



NEBRASKA COALITION  
TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Statewide Report

2019







# A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings Coalition Friends,

Thank you for being on this journey with us over the last year! At the Nebraska Coalition we created a roadmap to guide our path during 2019, and as I reflect back on the steps that we took, what an amazing year we had! I'm excited to share some of the accomplishments from our voyage.

The first destination on our roadmap was "Innovate", which involved transforming our work through venturing down new paths and daring to try new approaches. During 2019 the Capacity Building Team at the Nebraska Coalition began innovating our training program in order to better meet the needs of advocates and community partners across the state. The team embraced adult learning styles, learning objectives, and an evaluation process. The new training structure provides three levels for learning, and we use a tree as our visual guide for this process.

**Level 1 - Roots:** This beginning level involves utilizing online interactive learning modules as well as webinars to present basic 101 topics for newly hired advocates. Advocates are "rooted" at their own computer in their office to receive this primary information. This is foundational education, which represents the roots of our training tree.

**Level 2 - Trunk:** In-person trainings are held for advocates from across the state for the purpose of connecting with others and experiencing hands-on role playing while practicing skills. This is the core of our training, representing the trunk of the tree. Advocates can envision packing their car "trunk" to leave their community and travel to a regional training with others who have similar roles.

**Level 3 - Branches:** The final phase involves providing advanced trainings for "seasoned" advocates that explore larger issues around social change, movement building, leadership, and the future of our work. Expanding and broadening knowledge represents the tree branches as they spread and reach for higher levels.

The second point of interest on our roadmap was "Elevate", which included raising levels of accountability, ownership, knowledge, and initiative to advance our priorities. The Nebraska Coalition elevated our Public Policy efforts during the past year by deciding to contract with the lobbying firm of Zulkoski Weber. This has created more visibility around our advocacy, as well as aiding us in being more strategic. The communication has increased our collaborative efforts with community partners who share common mission goals. Our Legal Director now has the support of a team, which allows us to more effectively propose and introduce new legislation, while also providing testimony and letters to weigh in on relevant issues.

Our final destination on the roadmap for 2019 was "Infuse", which involved permeating all of our efforts with positive energy! We increased focus on staff development, vertical growth opportunities, and strengths of team members. This process has infused our staff with positive energy as we learned to embrace our true leadership potential and dive into our future endeavors with great enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to sharing our 2020 journey with you!

Sincerely,

**Lynne Lange**  
Executive Director

## 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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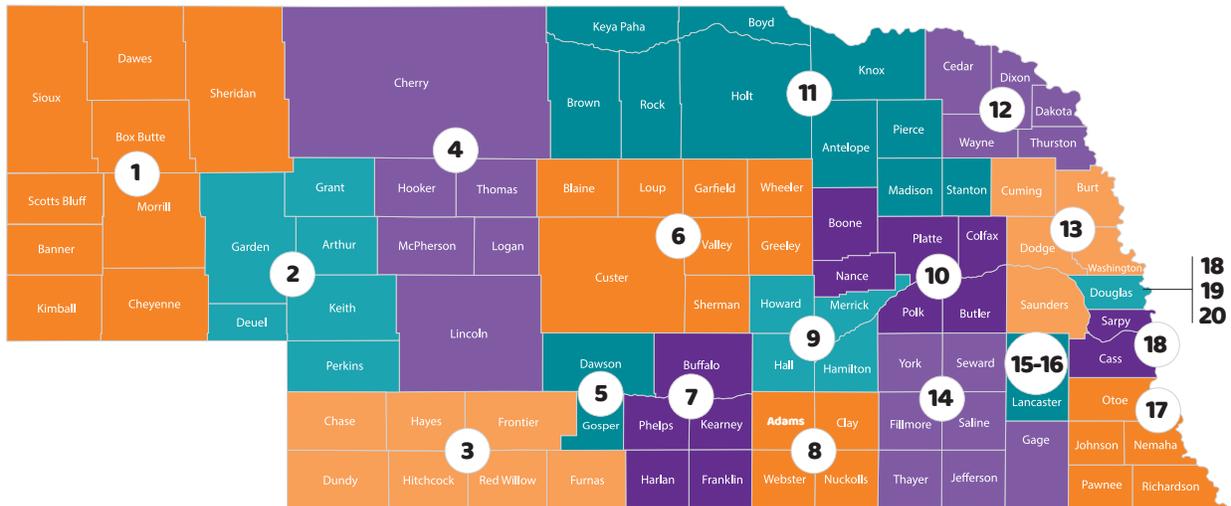


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# Network of Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs

There are currently 20 community-based domestic and sexual violence programs that serve all 93 counties in Nebraska.

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



1. The DOVES Program (Gering)
2. SCIP (Ogallala)
3. DA/SA Services (McCook)
4. R/DAP (North Platte)
5. Parent-Child Center (Lexington)
6. Healing Hearts and Families (Broken Bow)
7. S.A.F.E. Center (Kearney)
8. SASA Crisis Center (Hastings)
9. The 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)

# Services in Nebraska

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).

# Network Services Provided

The local domestic and sexual violence programs support victims and survivors every day of the year, as well as prioritizing prevention efforts in their communities. Additionally, programs work to hold perpetrators accountable. From October 1, 2018—September 30, 2019, the local domestic and sexual violence programs provided the following services.

## People Served

- 14,929 people received direct services

## Shelter Services

- 67,338 shelter beds provided to 1,194 adults and 822 children

## Crisis Line Calls

- 33,452 calls to the 24 hour crisis lines

## Supportive Counseling and Advocacy

### Adults

- 27,750 service contacts for individual support/advocacy
- 3,698 contacts for group support/advocacy

### Children/Youth

- 3,543 contacts made for individual support/advocacy
- 736 contacts made for group support/advocacy

## Prevention/Educational Programs

- 2,053 prevention/educational programs were conducted
- 43,227 individuals attended\*

\*There may be some duplication in the numbers. A person may have attended several events offered by local domestic and sexual violence programs.

## Demographics of People Served

### Gender

ADULT FEMALE	10,886
ADULT MALE	907
CHILDREN/YOUTH	2,405
NOT SPECIFIED/OTHER	731

### Age

0-17 YEARS	2,769
18-24 YEARS	1,802
25-59 YEARS	9,131
60+ YEARS	357
UNDISCLOSED	870

### Ethnicity

NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	39
ASIAN	196
AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE ALASKAN	684
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	1,358
HISPANIC/LATINO	2,425
CAUCASIAN	7,475
UNDISCLOSED	3,033

\*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.

# Nebraska Coalition Direct Services

The Coalition provided the following direct services from January - December 2019.

## Immigrant Relief Services

This project allows attorneys and Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited staff to provide legal assistance to victims/survivors with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions, U visas, T visas, and related filings before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- 143 victims/survivors of violence were served as primary petitioners
- 56 other qualifying family members (qualifying family members include parents, spouses, children under the age of 21, or siblings under the age of 18).

This project also funds the Línea de Crisis, a 24-hour hotline for Spanish speaking victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

- 59 survivors were assisted via the Linea de Crisis
- 14 family members were served
- 6 calls were received from domestic violence programs

## Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Services

This project is conducted in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. The focus provides direct services to victims of sexual

assault in detention facilities, including a statewide hotline. The Prison Advocacy Coordinator also provides trainings and capacity building support to advocates across the state.

During 2019, the Prison Advocacy Coordinator and contract staff provided these services:

- 20 individuals received direct services
- 110 contacts were made via email, confidential mail, and in person meetings
- 23 calls from victims/survivors were received through the hotline
- 132 victim advocates were trained

## Civil Legal Assistance

This project provides legal services to victims and survivors. Common legal issues addressed include domestic abuse protection orders, custody proceedings, and divorce proceedings.

- 3 were assisted with victims' rights issues
- 14 were assisted with protection orders
- 18 were assisted with family law issues (i.e., divorce, custody, visitation)
- 59 received limited scope assistance, including administrative proceedings for Title IX cases

# Training and Capacity Building Support



**49**  
In Person  
Trainings

**31**  
In Person  
Trainings -  
Member

**17**  
Statewide  
Trainings

**12**  
Site Visits -  
Member

**22**  
Capacity  
Building  
Meetings -  
Member

**15**  
In Person  
Trainings -  
Community

# Public Policy Efforts

## Nebraska Coalition Public Policy Values Statement

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence represents the 20 domestic violence and sexual assault service providers (the Programs) through public policy work. This representation is focused on legislative advocacy, leadership on statewide initiatives, and partnerships with other Nebraska agencies serving victims of sexual and domestic violence.

The Nebraska Coalition seeks to enhance Nebraska's response to sexual and domestic violence and lead efforts to reduce and ultimately prevent these violent acts from occurring in our state. This will be accomplished by advocating for:

- Strong domestic violence and sexual assault programs grounded in victim-centered advocacy
- A coordinated, community approach to address sexual and domestic violence grounded in best practices that provides autonomy to victims and survivors and holds those who choose to use violence accountable
- The elimination of oppressions rooted in and perpetuated by societal norms
- Comprehensive primary prevention programs, policies, and practices that examine and support efforts to prevent sexual and domestic violence in all levels of society

The Nebraska Coalition began working with Zulkoski Weber Lobbying Firm for the 2019 Legislative Session. This partnership led to the following successful outcomes.

## Bills that passed during the 2019 legislative session

### **LB141 Provide for the offense of assault by strangulation or suffocation (Senator DeBoer)**

This bill created matched penalties for strangulation and suffocation

### **LB478 Prohibit evidence of a minor's consent in any civil proceeding involving certain alleged sex offenses (Senator Vargas)**

Under the bill as amended, a victim's consent would not be admissible in any civil case alleging sexual penetration when a perpetrator is 19 or older and the victim is younger than 16. A victim's consent is inadmissible in a civil case alleging sexual contact when a perpetrator is 19 or older and the victim is younger than 15.

### **LB532 Change provisions relating to harassment protection orders, sexual assault protection orders, and domestic abuse protection orders (Senator Cavanaugh)**

This important bill harmonizes application procedures and improves the process for protection orders. The bill was amended during second-round debate to allow for exclusion of petitions and affidavits into evidence and to clarify procedures for changing protection order types. The changes contained in this new law will become effective on January 1, 2020.

### **LB 630 Expands unlawful intrusion to include nonconsensual distribution of intimate images as a crime. (Senator Morfeld)**

### **LB 680 Adopts the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act**

# Overview of Funding

The following is a summary of the funding for the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence 2019 fiscal year. (January - December).

## **U.S. Department of Justice passed thru Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice: \$546,169**

- Sexual Assault Services Program: \$334,621
- Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant: \$72,619
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): \$138,929

## **U.S. Department of Justice - Violence Against Women Act: \$432,692**

- Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: \$232,043
- Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant: \$200,649

## **Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$393,807**

- Rape Prevention and Education: \$280,542
- Nebraska Health and Human Services: \$48,032
- Preventive Health and Health Services: \$65,233

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Family Violence Prevention and Services Act: \$313,976**

**Women's Fund of Omaha: \$90,382**

**Individual and Organizational Donors: \$76,672**

**Allstate Foundation: \$70,000**

**Sherwood Foundation: \$50,000**

**Miscellaneous: \$40,790**

**Program Membership Dues: \$18,525**

**Woods Charitable Fund: \$10,000**

**Training Support: \$5,790**

**In Kind Donations: \$5,522**

**Lozier Foundation: \$5,000**

**Community Services Fund: \$4,903**

**Fundraising Events: \$4,397**

**Interest: \$1,999**



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Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

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Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
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Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

## Network of Programs Membership

Bright Horizons, Norfolk  
Catholic Charities - The Shelter, Omaha  
Center for Survivors, Columbus  
The Bridge, Fremont  
Crisis Center, Inc., Grand Island  
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, McCook  
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Voices of Hope, Lincoln  
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**Madeline Walker**  
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\*Not Pictured—Andrew Aleman



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**Other Resources:**

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



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