## Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Providing support and assistance to the 20 network domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout the state is the Coalition's primary focus. To that end, the Coalition provides the following services.

#### Training and Capacity Building

The Nebraska Coalition offers training opportunities for program advocates throughout the state. These trainings help the programs train their new staff and board members and ensure that there is a common philosophy throughout the network of programs for providing services and working with survivors. Nebraska Coalition staff also work individually with programs to address program-specific issues and staffing needs.

#### Peer Review

Approximately every four years, each of the 20 network domestic violence and sexual assault programs participates in a peer review process facilitated by the Nebraska Coalition. The purpose of the peer review is to ensure a consistent quality of services is provided throughout the state and that programs meet the standards of various state and federal funding sources.

#### Collaborative Partnerships

The Nebraska Coalition works in partnership with other agencies and organizations, both statewide and national, to develop policies and procedures that lead to appropriate responses to domestic violence and sexual assault and provide a unified voice on public policy issues. Nebraska Coalition staff also provide training to other organizations on appropriate responses to survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life and stalking.

#### Resource Library

The Nebraska Coalition maintains a resource library for use by the programs as well as individuals and organizations in need of information about dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, abuse in later life and related issues. The library includes numerous books, videos and training curriculums, and other materials.

#### Statewide Public Awareness Activities

The Nebraska Coalition conducts statewide public awareness activities to help raise awareness about issues pertaining to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life and stalking. The Nebraska Coalition's Step Up Speak Out campaign (www.stepupspeakout.org) is centered around prevention efforts in our communities.

## ■ Website: www.nebraskacoalition.org The Nebraska Coalition website provides

information for network program staff and the general public on issues pertaining to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, abuse in later life and stalking.

The Nebraska Coalition also works with the network of programs to identify unmet needs and help to fill service gaps. Three key areas of this work are:

#### Diverse Populations

The Nebraska Coalition works to support

victims and survivors from diverse populations through collaborative projects with other organizations, such as Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, the tribal domestic violence/sexual assault programs, and others.

The Nebraska Coalition has a grant that funds services to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Attorneys on staff work with victims to apply for immigration relief options. Staff also collaborate with other organizations, such as Center for Legal Immigration Assistance, to meet the needs of immigrant survivors.

### □ Josie's Fund

Animals, like family members, are often

victims of violence occurring in their homes. Through Josie's Fund, local domestic violence/sexual assault programs may apply to the Nebraska Coalition for small grants to help victims of violence pay for pet-related expenses such as kenneling a pet who would otherwise have to be left behind if the family is fleeing violence, or paying for veterinarian bills and other expenses incurred from pets being injured during a violent incident.

### Nebraska Network of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs

To find the program near you, visit www.nebraskacoalition.org

#### Region I:

DOVES, Gering Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Ogallala

#### Region II:

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, McCook Rape/Domestic Abuse Program, North Platte Parent-Child Center, Lexington

#### Region III:

Healing Hearts and Families, Broken Bow The S.A.F.E. Center, Kearney The Crisis Center, Grand Island Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Hastings

#### Region IV:

Center for Survivors, Columbus Haven House, Wayne Bright Horizons, Norfolk The Bridge, Fremont

#### Region V:

Hope Crisis Center, Fairbury Voices of Hope, Lincoln Friendship Home, Lincoln Project Response, Auburn

#### Region VI:

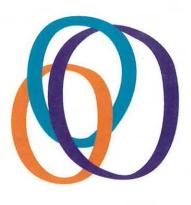
Heartland Domestic Abuse Program, Bellevue Women's Center for Advancement, Omaha Catholic Charities – The Shelter, Omaha

\*There are also four tribal programs in Nebraska through the Omaha Nation, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Nation, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

> National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

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#### **Our Mission**

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

To this end, the Nebraska Coalition provides information, support and guidance by:

- Working with the network of local domestic violence and sexual assault programs;
- Providing training on the region and state wide level,
- · Disseminating educational materials; and,
- Working to ensure laws and public policy initiatives support victims and hold offenders accountable.

#### **Our Vision**

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

# Your Donation to the Nebraska Coalition Helps Us Help Others

By making a donation to the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence you can help our organization make life safer for victims and survivors in our state. Your tax-deductible donation will help us continue to provide training and assistance to the 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs and provide direct services to victims through initiatives such as the Statewide Spanish Crisis Line and Josie's Fund.

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