If everyone is moving forward, then success takes care of itself.
-Henry Ford
Dear Coalition allies and advocates,

The 2014 year has marked some exciting changes for the Nebraska Coalition! The most moving accomplishment was embracing the importance of adding action to our name in order to recognize our ultimate goal of ending violence. The rebranding also allowed us to unveil a new logo and to launch an updated website: www.nebraskacoalition.org.

The Nebraska Coalition held a statewide "No More in Nebraska" Conference that featured nationally recognized speakers, and was attended by advocates and other professionals. The opportunity allowed for knowledge growth in the areas of providing trauma informed services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, enhancing culturally relevant services for victims identifying as LGBTQ, and examining the social norms that perpetuate as well as prevent domestic and sexual violence.

In addition, during 2014 the Coalition aided in the restructuring of our program service areas and began revising our Program Standards to ensure that a strong safety net of services are available to survivors in all areas of our state.

I would like to recognize the dedicated staff of the Coalition who have formed a strong working team over the last several years and have created a solid foundation for services in Nebraska, as well as thanking the Board of Directors for helping the Coalition to forge forward with such positive transformation!

I also appreciate you for joining us in our journey.

Sincerely,

Lynne Lange
Executive Director

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Hello Coalition friends! I cannot wait to tell you what a thrilling year 2014 was for the Coalition.

In spring we completed the final piece of the Coalition’s modern update with a new name and logo. The Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition became the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. The feedback has been fantastic and it truly brings the Coalition into the 21st century!

In October, we put all our talk into action and had the first annual Coalition fundraiser and awards banquet. It was a night of laughing, eating and honoring the amazing people who do this work including Lynne, our Executive Director, who received an award for her leadership. We can’t wait for this year’s banquet on November 5th so mark your calendars!

These events, in addition to the fantastic work done by staff in 2014, pushed us into completion of our strategic plan almost a full year early! We are gearing up for our next strategic plan to keep our momentum going.

As I end my term as Board Chair and begin my last year on the board, I would like to thank the Coalition staff and all the other board members for being so dedicated to make the Coalition a great organization. I’m privileged to be a partner with them in this work to end sexual and domestic violence. I know the Coalition will continue to do great things.

I leave you with this..."When we cast our break upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never know, will benefit from our actions."
-Maya Angelou

Sincerely,

Christon MacTaggart
Board Chair
Mission Statement
The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence enhances safety and justice by changing the beliefs that perpetuate domestic violence and sexual assault.

Vision Statement
We envision a world where domestic violence and sexual assault 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.
There are currently 20 community-based domestic violence/sexual assault programs in Nebraska.

1. DOVES Program, Gering
2. Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Ogallala
3. Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Service, McCook
4. Rape/Domestic Abuse Program, North Platte
5. Parent-Child Center, Lexington
6. Healing Hearts and Families, Broken Bow
7. The S.A.F.E. Center, Kearney
8. Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Hastings
9. Crisis Center, Grand Island

There also are 4 tribal domestic violence/sexual assault programs in Nebraska, serving the Ponca, Winnebago, Omaha and Santee Sioux nations.

I wouldn’t go back and change anything about my life because that is the reason why I am in this field too and have such passion for it. I have hope for everyone that walks in the door. I know if I could overcome it then they can too. Maybe I’ll be someone’s only support and that can mean a lot to someone.

- Local Program Advocate

(Names of programs and locations listed in the text)

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Network Services

The network of domestic violence/sexual assault 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 domestic abuse 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 violence/sexual assault programs provide access to safety and shelter across the state.
To locate the program nearest you, visit www.nebraskacoalition.org.

Or Call:
1-877-215-0167 - Línea de Crisis en Nebraska (en español)
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) - National Domestic Violence Hotline, www.ndvh.org
1-800-656-HOPE (4673) - Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network, www.rainn.org
1-866-331-9474 - National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, www.loveisrespect.org
The local domestic violence/sexual assault programs strive to meet the needs of victims and survivors and to provide a voice to speak on their behalf when needed. Additionally, programs work to hold perpetrators accountable and implement efforts to prevent domestic and sexual violence.

During October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014, the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs provided the following services.

**People Served**
- 22,655 people received direct services

**Shelter Services**
- 57,485 shelter beds provided
  - 1,266 adults and 1,306 children and youth received shelter services

**Crisis Line Calls**
- 43,054 calls to the 24 hour crisis lines operated by the network of programs

**Supportive Counseling and Advocacy**
When reporting statistics, programs had the option of including either the number of contacts or the number of hours. Therefore, the number of contacts does not include the number of hours listed.

- **Adults**
  - 43,645 service contacts for individual support/advocacy provided
  - 7,039 contacts for group support/advocacy provided

- **Children/Youth**
  - 4,384 contacts made for individual support/advocacy provided
  - 9,442 contacts made for group support/advocacy provided
  - 4,182 other service contacts were spent providing additional activities to children and youth

**Demographics of People Served***

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*This report includes the statistics provided to the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence by the local domestic violence/sexual assault 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.

**Some survivors may have identified as more than one ethnicity.
Prevention/Educational Programs

- 2,152 prevention/educational programs were conducted
  - 67,329 individuals attended*
- An additional 1,762 awareness activities were provided

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

2014 Direct Services by the Nebraska Coalition

In addition to the direct services provided by the network of programs, the Coalition provided the following direct services between January - December 2014 (the Coalition’s fiscal year) through the Immigrant Victims Relief Project.

The Immigrant Victims Relief Project is a joint project between the Coalition and the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (CLIA). It is funded through the rural grant program, which started on October 1, 2013. The project allowed Coalition attorneys and BIA accredited staff at CLIA to provide legal assistance to victims/survivors with VAWA self-petitions, U visas, T visas, and related filings before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

- Coalition and CLIA staff provided legal assistance to immigrant victims of violence seeking relief through immigration options provided under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Coalition and CLIA staff:
  - assisted 56 victims/survivors of violence as primary petitioners; and
  - assisted 42 other qualifying family members (qualifying family members include parents, spouses, children under the age of 21, or siblings under the age of 18).

- The rural grant also funds the Línea de Crisis, a 24-hour hotline for Spanish speaking victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
  - Hotline staff took 47 calls from victims/survivors
  - Hotline staff took an additional 30 calls from individuals who were not victims/survivors, such as friends and family members, and from the programs for assistance in interpretation/translation with Spanish speaking clients.

My advocate was there for me at a time when I needed someone to be on my side. I hope someday I can find a way to give back for all of the help they gave me that night when I reached out to them.

–Survivor
Nebraska Coalition Statistics*

**Training, Education, and Technical Assistance to the Network**
- Responded to 4,450 telephone/email requests for information
- Conducted 22 on-site visits, including 5 peer reviews
- Provided 49 trainings, totaling 176.75 hours attended by 597 people

**Training, Education, and Technical Assistance to Other Agencies**
- Responded to 808 telephone/email requests for information
- Provided 36 trainings in multidisciplinary forums, totaling 174.5 hours and attended by 835 people, including:
  - 17 statewide or regional trainings/webinars in Nebraska
  - Statewide *No More in Nebraska* conference
  - 1 training in another state
- Convened and/or attended 155 meetings on collaborative initiatives and enhancing services
- Reviewed all batterer intervention programs, including 4 in person reviews

**Publications and Resources**
- Shared information and resources through 7,697 mailings to the network of programs and 2,725 mailings to other agencies
- Distributed 4 issues of the *No More in Nebraska* newsletter
- Distributed 38,176 brochures and other materials

**Public Awareness**
- Attended 4 events sponsored by local organizations

**Public Policy**
- Sponsored a statewide *Legislative Update Day* to inform state senators and other leaders about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking
- Provided analysis of proposed legislation and direct lobbying efforts to advocate for victims

**Staff Development and Training**
- Attended a combined total of 145 state and national teleconferences, webinars, meetings and trainings to keep current about emerging issues

*These statistics reflect January - December 2014, which is the Coalition’s fiscal year. **There may be some duplication in these numbers. A person may have attended more than one event. The Coalition has removed duplication where possible.

Thank you for putting on the webinar. We will be reexamining our policies and language to see if there are areas where we could allow more self-determination within the requirements that are needed.
- Homelessness organization in central Nebraska
In October, the Coalition officially revealed a new name - the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Previously the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition, the agency recently embraced the importance of adding action to their name to recognize the ultimate goal of ending violence.

With the new name came a new logo (pictured above). The colors of the logo were specifically chosen to represent the three primary areas that embody the work of the Coalition. Purple represents domestic violence awareness, teal symbolizes sexual assault awareness, and orange signifies dating violence awareness.

The three circles not only exemplify these primary areas of our work but they also represent the Coalition, the network of programs across Nebraska, and the victims/survivors whose voices are at the core of our efforts. These three layers of partnership are absolutely vital to our mission.

The logo is organic, inviting and personal, much like our organization. The rings may also create a sense of motion, symbolizing our constant efforts to move forward. The imperfections and varying sizes of the rings represent that each story is unique, and we accept each individual exactly as they are, imperfections and all. We are also able to see the beauty that lies within the flaws. Lastly, the rings overlapped closely together conveys a sense of unity, assurance and comfort to survivors in Nebraska.

The new name and logo were created through discussions among staff, the Board of Directors and the directors of the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs. Several options were presented and evaluated throughout a year long process. The final results were officially unveiled at the awards banquet held October 29 during the No More in Nebraska conference.

The Coalition also implemented a new website, www.nebraskacoalition.org. All items from the original website (www.ndvsac.org) are being transferred to the new site.

Wow! I LOVE this logo.
What a great updated look and name.
-Marketing/Printing Professional
Coalition Conference and Awards Reception

On October 29, the Board of Directors hosted an awards banquet to celebrate the work of the Coalition as well as the work of the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs. The Coalition staff, Board and community volunteers assisted with the planning of the event. The Coalition is grateful for the many sponsors of the event (listed below).

Award recipients included: Verizon – Corporate Partner of the Year; Sue Michalski, RN/Expert Witness for Practical Solutions and the Domestic Violence Council in Omaha – Community Partner of the Year; Morgan Beal, Prevention Specialist and Campus Advocate at Voices of Hope in Lincoln – Sexual Violence Advocate of the Year; Valerie Harris, Program Manager at Healing Hearts and Families in Broken Bow – Domestic Violence Advocate of the Year; Abbie Tessendorf, Revolution Supervisor at Center for Survivors in Columbus – Prevention Advocate of the Year.

On behalf of the Coalition Lynne Lange expressed, “The award recipients have truly dedicated their energy, values, skills, emotions, and most importantly their passion to help us work toward achieving our vision of a future where domestic violence and sexual assault are a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper.” Later in the evening Lynne Lange was presented an award by the Board of Directors.

The evening also recognized the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act, the 30th anniversary of the Victims of Crime Act, and the 30th anniversary of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. All are examples of life-saving legislation that have transformed service provision for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
Highlights 2014
Overview of Funding

The following is a 2014 summary of funding for the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (formerly the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition). The fiscal year for the Coalition is a calendar year (January - December).

U.S. Department of Justice - Violence Against Women Act: $377,181
  • Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: $200,578
  • Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant: $176,603

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Family Violence Prevention and Services Act: $252,197

Nebraska Health and Human Services: $293,983
  • Rape Prevention and Education: $209,020
  • Nebraska Health and Human Services: $62,806
  • Preventive Health and Health Services: $22,157

Nebraska Crime Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice - Sub-Contracts, Sexual Assault Services Program: $246,244

Fraternal Order of Eagles: $27,082
The Verizon Foundation: $17,000
Program Membership Dues: $14,965
In Kind Donations: $14,441
Fundraising Events: $13,252

The Allstate Foundation: $7,448
  • Moving Forward Grant: $6,448
  • Donation: $1,000

Community Services Fund: $5,990
Individual and Organizational Donors: $2,314
Miscellaneous: $2,017
Lozier Foundation: $1,500
US Bank: $1,500
Interest: $547
Total: $1,277,661
**Coalition Donors**

Donations of all amounts are vital in order to sustain the work of the Coalition. Without this ongoing assistance, the Coalition would be unable to provide resources and services to local domestic violence/sexual assault programs and other organizations. The following list includes donors during the 2014 calendar year. If a name has been inadvertently omitted from these lists, please contact the Coalition. The Coalition is grateful for the generous support from donors. *The Coalition also thanks the anonymous donors for their support!*

### Individuals
- Paul and Kathy Ahrendt
- Kit Boesch and Linda Knox
- Lyndee Black
- Mary Lou Burns
- Dave Butler
- Marsha Fangmeyer
- Lisa and Barry Forbes
- Jo Ann and Lee Gallatin
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- Susan Vanlandingham
- Jim Wiest
- David Wysong
- Linda Zinke
- Michelle Zinke
- Monica Zinke
- Sondra Zinke

### Organizations
- The Allstate Foundation
- Cornerstone Counseling
- Generation Hope Family Counseling
- Healing Hearts and Families
- Heartland Family Service
- Hope Crisis Center
- Hope Line from Verizon
- Legal Aid of Nebraska
- Lozier Foundation
- One Billion Rising - Lincoln
- Practical Applications, Inc.
- The SAFE Center
- Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)
- US Bank Foundation
- US Bank National Association

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- Gwen L. Hurst
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- Nicole Kasal

*The Coalition also thanks the donors through the Allstate Giving Campaign and the Community Services Fund that did not wish to be recognized publicly.*

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Network Membership
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Center for Survivors, Columbus
The Bridge (formerly the Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault), Fremont
Crisis Center, Inc., Grand Island
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Friendship Home, Lincoln
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Hope Crisis Center, Fairbury
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Voices of Hope, Lincoln
Women’s Center for Advancement, Omaha

Thank you for hosting such a fantastic conference. I know it must have been so much work and you all played such an important part in making it an amazing day and a half. It’s having opportunities like the one you all made available to us that help our agencies, state and movement continue forward.

-Executive Director of local domestic violence/sexual assault program
The Coalition envisions a world where domestic violence and sexual assault are a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper.

Won’t you help to fund this new future?

There are many ways to support the work of the Coalition and the network of local domestic violence/sexual assault programs.

Financial support is greatly appreciated. This can be provided by becoming a member of the Coalition and/or by making a tax deductible donation to the Coalition. Donations from private donors are crucial as they provide unrestricted funds that can be used for projects such as Josie’s Fund, public policy work and training costs that are not covered by a grant.

You can also support the Coalition and local programs by working to prevent domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The first step is to become informed about the issues. The next step is to get involved with primary prevention efforts and to support healthy relationships of all types.

For more information, contact the Coalition at 402-476-6256 or your local domestic violence/sexual assault program.

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