverse group of 15-post crisis survivors.

PUBLIC POLICY

The Nebraska Coalition engaged in advocacy around a number of bills during the 2023 Nebraska legislative session. This includes engaging with state senators to draft and improve bills as well as testifying and supporting other testifiers on bills.

22
BILLS
SUPPORTED

8
SUPPORTED
BILLS PASSED

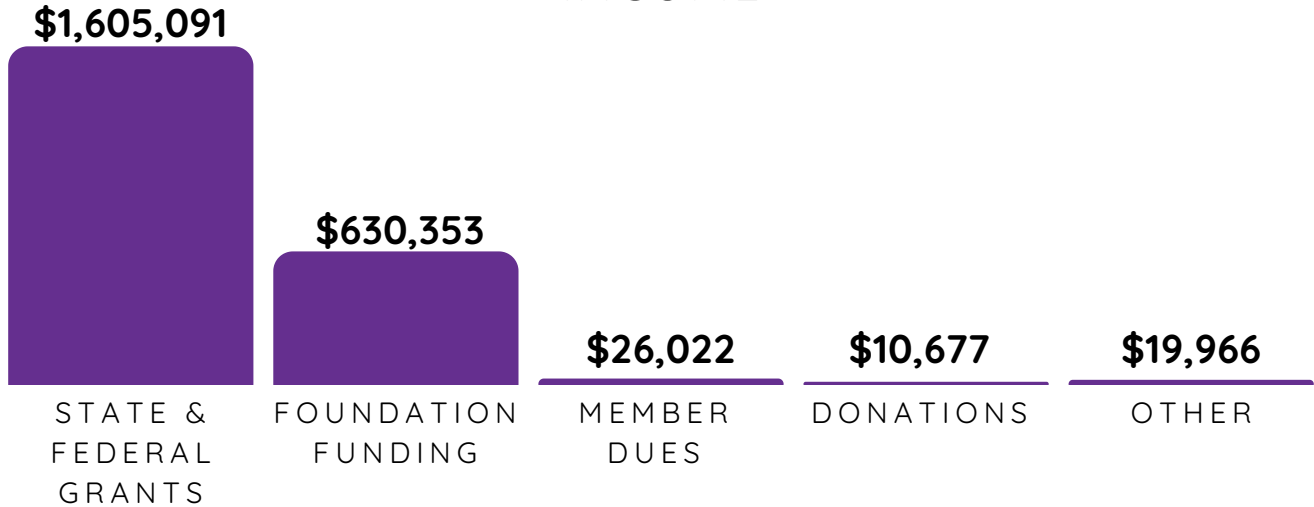
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BILLS
OPPOSED

The Nebraska Coalition supported the passing of **LB 739**, which increased state funding for member organizations by \$3 million.

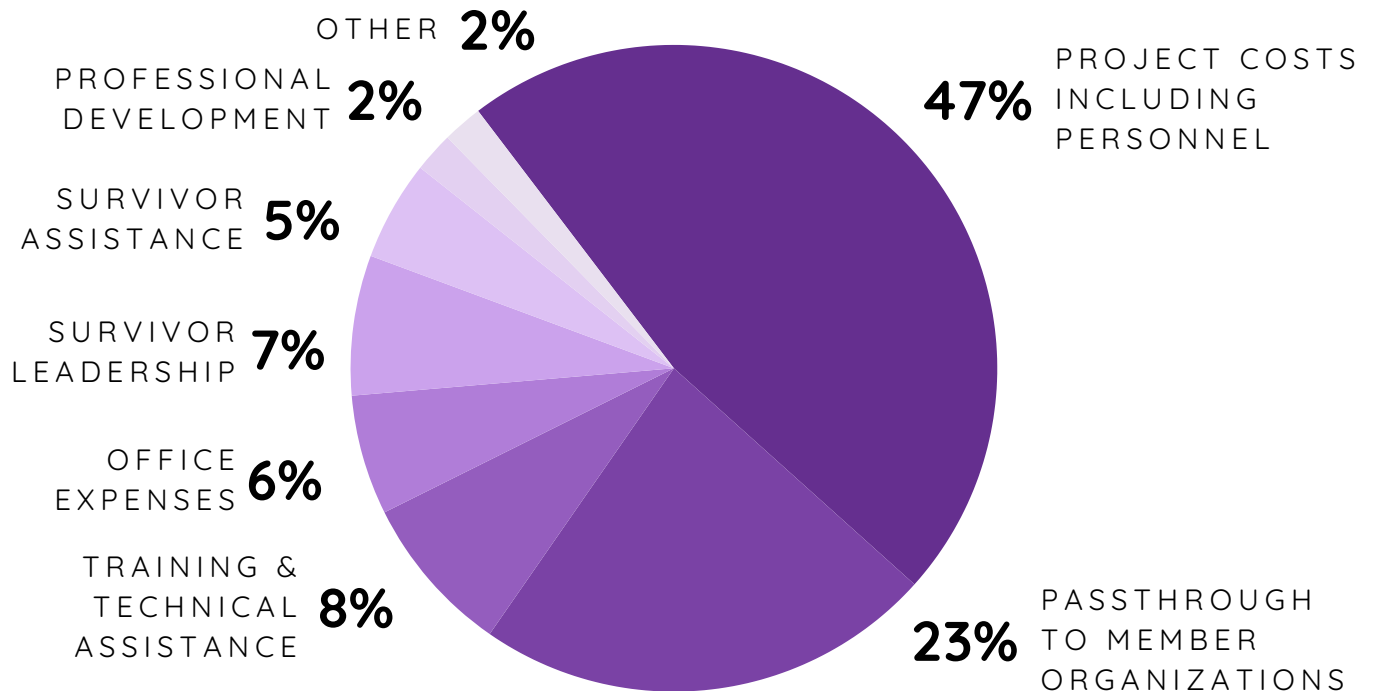
The Nebraska Coalition supported the passing of **LB 11**, which expanded protection orders to include pets, reducing potential barriers for survivors trying to leave dangerous situations.

FINANCES

INCOME



EXPENSES



TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET: \$2,292,111

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SURVIVOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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