

# Statewide Report

2020



**NEBRASKA COALITION**  
TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



# A Message from the Executive Director

Greetings Coalition Friends,

When I looked at the letter that I wrote for the 2019 Annual Report, the final line stated, “We are looking forward to sharing our 2020 journey with you!” At that time, none of us had any true idea of what that journey would entail. The year of 2020: pandemic, masks, quarantine, oppression, racism, unrest, change, exhaustion, chaos, surreal, unprecedented. Despite the many challenges that came our way, above all else, we embraced flexibility, centered innovation, and were reminded that we are all incredibly resilient.

During 2020, the Social Responsibility Committee at the Coalition lead the way to make meaningful updates to our mission, vision, and values. This allowed us to center the desire to dismantle the systems that perpetuate violence as well as the intention of providing inclusion for people of all identities.

In addition, we were faced with the alarming reality that fewer survivors were able to reach out for support due to being in isolation with a controlling partner. In addition to the isolation, this control also took the form of preventing survivors from seeking medical attention, withholding insurance cards, and eliminating the ability to make sound health care choices. Speaking at the Governor’s live press conference allowed the opportunity to provide some education and resources to communities in our state,

ensuring them that services were still available in all 93 counties.

We experienced the irony of remodeling our office and adding on a wonderful new training room, only to realize that the amazing gatherings that we envisioned for the new space would not take place. The virtual platform became the new norm for trainings and meetings, and our training team jumped into motion to restructure the curriculum being provided as well as ensuring that additional opportunities were offered through the creation of a new online learning platform.

As our team relocated to work from their homes, a pleasant and unexpected byproduct of remote work was experienced. We had the opportunity for us to hold the collective humanity that appeared before our eyes. We virtually entered each other’s homes, giggled at children and pets, and enjoyed a comfy work wardrobe.

With crisis comes opportunity. As we bring an end to this year like no other, we will continue to look for the moments of learning, connection, and humanity. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

Sincerely,

**Lynne Lange**  
**Executive Director**

## Mission Statement

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence enhances safety and justice by changing the beliefs and behaviors, and dismantling the systems that perpetuate sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, and other forms of violence.

## Vision Statement

We believe our world and all who live in it are sacred. We envision a world where violence is a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper for people of all identities.

## Values

Safety, Prevention & Social Change, Anti-oppression, Anti-racism, Equity & Inclusion, Accountability, Transformative Justice, Collaboration, Education, Empowerment & Autonomy, Leadership, Intersectional Feminism

We invite you to see our full values statement on our website:

[NebraskaCoalition.org/about\\_us/mission.html](https://NebraskaCoalition.org/about_us/mission.html)

## Embracing our Principles

The Nebraska Coalition has continued to prioritize the alignment of our Mission, Vision, and Values with our ongoing commitment to end oppression of all types.

During 2020, our Social Responsibility Committee centered their efforts around updating these guiding principles for our organization. We understand that all forms of oppression are interconnected. We commit ourselves as individuals to the work to end oppression. We also commit to end oppression through the efforts of the Nebraska Coalition and our partnership with member programs across the state of Nebraska.

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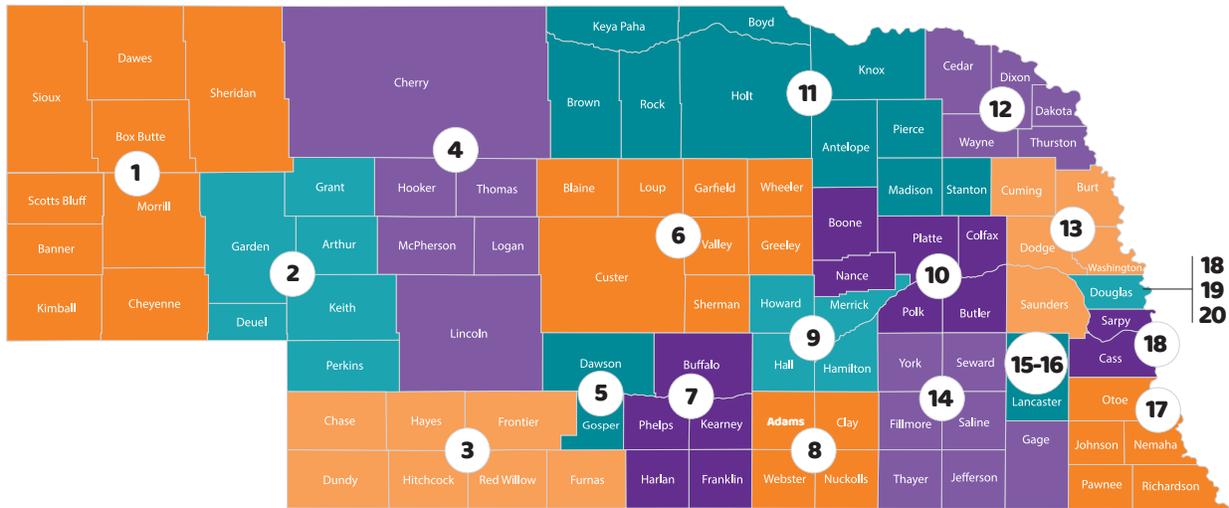


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# Network of Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs

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 survivors 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 provide assistance with obtaining a protection order, emotional support through court proceedings, and referrals to local attorneys.

## Emergency Shelter

Using a combination of shelters and hotels, programs offer people a safe place to escape further violence.

## Ongoing Support and Information

Individual ongoing support is provided to survivors. In addition, 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 individuals who use violence against their partners.

## Transportation

Emergency transportation to shelter is available 24 hours a day. Programs may also 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 domestic and sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, healthy relationships, etc. 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 experiencing domestic or sexual violence.



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 survivors every day of the year, as well as prioritizing prevention efforts in their communities. From October 1, 2019—September 30, 2020, the local domestic and sexual violence programs provided the following services.

## People Served

- 12,351 people received direct services

## Shelter Services

- 60,692 shelter beds provided to 1,074 adults and 672 children

## Crisis Line Calls

- 37,642 calls to the 24 hour crisis lines

## Supportive Counseling and Advocacy

### Adults

- 23,165 service contacts for individual support/advocacy
- 4,187 contacts for group support/advocacy

### Children/Youth

- 2,322 contacts made for individual support/advocacy
- 882 contacts made for group support/advocacy

## Prevention/Educational Programs

- 1,629 prevention/educational programs were conducted
- 37,403 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	8,997
ADULT MALE	774
CHILDREN/YOUTH	2,097
NOT SPECIFIED/OTHER	483

### Age

0-17 YEARS	2,117
18-24 YEARS	1,606
25-59 YEARS	7,336
60+ YEARS	328
UNDISCLOSED	964

### Ethnicity

NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	45
ASIAN	107
AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE ALASKAN	475
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	1,037
HISPANIC/LATINO	1,917
CAUCASIAN	6,275
UNDISCLOSED	2,875

\*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 survivors by other agencies (i.e., police, medical). Therefore, this information should be seen as a conservative estimate. The actual number of 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 2020.

## Immigrant Relief Services

This project allows attorneys and Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA) accredited staff to provide legal assistance to 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).

- 235 survivors of violence were provided immigration assistance
- 201 survivors with Limited English Proficiency were assisted
- 106 survivors were assisted through interpretation/translation

## 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 survivors of sexual assault in detention facilities. The Prison Advocacy Coordinator also provides trainings and capacity building support to advocates across the state.

- 16 survivors were assisted with direct services including criminal justice advocacy, crisis intervention, support services, information/referrals, linguistically specific services, and distribution of materials.

## Civil Legal Assistance

This project provides legal services to survivors. Common legal issues addressed include protection orders, custody proceedings, divorce proceedings, and Title IX cases.

- 100 survivors were provided civil legal assistance



# Training and Capacity Building Support



**2,109 Individuals Trained**

**51**  
Trainings for  
Member Programs

**32**  
Program Connection  
Calls 556 Attendees

**10**  
Fundamentals of  
Advocacy Trainings

**33**  
Capacity Building  
Meetings for Member  
Programs

**17**  
Trainings for  
Community Partners

**41**  
Webinars/Zoom Sessions

# 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 through public policy work. This representation is focused on legislative advocacy, leadership on statewide initiatives, and partnerships with other Nebraska agencies serving survivors 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 and sexual violence programs grounded in survivor-centered advocacy
- A coordinated, community approach to address sexual and domestic violence grounded in best practices that provides autonomy to 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 partners with Zulkoski Weber Lobbying Firm. This collaboration led to the following successful outcomes.

## Bills that passed during the 2020 legislative session

### **LB 43 – Adopts the Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights (Senator Bolz)**

This bill outlines the rights and shares resources that are available to survivors of sexual assault even if they do not choose to participate in the criminal justice system or if they do not want to get a physical exam.

### **LB 518 - Provides a process for T and U Visas (Senator Blood introduced as LB 745, amended into LB 518)**

Creates a uniform process to provide better access to T and U Visas for sex trafficking survivors as well as survivors of other violent crimes.

### **LB 534 - Campus sexual violence reporting requirement (Senator Cavanaugh)**

This bill requires each public postsecondary educational institution to administer a sexual assault campus climate survey to its students every two years. Those institutions must submit a report regarding sexual harassment and Title IX compliance each odd-numbered year.

### **LB 881 - Sexual Assault Kit testing and reporting (Senator Cavanaugh introduced LB 945, amended into LB 881)**

New funding will be provided in the state budget to provide faster processing of untested sexual assault kits. This bill also requires Lincoln and Omaha to provide annual reporting of the number of untested kits each year.

# Overview of Funding

The following is a summary of the funding for the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence 2020 fiscal year. (January - December).

## **U.S. Department of Justice passed thru Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice: \$542,574**

- Sexual Assault Services Program: \$336,726
- Violence Against Women Act STOP Grant: \$58,768
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): \$147,080

## **U.S. Department of Justice - Violence Against Women Act: \$401,666**

- Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: \$228,642
- Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant: \$170,106
- Developing Capacity to Serve Human Trafficking in Rural Nebraska: \$2,918.00

## **Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services: \$406,204**

- Rape Prevention and Education: \$284,886
- Nebraska Health and Human Services: \$62,962
- Preventive Health and Health Services: \$58,356

## **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Family Violence Prevention and Services Act: \$391,710**

**Payroll Protection Program: \$54,496**

**Women's Fund of Omaha: \$19,709**

**Individual and Organizational Donors: \$125,316**

**Allstate Foundation: \$95,000**

**Sherwood Foundation: \$55,000**

**Miscellaneous: \$830**

**Program Membership Dues: \$18,877**

**Woods Charitable Fund: \$22,500**

**Training Support: \$3,545**

**In Kind Donations: \$6,700**

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

**Community Services Fund: \$4,510**

**Champion System: \$6,500**

**Interest: \$1,959**

**Total: \$2,162,087**

# Programmatic Spotlight

## Mediums for Change: Youth Expression Project

The Nebraska Coalition introduced the Mediums for Change Youth Expression Project during 2020. This opportunity allowed youth across Nebraska to design art, digital media, poetry, and prose in a creative manner. Following five themes, young folks were encouraged to respond to one theme in a way that felt appropriate to them. There were 71 entries received from all across the state. Each student who submitted an entry was featured in a book that was printed and distributed to the participants, teachers, schools, community partners, and our network of

member programs. Winners were chosen from the submissions, and the top percentage of winners were given cash prizes. The event served as a spring board to further engage youth who are often marginalized in school and the community. The aim was to allow young people to discover their own power and begin youth organizing through their collective voices. We believe that youth will continue to take the anti-violence movement forward to help create transformative culture shifts in our word.



***“She’s Broken”***

*Mediums for Change  
2020 Visionaries Winner  
Zaineb Ajumayaat  
Lincoln High School*



# Thank You to Nebraska Coalition Donors!

We envision a future where healthy relationships prosper.

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## Organizations:

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Champion System  
Cybergrants

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# Board of Directors and Members

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

## 2020 Board of Directors

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## Affiliate Partners Membership

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
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  
The DOVES Program, Gering  
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Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Ogallala  
S.A.F.E.. Center, Kearney  
SASA Crisis Center, Hastings  
Voices of Hope, Lincoln  
Women's Center for Advancement, Omaha



# 2020 Nebraska Coalition Staff Members

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**Tia Manning**  
PREA Advocacy  
Coordinator



**Madeline Walker**  
Human Trafficking  
Program Coordinator

*\*Not Pictured—Michael Wilson*

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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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