



Victims Advocacy Programs Report

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Charge and Program Overview

Pursuant to House Bill (HB) 1 (Executive Branch Operating Budget) from the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS/Cabinet) Department for Community Based Services (DCBS/Department) submits this report on the victims advocacy center programs.

(18) Victims Advocacy Programs: *Included in the above General Fund appropriation is an additional \$5,000,000 for the Children's Advocacy Centers, an additional \$3,500,000 for the Domestic Violence Shelters, and an additional \$1,500,000 for the Rape Crisis Centers in each fiscal year. These appropriations shall support direct service costs only, and no administrative overhead costs shall be paid with these appropriations. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall submit a report containing the number of participants served and the details of items expended from these funds to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by August 1 of each fiscal year.*

Victims Advocacy Programs Overview

Interpersonal violence is a crime without boundaries. It affects children, adults, the elderly, and people with disabilities. It affects people from all walks of life and does not discriminate against race, religion, or economic class. According to the 2015 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, about one in four women and nearly one in 10 men have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime. Additionally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about one in seven children experienced child abuse or neglect in 2018.

The effects of child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence are profound for victims, survivors, and loved ones. Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) research indicates that experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, witnessing violence in the home or community, or having a family member attempt or die by suicide undermine a young person's sense of safety, stability, and bonding. ACEs can have lasting, negative effects on health and well-being across the lifespan such as development of chronic diseases and behavioral challenges, increased risk of substance misuse, and poor school and occupational performance. A 2019 ACEs study conducted by the CDC found that at least five of the top 10 leading causes of death are associated with ACEs (Merrick MT, Ford DC, Ports KA, et al. Vital Signs: Estimated Proportion of Adult Health Problems Attributable to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Implications for Prevention — 25 States, 2015–2017. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2019;68:999-1005).

The Department's Division of Protection and Permanency (DPP) is the organizational unit within DCBS that provides the primary programmatic and administrative oversight for

victims advocacy programs – domestic violence shelters/programs, rape crisis centers, and children’s advocacy centers.

DCBS contracts with the state coalitions for these programs – Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV); Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP); Children’s Advocacy Centers of Kentucky (CAC KY). These coalitions then subcontract and administer funding and program guidance to their member programs across the Commonwealth.

Kentucky is somewhat unique and seen as a leader in ensuring that there is coverage for all three of these service networks throughout the vast and complex geography of Kentucky. This was accomplished, as these programs were establishing themselves, by CHFS funding a single rape crisis center, domestic violence shelter/program, and children’s advocacy center in each region of the state based upon the Area Development Districts (ADDs). This allows persons who experience domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or child sexual abuse to receive specialized services through a state funded and fully operational agency in their respective region or ADD.

To learn more about the individual programs referenced above, their geographic districts, and their contact information, please see Appendices A, B, and C.

The following pages offer the victim advocacy program’s plans for utilization of the funding and status updates from those programs and CHFS on implementation. The data and information provided in this report is for the period of July 1 to July 15, 2022. This State Fiscal Year began on July 1, 2022, and House Bill 1, Section G8(18), requires specific information be reported by August 1 of each fiscal year. In order to submit the report by August 1, July 15 was used as the cutoff date for information.

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV)

KCADV is the state coalition for Kentucky’s domestic violence shelters/programs. Domestic violence programs in Kentucky provide a variety of services for persons that have experienced intimate partner violence, dating violence, or spouse abuse as well their children and family members. All domestic violence programs in Kentucky provide the following services per KRS 209A.045 and 922 KAR 5:040:

- Domestic violence shelter services
 - Housing and shelter
 - Meals
- Domestic violence crisis services (both in shelter and in community)
- Advocacy services (both in shelter and in community)

More information on KCADV can be found at www.kcadv.org.

KCADV Plan for SFY 23-24

For purposes of meeting the intent of HB 1, the 15 domestic violence shelter programs will use the additional \$3,500,000 appropriation to support shelter and related services as follows:

- **Wages & Benefits** – Increasing salaries and benefits for counselors so that ultimately all staff earn a living wage. The amounts charged under this funding allocation will be limited to those staff whose activities can be directly charged/connected to providing shelter and related services.
- **Shelter & Program** – Food, clothing, toiletries & personal hygiene items, and travel vouchers for clients.
- **Equipment** – Equipment that is necessary to provide security, telehealth counseling and mobile advocacy services, food preparation and storage, and shelter heating/cooling systems.

Program Highlights for SFY 23 (July 1 – July 15, 2022)

KCADV program data for the above time-period is not available at the time of this report.

Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP)

KASAP is the state coalition for Kentucky's 13 rape crisis centers. Rape crisis centers in Kentucky provide a variety of services for persons that have experienced sexual assault, rape, and sexual abuse and their friends and family. All rape crisis centers in Kentucky provide the following services per 922 KAR 8:010:

- Mental health and support services
- Medical advocacy services
- Legal advocacy services
- Operate a crisis line
- Public education services

KASAP Plan for SFY 23-24

KASAP plans to allocate funds as per the chart below. These funds will be used by the 13 rape crisis centers to hire therapists, crisis line counselors/victim advocates, educators, and retain experienced staff providing direct services. Funding will also allow for required training and supervision of direct service staff. A small portion of the funding will support the acquisition of trauma-informed supplies and technology needed by these direct service providers. Please see below for a more detailed list of what local centers may spend funds on and for the budget outlining distribution of new funds.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Statewide	Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs	\$150,000.05
Region 1	Lotus Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center	\$103,846.15
Region 2	Sanctuary	\$103,846.15
Region 3	Green River Regional Rape Victim Services	\$103,846.15
Region 4	Hope Harbor	\$103,846.15

Region 5	Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services	\$103,846.15
Region 6	Center for Women & Families	\$103,846.15
Region 7/8	The Ion Center for Violence Prevention	\$103,846.15
Region 9/10	Pathways Victim Services	\$103,846.15
Region 11	The Healing Program/Mountain Comp	\$103,846.15
Region 12	The Rising Center/KY River Comm Care	\$103,846.15
Region 13	Cumberland River Behavioral Health	\$103,846.15
Region 14	Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$103,846.15
Region 15	Ampersand	\$103,846.15
Total		\$1,500,000.00

Program Highlights for SFY 23 (July 1 – July 15, 2022)

Unduplicated sexual assault victims	661
Unduplicated friends and family	111
Crisis line calls	124
Medical advocacy	123
Legal advocacy	117
Treatment sessions	556

More information on KASAP can be found at <https://www.kasap.org/>.

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Kentucky (CAC KY)

CAC KY is the state coalition for Kentucky’s 15 Children’s Advocacy Centers. CACs in Kentucky provide a variety of services for children that have experienced sexual abuse and non-offending parents and family members. All CACs in Kentucky provide the following services per 922 KAR 1:580:

- Advocacy services
- Counseling services
- Clinical services
- Forensic interviewing
- Multi-disciplinary team (MDT) facilitation
- Medical examination services
- Consultation and education services

CAC Kentucky Plan for SFY 23-24

The joint investigation has long been recognized as a best practice approach to investigating child abuse cases as it contemplates a unique factor inherent to these cases: the involvement of a civil (DCBS) investigation as well as a criminal (law enforcement) investigation. These parallel systems are activated in cases involving children as the community holds an interest in both public safety and child safety. If these systems are not working together, alleged victims are often re-traumatized by a duplicative process, and the benefits of information-sharing and collaboration are unrealized.

In recognition that the CAC model was born out of a need to facilitate a coordinated approach to child abuse investigations, CAC KY and member CACs began a discussion on possible solutions, which would enable the model to fully accomplish this goal and address the challenges. The hypothesis that arose from these discussions is that CACs could more successfully meet their mission if provided greater visibility into the universe of cases that might require a joint investigation.

In 2019, CAC KY launched a pilot program in partnership with CHFS in which CAC staff in three pilot counties began receiving central intake reports (all reports of abuse and law enforcement assist reports). It was discovered that CACs and multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) were only receiving referrals for only 50% of the cases that met criteria for a CAC/MDT response. It was also discovered that roughly 15% of the total number of reports of abuse met criteria for MDT/ CAC services.

Individual program allocations for regional CACs are currently in process. More information on CAC KY can be found at <https://cackentucky.org/>.

Program Highlights for SFY 23 (July 1 – July 15, 2022)

Unduplicated child victims	616
Unduplicated caregivers	271
Forensic interviews	195
Child sexual abuse medical examinations	17

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Update

As of the date of this report, CHFS is in the process of formalizing the following items:

- Review and approval of plans and budgets.
- Verifying funding levels with expansion funds provided in HB 1.
- Reviewing for and verifying any federal funds that can be carried into state fiscal year 2023.
- Preparing all documents to modify budgets and language for victims advocacy programs contracts.
- Anticipated timeline for completion of contract modifications – 45 days.

Appendices

Appendix A

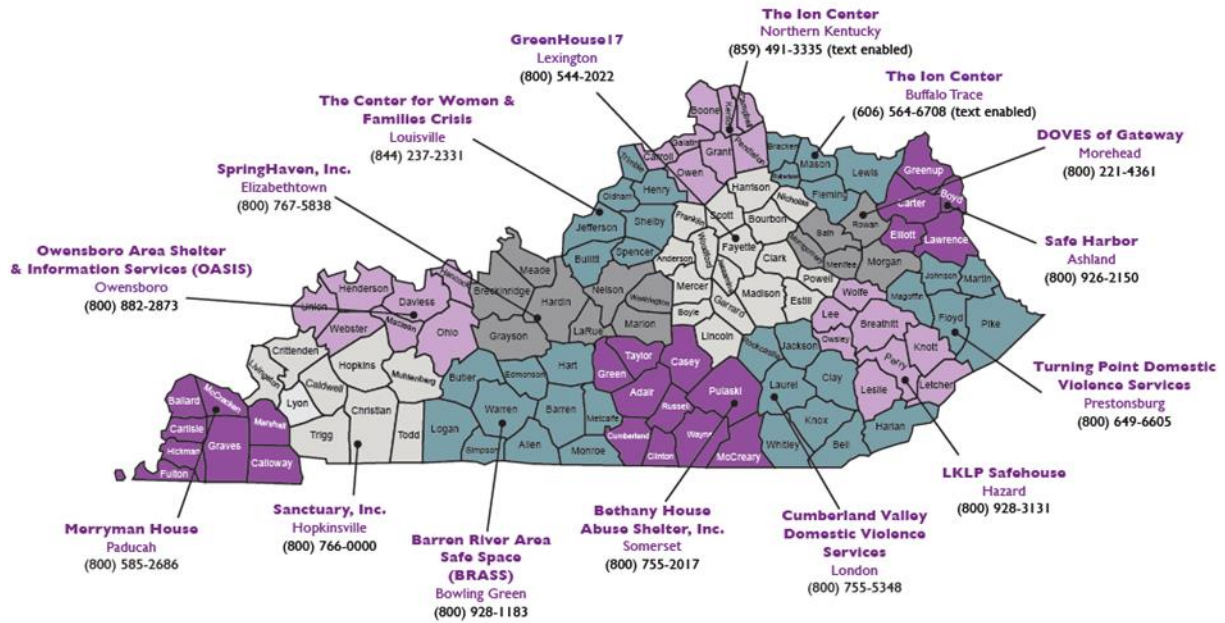


Kentucky Coalition
Against Domestic Violence
KCADV

Kentucky's Domestic Violence Shelter Programs

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
111 Darby Shire Circle
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-209-5382
Fax: 502-226-5382
www.kcadv.org

Domestic Violence Hotline
(800) 799-SAFE(7233)



Appendix B



Region 1: Lotus Children's Advocacy & Sexual Violence Resource Center
 P.O. Box 8506, Paducah, KY 42002
 (800) 928-7273
hopehealgrow.org



Region 2: Sanctuary, Inc.
 P.O. Box 1165
 Hopkinsville, KY 42241
 (800) 766-0000 | sanctuaryinc.net



Region 3: New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services
 1716 Scherm Rd.
 Owensboro, KY 42301
 (800) 226-7273
nbowensboro.org



Region 4: Hope Harbor, Inc.
 913 Broadway Ave.
 Bowling Green, KY 42101
 (270) 846-1100
hopeharbor.net



Region 5: Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services
 751 S Provident Way
 Elizabethtown, KY 42701
 (877) 672-2124 | silverleafky.org



Region 6: The Center for Women & Families
 P.O. Box 2048, Louisville, KY 40201
 (844) BE-SAFE-1 | (844) 237-2331
thecenteronline.org



Region 7 & 8: The Ion Center for Violence Prevention
 835 Madison Ave.
 Covington, KY 41011
 (859) 491-3335 (Northern Kentucky)
 (606) 564-6708 (Buffalo Trace)
ioncenter.org



Region 9 & 10: Pathways, Inc.
 (Ashland & Morehead)
 P.O. Box 790, Ashland, KY 41101
 (800) 562-8909 | pathways-ky.org



Region 11: Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing Program for Survivors of Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence
 104 South Front Ave.
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 (800) 422-1060 | mtcomp.org



Region 12: The Rising Center
 637 Morton Blvd., Hazard, KY 41701
 (800) 375-7273 | therisingcenter.org



Region 13: Cumberland River Victims Services
 P.O. Box 568, Corbin, KY 40701
 (606) 528-5286 | crvsky.org



Region 14: Adanta Sexual Assault Resource Center (ASARC)
 259 Parkers Mill Rd.
 Somerset, KY 42501
 (800) 656-HOPE (4673) | adanta.org



Region 15: Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass
 P.O. Box 1603, Lexington, KY 40588
 (859) 253-2511
ampersandky.org

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAMS
 P.O. Box 4028 | Frankfort, KY 40604 | (800) 656-HOPE (4673) | www.kasap.org

Appendix C



Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky

For more information on each CAC, see www.cackentucky.org

● Main Office
 ★ Satellite Office
 Please contact main office for information about satellite office coverage in this service area.

