



**Nebraska S.T.O.P. (Services – Training – Officers – Prosecutors)  
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Implementation Plan 2017 – 2020  
Addendum to Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015 – 2020**

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## **I. Introduction**

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, all U.S. states and territories are required to develop an implementation plan, if they intend to be eligible for federal Violence Against Women Act/S.T.O.P. funds. Hereinafter "VAWA."

The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission or NCC) serves as the State Adminstrating Agency for the S.T.O.P. Formula grant program funds and as such is charged with funding projects throughout the state which effectively address one or more of the twenty (20) program purpose areas under the 2013 VAWA Reauthorization Act.

The state of Nebraska has maintained a current VAWA implementation plan for over a decade. In 2015, the NCC took a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to victim services and developed Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015 – 2020 (NSPVSC), a plan that took a year to develop and encompasses many of the priority areas outlined under VAWA.

The 2017 – 2020 S.T.O.P. VAWA state implementation plan encompasses all the required areas, but frequently references Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015 – 2020, if the required information is contained therein. This document is organized according to the Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors (S.T.O.P.) Formula Program Implementation Plan Checklist (Attachment 1) provided by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and is designed to be an Addendum to NSPVSC 2015 – 2020. ([https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf))

### **A. Date Approved by State**

On May 5, 2017, the Nebraska S.T.O.P. VAWA Implementation Plan was approved by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

### **B. Plan's Time Frame**

The plan covers the 4-year period of 2017 – 2020.



## II. Description of Planning Process

### A. Brief Description of the Planning Process:

In 2015, the University of Nebraska at Omaha was contracted to conduct extensive research and focus groups, as part of Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015-2020 (NSPVSC) comprehensive planning process. During this process, we employed several means for collecting information from victims of crime and service providers, including a victims of crime survey, victims of crime phone interviews, an interactive phone conference and survey with service providers, a follow-up service provider online survey, two in-person focus groups with service providers and additional meetings and phone calls with stakeholders. (NSPVSC pages 11-13.

[https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf)).

In the development of this current implementation plan, we:

- Examined which priority areas were already addressed in Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime (NSPVSC), covering 2015-2020.
- Sought stakeholder expertise on areas where gaps in services still exists.
- Sought stakeholder expertise on areas where significant progress has been made.
- Conducted two focus groups to examine more closely the needs of underserved populations. These focus sessions were held in December 2016, in Norfolk and Kearney. Both sessions included call-in capacity, and a total of 40 individuals participated in at least one of the sessions. Dr. Anne Hobbs, Kim Trost, and Sage Jensen facilitated all sessions.

### B. Documentation from each member of the focus group:

Please refer to Attachments 2 and 3 for evidence of participation.

The following are those that participated:

- ☐ 1. ~~State Sexual Assault Coalition~~; N/A
- ☐ 2. ~~State Domestic Violence Coalition~~; N/A

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- ☒ 3. Dual Coalition: Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- ☒ 4. Law Enforcement Entity or State Law Enforcement Organization:  
Nebraska State Patrol; Nebraska Crime Commission; City of Lincoln  
Police Department Victim/Witness Unit; City of Kearney Victim/Witness  
Unit; Sarpy County Victim/Witness Unit; Nebraska Department of  
Correctional Services
- ☒ 5. Prosecution Entity or State Prosecution Organization: Nebraska Attorney  
General's Office, Douglas County Attorney's Office Domestic Violence  
Unit
- ☒ 6. A Court or the State Administrative Office of the Courts: Nebraska  
Administrative Offices of the Courts and Probation
- ☒ 7. Representatives from Tribes; Tribal Organizations, or Tribal Coalitions:  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; Santee Sioux Nation of Nebraska
- ☒ 8. Population Specific Organizations Representing the Most Significant  
Underserved Populations and Culturally Specific Populations in the State,  
other than Tribes (which are addressed separately): Community Domestic  
Violence Intervention Program; Justice For Our Neighbors; Spouse Abuse  
Sexual Assault Crisis Center; The DOVES Program; Haven House Family  
Services Center; Bright Horizons; Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic  
Violence Survivors; Women's Fund of Omaha; Family Advocacy  
Network; Sarpy County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA);  
Nebraska Wesleyan University Certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner  
for Adolescents and Adults; The S.A.F.E. Center; Women's Center for  
Advancement; Lutheran Family Services
- ☒ 9. Others if relevant: City of Omaha

**C. Summary of Major Concerns that Were Raised During Planning  
Process:**

All concerns related to the plan are identified in this document.

**D. A description of consultation with other collaboration partners not included in the planning committee**

In addition to the agencies and organizations listed in Section B of the Planning Process in this plan, other agencies and organizations also reviewed NSPVSC 2015 – 2020. (list can be found on page 96.

[https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf)). A list of participants of NSPVSC focus groups, conference calls, and individual meetings can be found on page 97.

The Nebraska Federal Aid Administrator, at the NCC, Merry Wills, periodically attends the monthly tribal meetings. By doing so, she is aware of current challenges and successes, as well as being able to provide any updates and information that she may have that would be useful. Merry Wills also attends the Statewide Coordinated Response team meetings, and is able to receive and provide information at those meetings.

**E. A description of how the state coordinated this plan with the state plan for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the programs under the Victims of Crime Act and section 393A of the Public Health Service Act (Rape Prevention Education), including the impact of that coordination on the contents of this plan**

Nebraska coordinated this implementation plan with NSPVSC 2015 – 2020, to streamline planning processes for all victims of crime across the state. We were cognizant to involve others who are responsible for conducting statewide planning in the planning and review of the NSPVSC and in our more recent VAWA planning sessions. By coordinating all of our efforts, the VAWA implementation plan has become an addendum instead of a stand-alone plan. Among those representing these coordination efforts are the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC), the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS), the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. The NCC administers the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the VAWA S.T.O.P and Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula grant programs. The NDHHS

administers the Rape Prevention Education, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the NE Homeless Assistance grant program, and the HUD (Housing and Urban Development) Emergency Solutions grant program. The Nebraska Attorney General's Office is charged with assisting County Attorneys in the prosecution of sexual and domestic violence crimes, in addition to statewide human trafficking efforts. The Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence are leading statewide coordinated response teams for domestic violence and sexual assault. Attempts have also been made to reduce overlap of various grant processes, monitoring activities and training across the NCC, NDHHS and the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

### **III. Needs and Context**

#### **A. Demographics and Geographical Information**

The state's population demographics and geographical information are described in depth in NSPVSC 2015 - 2020 (pages 6-10.

[https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf)).

The most recent census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau was in 2010, the next will be conducted in 2020. The census numbers displayed in Table 1, from 1990 to 2015, indicates Nebraska's minority population increased overall by 65% while the total population for the state grew by 18.5%. During this same time, the Black or African American population grew by 54.9%. Among this group are growing numbers of African immigrants particularly from Sudan and Somalia. Populations that experienced the greatest growth are Asians which increased by 209% and Hispanics which increased by 387%. These significant increases have been seen across the state in both rural and urban communities. The areas with the greatest diversity are the counties of Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy. There, 85.5% of the state's Black or African American population reside; 45.7% of the Hispanic population; and 65.8% of the Asian population.

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**Table 1. Nebraska Population**

	1990	2000	2010	2015 Estimates
White	1,495,071	1,533,261	1,572,838 (86.1%)	1,647,551
Black or African American	57,862	68,541	82,885 (4.5%)	88,195
Native American and Alaska Native	12,855	14,896	18,427 (1.0%)	16,319
Asian and Pacific Islander	12,629	22,767	33,572 (1.9%)	39,346
Other	----	47,845	79,109 (4.3%)	36,359
2 or more races	----	23,953	39,510 (2.2%)	39,365
<b>Total Nebraska Population</b>	<b>1,578,417</b>	<b>1,711,263</b>	<b>1,826,341</b>	<b>1,869,365</b>
Hispanic Origin, any race	36,969	94,425	167,405 (9.2%)	186,268
Total Minority Population	120,315	272,427	420,915 (23%)	405,852

[http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=DEC\\_10\\_DP\\_DPDP1](http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=DEC_10_DP_DPDP1)

**Table 2. Nebraska Sex and Age estimate for 2015**

SEX AND AGE		
<b>Total population</b>	1,869,365	1,869,365
<b>Male</b>	929,606	49.7%
<b>Female</b>	939,759	50.3%
<b>Under 5 years</b>	130,036	7.0%
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	132,588	7.1%
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	127,538	6.8%

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15 to 19 years	128,728	6.9%
20 to 24 years	135,075	7.2%
25 to 34 years	251,958	13.5%
35 to 44 years	224,348	12.0%
45 to 54 years	244,153	13.1%
55 to 59 years	123,342	6.6%
60 to 64 years	107,537	5.8%
65 to 74 years	139,373	7.5%
75 to 84 years	84,306	4.5%
85 years and over	40,383	2.2%
Median age (years)	36.2	

<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF>

### Refugees in Nebraska

An Omaha.com article released December 9, 2016, titled '*A welcoming state': Nebraska led the nation in resettling most refugees per capita in the last year*', addresses newly released federal government data.

According to the article, "Nebraska welcomed 1,441 refugees, or 76 per 100,000 Nebraskans, between October 2015 and September 2016, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of data from the U.S. State Department's Refugee Processing Center and the U.S. Census Bureau" ... 118 of which were Syrian refugees. The article further stated that "[Lutheran Family Services], which has offices in Omaha and Lincoln, resettled more than 1,000 refugees from 12 countries between October 2015 and September 2016. More than half of the refugees resettled by the agency were from Burma and Bhutan."



The article can be found in its entirety here: [http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/a-welcoming-state-nebraska-led-the-nation-in-resettling-most/article\\_b84f8b71-d374-5cda-ad33-afa9a923fb54.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/a-welcoming-state-nebraska-led-the-nation-in-resettling-most/article_b84f8b71-d374-5cda-ad33-afa9a923fb54.html)

### **Limited English Proficiency**

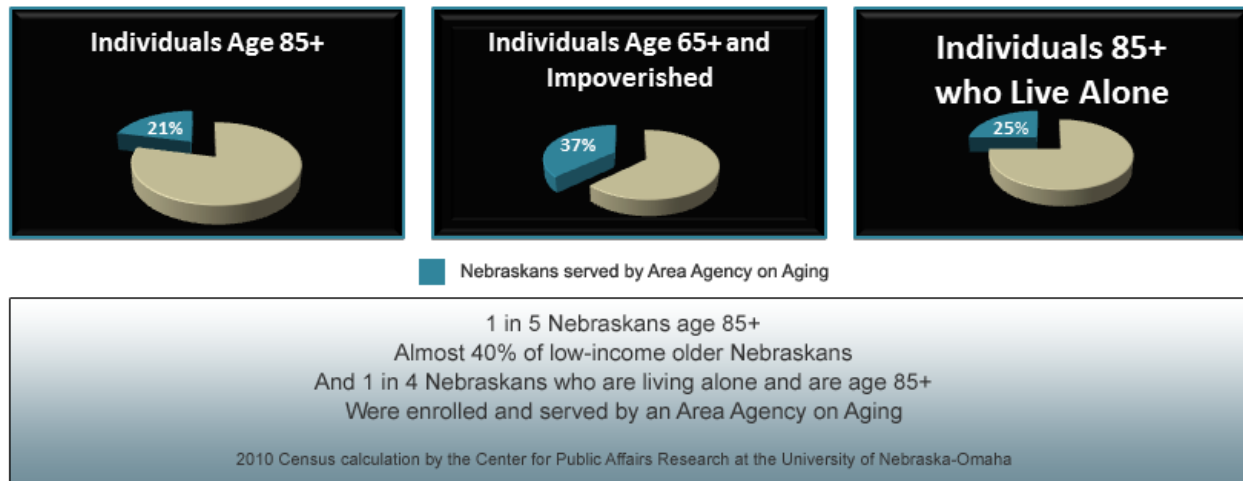
Nebraska's growing population is compounded by significant numbers of individuals who are limited English proficient. The National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy reports that Nebraska ranks 6<sup>th</sup> among the nation's top ten states with the highest growth rates of Limited English Proficient population. According to the Center's report the LEP Data Brief, from 1990 to 2010 the state's LEP population grew from 22,000 to 76,000; a 242.2% increase. The report indicates that the top five languages spoken in Nebraska are Spanish, Vietnamese, African languages, Chinese and Arabic. From October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016, Nebraska projects supported through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) reportedly served 2,422 individuals of limited English proficiency.

### **Elderly and Disabled**

Often, the elderly and disabled populations are seen as fragile or less able to defend themselves, thus making them prime targets for violence, sexual assault crimes and financial abuse. Victimization may be overlooked and even attributed to medication or other medical conditions. As is often the case with underserved populations the elderly and disabled populations require special considerations from service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors and other members of coordinated community response efforts.

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The Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging shared the following statistics on Nebraskans they serve:



Retrieved from: <http://nebaaaa.org/goals.html>

From October 2015 – September 2016 Nebraska projects supported through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) served 130 victims of elder abuse, 99 victims who were deaf or hard of hearing, and 2,391 victims with disabilities. Nebraska's 2015 population estimates indicate of the total population 14.1% where individuals 65 years of age and older.

For comparison, the national estimated rates for 65 years and older were at 10.1%.

<b>65 years and over</b>	264,062	264,062
<b>Male</b>	116,067	44.0%
<b>Female</b>	147,995	56.0%

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Using data from the 2013 American Community Survey, the *Disability Status Report for Nebraska* ([http://www.disabilitystatistics.org/StatusReports/2013-PDF/2013-StatusReport\\_NE.pdf](http://www.disabilitystatistics.org/StatusReports/2013-PDF/2013-StatusReport_NE.pdf)) indicates the following:

**Age:** In 2013, the prevalence of disability in Nebraska:

10.9% for persons of all ages
0.5% for persons ages 4 and under
4.6% for persons ages 5 to 15
4.4% for persons ages 16 to 20
8.9% for persons ages 21 to 64
24.2% for persons ages 65 to 74
48.5% for persons ages 75+

**Disability Type:** In 2013, the prevalence of the six disability types among persons of all ages in Nebraska:

1.8% reported a Visual Disability
3.7% reported a Hearing Disability
5.6% reported an Ambulatory Disability
3.9% reported a Cognitive Disability
1.9% reported a Self-Care Disability
4.0% reported an Independent Living Disability

**Gender:** In 2013, 10.5% of females of all ages and 11.4% of males of all ages in Nebraska reported a disability.

**Hispanic/Latino:** In 2013, the prevalence of disability among persons of all ages of Hispanic or Latino origin in Nebraska was 6.5%.

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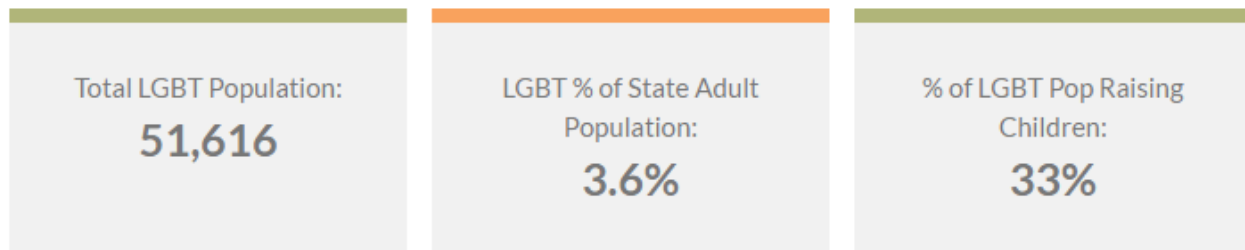
**Race:** In Nebraska in 2013, the prevalence of disability for working-age people (ages 21-64):

8.9% among Whites
9.7% among Black or African Americans
7.3% among Asians
15.9% among Native Americans
6.9% among persons of some other race(s)

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA)**

Founded in 2006, the **Movement Advancement Project (MAP)** is an independent think tank that states that their mission is: "To provide independent and rigorous research, insight, and analysis that help speed full equality for LGBT People." MAP's focus is Policy, Movement Capacity and Effective Messaging. MAP tracks all state and local laws, including Nebraska's, that affect LGBTQIA people.

**Nebraska's LGBT Population**



Retrieved from: [http://www.lgbtmap.org/equality\\_maps/profile\\_state/NE](http://www.lgbtmap.org/equality_maps/profile_state/NE)

According to MAP, "The term "sexual orientation" is loosely defined as a person's pattern of romantic or sexual attraction to people of the opposite sex or gender, the same sex or gender, or more than one sex or gender. Laws that explicitly mention sexual orientation primarily protect or harm lesbian, gay, and bisexual people. That said, transgender people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual can be affected by laws that

explicitly mention sexual orientation. "Gender identity" is a person's deeply-felt inner sense of being male, female, or something else or in-between. "Gender expression" refers to a person's characteristics and behaviors such as appearance, dress, mannerisms and speech patterns that can be described as masculine, feminine, or something else. Gender identity and expression are independent of sexual orientation, and transgender people may identify as heterosexual, lesbian, gay or bisexual. Laws that explicitly mention "gender identity" or "gender identity and expression" primarily protect or harm transgender people. These laws also can apply to people who are not transgender, but whose sense of gender or manner of dress does not adhere to gender stereotypes."

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) lists the University of Nebraska as one of the universities in the U.S.A. that has gender-neutral housing available on campus for students. (<http://www.hrc.org/resources/gender-neutral-housing>) HRC goes on to state that "LGBT Nebraskans have very little protection from discrimination at the state level, which means they are at risk to be fired, denied housing or other services simply for who they are. For transgender people, who face a disproportionate threat of violence, Nebraska's protections offer little help. While Nebraska does have a hate crime law that addresses crimes motivated by sexual orientation, it does not include crimes motivated by gender identity."

In Nebraska, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant program served 157 LGBTQ victims from October 2015 – September 2016.

**B. Description of the methods used to identify underserved populations within the state and the results of those methods, including demographic data on the distribution of underserved populations within the state**

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Focus group attendees were asked to consider their specific service area of the state, and share with the group what are their most underserved populations.

Two aspects that were highlighted during focus groups and require additional description are:

1. The Native American communities present, operating in, and bordering Nebraska (Figure 1) and
2. Rural Areas of Nebraska (Figures 2 and 3)

As seen in Figure 1, Nebraska has land-based tribes (Santee Sioux Nation, Omaha, Winnebago) as well as tribes that have service areas in Nebraska (Ponca). Pine Ridge, Rosebud, and Yankton Tribal lands, each border Nebraska to the north. Additionally, the Iowa Tribe and Sac and Fox Nations are land-based in Nebraska, but do not have headquarters located in Nebraska.



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Figure 1

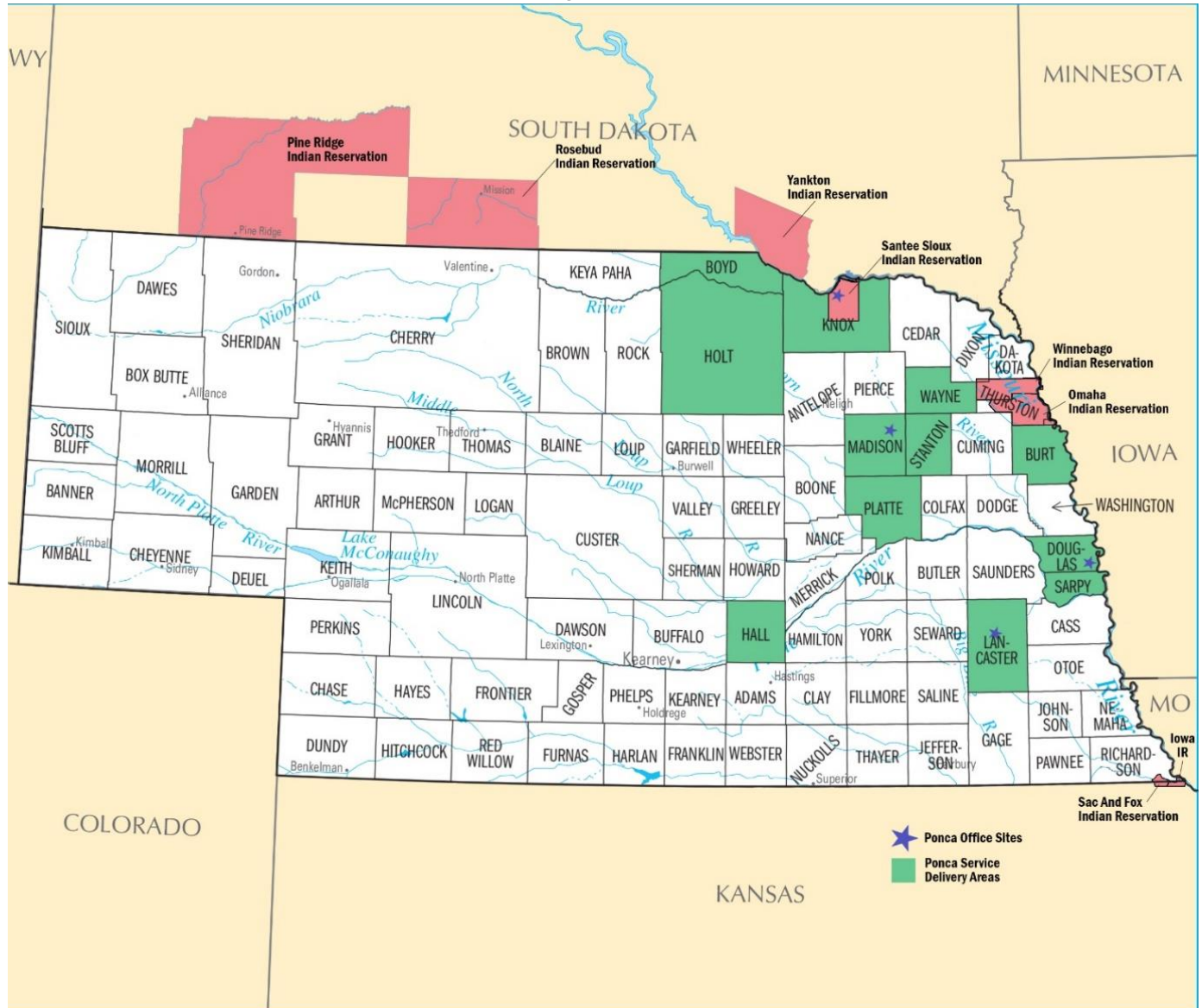
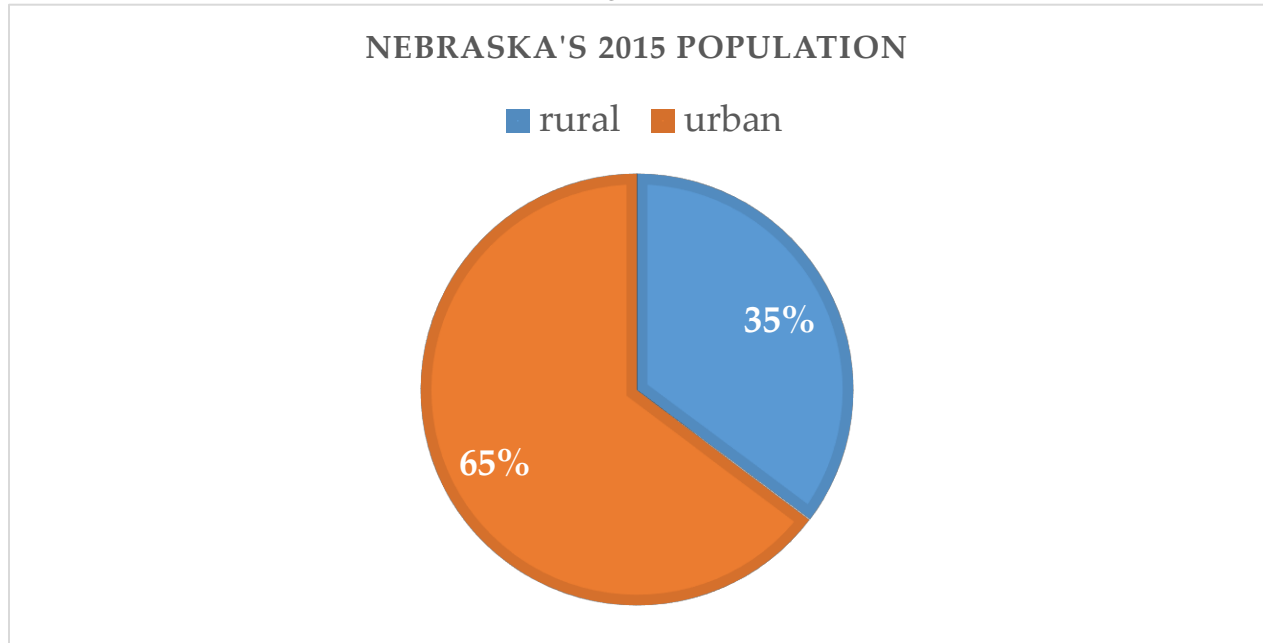


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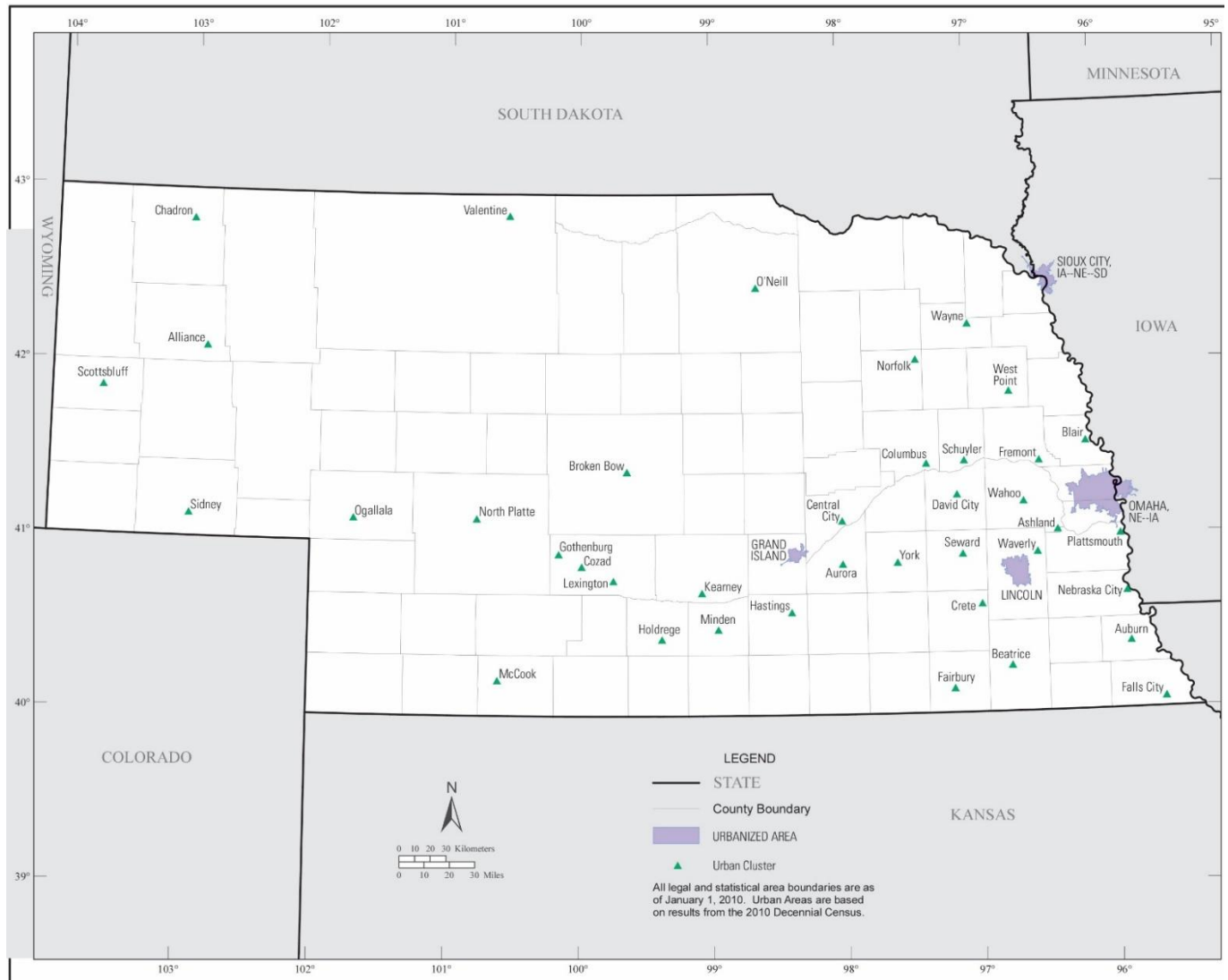


<http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets/state-data.aspx?StateFIPS=31&StateName=Nebraska>

As Figures 2 and 3 illustrates, 35% of Nebraska's population resides in a rural portion of the state, and as one of the stakeholders in a focus group pointed out: "Things work differently in smaller communities." Victims who reside in rural areas of Nebraska often have limited access to victim services and/or hospitals. Access to services, transportation and housing were also identified as issues in Nebraska's rural communities.

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Figure 3  
Urbanized Areas and Urbanized Clusters of Nebraska



According to Census.gov (<https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/cph-1-a.pdf>) the definitions are:  
Urbanized Areas (UAs)—An urbanized area consists of densely developed territory that contains 50,000 or more people. The Census Bureau delineates UAs to provide a better separation of urban and rural territory, population, and housing in the vicinity of large places.  
Urban Clusters (UCs)—An urban cluster consists of densely developed territory that has at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000 people. The Census Bureau first introduced the UC concept for Census 2000 to provide a more consistent and accurate measure of urban population, housing, and territory throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas.

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### **Statistical Data**

On September 17, 2016, data was released pertaining to the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies in Nebraska. According to the report, Nebraska experienced 4,807 violent crimes in 2015 for a 0.9% increase overall in this category. Forcible Rape increased by 8.1% (604 to 653), robbery decreased by 5.0% (1,043 to 991) and Aggravated Assault increased by 1.1% (3,062 to 3,097) in 2015.

(<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-Crime-Report.pdf>)

Data was also released specific to Domestic Assaults and Arrests by County for 2015:  
Aggravated Domestic Assaults = 1119

Arrests for Aggravated Domestic Assaults = 1048

Simple Domestic Assaults = 8804

Arrests for Simple Domestic Assaults = 5064

These numbers are significantly under reported because almost a third of law enforcement agencies do not report data on domestic assaults to the Nebraska Crime Commission<sup>1</sup>. Consequently, it is not possible to ascertain an accurate accounting of domestic assaults nor domestic assault arrests.

(<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-Domestic-Assaults%20Report.pdf>).

### **Victims of Crime Survey**

In 2015, the University of Nebraska at Omaha surveyed crime victims in Nebraska, to assist the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with identification of the needs of victims of crime and serve them better. (Details on how survey was distributed and results obtained can be found in NSPVSC 2015 – 2020, pages 12 & 13. [https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf)).

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<sup>1</sup> Twenty-one non-reporting Sheriff's Offices & 10 non-reporting Police Departments; and 2 partial reporting: one Sheriff's Office and one Police Department. One of the non-reporting Police Departments is in the most populated city in the state.

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Below we include some of the results of this survey, because domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault were reoccurring forms of victimization. Additionally, the survey oversampled Native American women and provides a unique snapshot of an underserved population in Nebraska.

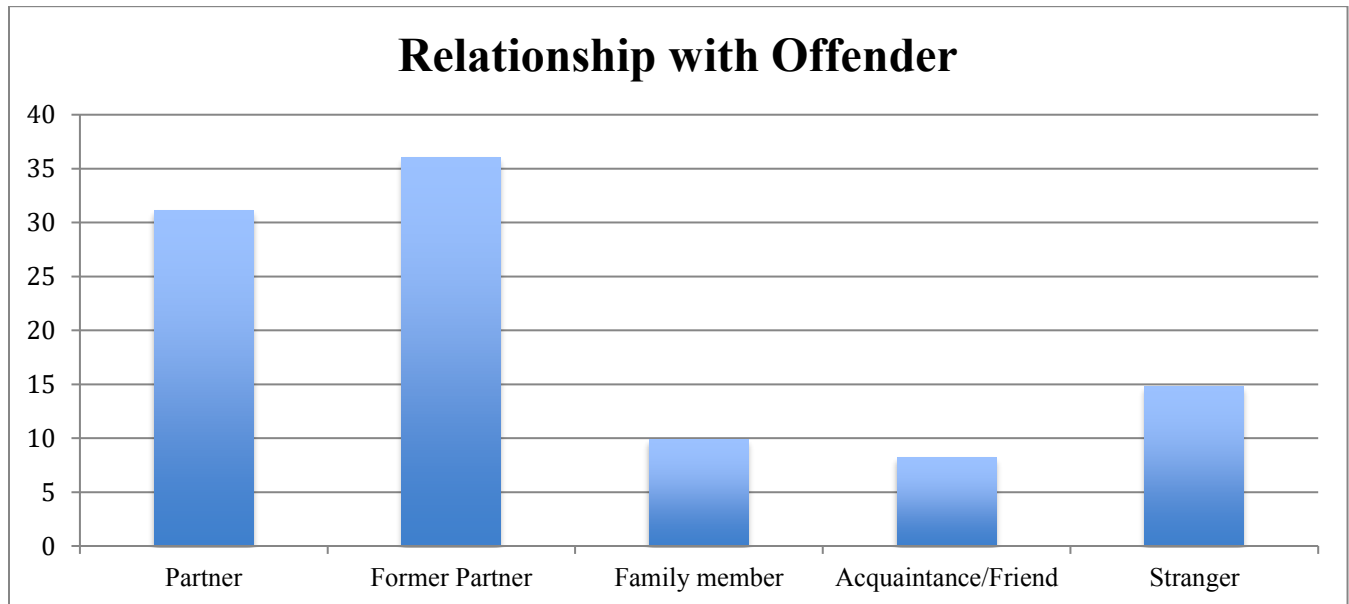
We received responses from 96 individuals: 96.4% of respondents were women; 2.4% were men and 1.2% indicated they were transgender. <sup>2</sup> All of the respondents reported that they had been victimized at least once some point in their past (although only 51% of the respondents considered themselves "victims.") Of the respondents, nearly 60% were from Omaha or Lincoln. The ages of the victims ranged from 19-77. The majority of respondents were women in their 30s and 40s, with 52% falling into this age range.

Over half of respondents identified as White or Caucasian (52.8%). As mentioned above, this survey was an oversampling of Native American women. A total of 20.1% of respondents identified as Native American: 13.2 % identified as Latino or Hispanic, 6.6% identified as Black or African American, 4.4% identified as bi-racial; and 2.2% identified as Native Alaskan. For comparison, the 2015 Census data for Nebraska indicates a population that is 89.1% White or Caucasian, 10.4% Latino, 5.0% Black or African American, 2.2% bi-racial or multi-racial, 2.3% Asian, and 1.0% Native American (U.S. Census <http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/RHI125215/31>).

Most of the survey respondents reported having a relationship with the offender: 31.2% reported a current relationship (at the time of event occurred), and 36% reported a previous relationship with the perpetrator.

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<sup>2</sup> Only 83 individuals answered this question.



Only 71 individuals answered the question about polyvictimization. When asked whether the victimization was a one-time experience or on-going issue, 32.4% (23 respondents) indicated that it was a one-time issue, while 67.6% (48 individuals) reported that it was not a one time issue.

Of the respondents who indicated that the issue was ongoing, 77% stated that the offender was the same person, while 22% stated that the re-occurring offender was a different person. This data indicates that individuals who are victims of ongoing violence or crime, generally knew their offender and had consistent contact with that individual.

Almost half of the survey participants indicated that they did not feel that they needed assistance or only realized they needed assistance after being contacted by victim's services. Just over 1/3 of the victims realized a need for assistance immediately and knew where to get help, while 18% knew they needed assistance but did not know where to get help.



The most helpful services victims reported receiving involved legal assistance (30%), court or legal system information (40%), medical care (27%), someone to help at the scene of the incident (32%), counseling (44%), and support groups (49%). The services regarded as least helpful were substance abuse assistance (7%), help working with insurance companies (6%), and the victim compensation fund (9%).

### **Repeated Victimization**

Respondents reported a range of experiences with emotional domestic violence as the most commonly reported reoccurring experience. Almost 30% of respondents reported 15-20 incidents of emotional violence. Physical domestic violence was the second most reoccurring experience, with 19 respondents indicating that it occurred 15-20 times. Physical abuse was also highly reported, with 18 respondents indicating it occurred 15-20 times. Dating violence, stalking (both in person and on the computer), assault without a weapon, harassment, all were reported to have occurred 15-20 times by about 30% of the survey participants who answered this question.

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In your past, have you ever experienced any of the following? (check all that apply) Please indicate how many times you experienced the event.					
Answer Options	1 to 5 times	5 to 10 times	10 to 15 times	15 to 20 times	Response Count
Assault (no weapon)	16	8	5	13	42
Assault (with a weapon)	15	4	2	5	26
Sexual Assault	25	5	2	6	38
Stalking (phone or in person)	15	9	3	12	39
Stalking (computer or other electronics)	13	7	1	11	32
Harassment	18	9	4	12	43
Domestic Violence (physical violence)	13	6	6	19	44
Domestic Violence (emotional violence)	12	5	3	29	49
Dating Violence (physical violence)	13	2	4	11	30
Dating Violence (emotional violence)	18	8	3	21	50
Crime committed on the computer	6	3	0	1	10
Identity Theft	11	0	0	1	12
Trafficking	8	2	0	1	11
Family Member was the Victim of Homicide	13	3	0	1	17
<i>answered question</i>					69
<i>skipped question</i>					27

The question concerning the most recent type of crime experienced by the respondent was open-ended, which led to an interesting conflation of categories. In the handwritten responses, physical and emotional violence were frequently combined in both domestic violence and dating violence categories. Physical violence and assault were frequently merged outside of dating and domestic violence. Finally, stalking and harassment were fused by multiple respondents.

Of the most recently experienced crimes, the highest reported was domestic violence (physical or emotional), at nearly 25%. The second most frequent crime reported was stalking/harassment at nearly 18%. Dating violence (physical or emotional), homicide of a family member, and physical assault each around 10% of the most recent crimes reported, with discrimination/hate crimes and sexual assault of a child being the lowest reported crimes at 1.6% and 3.2% respectively.

## **Victimization Over Lifespan**

### **Dating Violence**

Respondents reported on crimes they had experienced over their entire lives. Of those that experienced dating violence: 72% reported at least one experience of emotional violence; 64% of those experienced this more than 5 times. Almost 43% reported an experience of physical violence in a dating relationship, with 57% of those having experienced this more than 5 times.

### **Domestic Violence**

In the category of domestic violence, 71% reported experiencing emotional violence, and of that 76% experienced that more than 5 times. 64% said that they had experienced physical domestic violence, with 70% of them experiencing physical violence more than 5 times.

### **Stalking**

Stalking, on the phone or in person was experienced by 57% of respondents. 62% experienced this form of stalking more than 5 times. 46% of respondents reported stalking by computer or electronics, with 59% being subjected to this more than 5 times.

## **Sexual Assault**

Sexual assault was reported by 55% of the respondents. Incredibly -- 34% indicated that it occurred more than 5 times.

## **Nebraska's Response to Victims**

Of victims surveyed, 68% had a favorable view of the overall services provided across the state of Nebraska. Only 32% had an unfavorable opinion. This opinion varied slightly based on the type of victimization: 34% of respondents had a negative view of services for victims of domestic violence, 36% of respondents had a negative view of services for sexual assault, and 31% of respondents had a negative view of services for trafficking victims.

# **IV. Plan Priorities and Approaches**

## **A. Identified Goals**

1. Concise description of current state goals and objectives.

Nebraska's first goal, listed in the 2014 – 2016 Nebraska's VAWA Implementation Plan, was to: "Design and implement a streamlined statewide planning process that effectively addresses ongoing needs for victim safety, offender accountability and offers opportunities for change (Nebraska VAWA Implementation Plan 2014 – 2016)." It's clear that Nebraska made significant progress toward this goal with the development of NSPVSC 2015 – 2020. While planning has been streamlined, the actual agencies receiving funding to serve victims continue to be somewhat fragmented. To reduce the amount of overlap and redundancy in processes, we reiterate the recommendation from the more comprehensive plan: Nebraska could benefit from one statewide Victim Advocacy Office, where *all* victim-focused efforts are centralized. The statewide Victim Advocacy Office should be structured in a manner that allows for the advocacy of any necessary legislative changes.

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A statewide Victim Advocacy Office could coordinate the state's multiple Victim Witness Units, encouraging them to share basic resources (like brochures and informational materials).

The objectives of this goal are as follows:

- Better coordination and centralization of funds designed to serve victims.
- Coordinate S.T.O.P. planning activities with other federal, state and local planning efforts, including sharing materials and resources.

2. Goals and objectives for reducing domestic violence-related homicides within the state

Nebraska's second goal continues to be to: "Establish mechanisms for reducing domestic violence-related homicides within the state." One of the recommendations of the Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015 – 2020, was the creation of a formal "Domestic Violence Death Review Team" through legislation. In 2015, Nebraska made progress, following other state's examples, and moved forward with a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT) despite not having legislation in place.

Although some domestic violence stakeholders feel that legislation could significantly improve access to documents, as well as improve analysis (and ultimately prevention) of domestic violence related deaths, many feel the consistent monthly meetings and collaboration between nine agencies<sup>3</sup> is a significant step forward.

Stakeholders from DVFRT indicated that legislation may be something that they will explore moving forward, but they wanted to get some traction and begin the process.

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<sup>3</sup> Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center; Nebraska State Patrol; Nebraska State Probation; Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services; DOVES Advocacy Program; Medical/SANE nurse; Batterer Intervention Ad Hoc Member; Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence; Sarpy County Attorney's Office

Douglas County, Nebraska is in the process of implementing a community-wide risk assessment that would be used throughout the criminal justice system to assess for high risk cases and escalation. This will help identify which cases need additional resources to keep from escalating to potential homicides. The risk assessment tool is peer reviewed for use in the Criminal Justice system (Ontario Domestic Abuse Risk Assessment – ODARA). Similarly, Lancaster County, Nebraska has a threat assessment team that identifies high risk cases using national threat assessment practices.

The objectives of this goal are outlined in NSPVSC 2015 – 2020, they include:

- 1) Identify patterns of domestic violence related deaths; by including risk factors, gaps in systemic responses, and barriers to safety in domestic violence situations.
- 2) Analyze factors that contribute to completed and attempted domestic violence homicides so that the review team can recommend changes in state policy, procedures, and best practices.
- 3) Report recommendations on changes that might prevent future deaths.

## B. Priority Areas

It is the intent that the priorities for Nebraska's use of S.T.O.P. funds be closely connected to NSPVSC 2015 – 2020 as well as the broad goals stated above.

1. Below is a description about the priorities or goals the state has set regarding how S.T.O.P. funds will be used:

Under S.T.O.P. VAWA, projects shall provide personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, and other resources for the more widespread apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons committing violent crimes against women, for the protection and safety of victims, and specifically for the purposes of maintaining core victim services and criminal justice initiatives while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families. At the conclusion of the focus groups, a group of stakeholders was convened in order to rank the VAWA purpose areas that Nebraska would prioritize. The researcher used Turning Point Technology®



to try to anonymize responses and minimize social influence. The goal of this was to get a true sense of how individuals from different agencies and perspectives would prioritize the purpose areas under VAWA. To start the process, the participants were provided a complete list of the 20 purpose areas and instructions. They then voted by selecting 5 purposes areas that should be ranked as high priority for the State: 7-8 medium level priorities and 7-8 low level priorities. High priority areas for the state of Nebraska are indicated in red font.

1. Train law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Training can include information related to non-immigrant status (specifically T and U visas).
2. Develop, train, or expand units of law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
3. Develop and implement more effective police, court, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as the appropriate treatment of victims.
4. Develop, enlarge, or strengthen victim services and legal assistance programs, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking programs, develop or improve delivery of victim services to underserved populations, provide specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted, and increase reporting and reduce attrition rates for cases involving violence crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Legal assistance can be provided on such matters as separation, divorce, and custody.

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5. **Develop and strengthen policies, protocols, best practices, and training for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and the appropriate treatment of victims.**
6. Support formal and informal statewide multidisciplinary efforts, to the extent not supported by State funds, to coordinate the response of State law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, victim services agencies, and other State agencies and departments, to violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
7. Develop, install, or expand data collection and communication systems, including computerized systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying, classifying, and tracking arrest, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
8. Develop, enlarge, or strengthen programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in dealing with violent crimes against women, including the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
9. Train sexual assault forensic medical personnel examiners in the collection and preservation of evidence, analysis, prevention, and providing expert testimony and treatment of trauma related to sexual assault.
10. Develop, enlarge, or strengthen programs to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and others to address the needs and circumstance of older and disabled women who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of such violence or assault and targeting outreach and support, counseling, and other victim services to such older and disabled individuals.

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11. Provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in immigration matters.
12. Maintain core victim services and criminal justice initiatives while supporting complementary new initiatives and emergency services for victims and their families.
13. Support the placement of special victim assistants (to be known as "Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants") in local law enforcement agencies to serve as liaisons between victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and personnel in local law enforcement agencies in order to improve the enforcement of protection orders. Jessica Gonzales Victim Assistants shall have expertise in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and may undertake the following activities –
  - Develop, in collaboration with prosecutors, courts, and victim service providers, standardized response policies for local law enforcement agencies, including the use of evidence-based indicators to assess the risk of domestic and dating violence homicide and prioritize dangerous or potentially lethal cases
  - Notify persons seeking enforcement of protection orders as to what responses will be provided by the relevant law enforcement agency
  - Refer persons seeking enforcement of protection orders to supplementary services (such as emergency shelter programs, hotlines, or legal assistance services) and
  - Take other appropriate action to assist or secure the safety of the person seeking enforcement of a protection order.
14. Provide funding to law enforcement agencies, victim services providers, and State, tribal, territorial, and local governments (which funding stream shall be known as the Crystal Judson Domestic Violence Protocol Program) to promote – (At this time, the Nebraska Crime Commission will not be funding requests for this purpose area.)
  - The development and implementation of training for local victim domestic violence service providers, and to fund victim services personnel, to be known as "Crystal Judson Victim Advocates," to provide supportive

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- services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence committed by law enforcement personnel.
- The implementation of protocols within law enforcement agencies to ensure consistent and effective responses to the commission of domestic violence by personnel within such agencies (such as the model policy promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police ("Domestic Violence by Police Officers: A Policy of the IACP, Police Response to Violence Against Women Project" July 20013)).
  - The development of such protocols in collaboration with State, tribal, territorial and local victim services providers and domestic violence coalitions.
15. Develop and promote State, local, or tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
16. Develop, implement, or enhance Sexual Assault Response Teams, or other similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault.
17. Develop, enlarge, or strengthen programs addressing sexual assault against men, women, and youth in correctional and detention settings.
18. Identify and conduct inventories of backlogs of sexual assault evidence collection kits and developing protocols and policies for responding to and addressing such backlogs, including protocols and policies for notifying and involving victims.
19. Develop, enlarge, or strengthen programs and projects to provide services and responses targeting male and female victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, who ability to access traditional services and responses is affected by their sexual orientation or gender identity.
20. Develop, enhance, or strengthen prevention and educational programming to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (No more than 5% of the total award can be used towards prevention efforts)

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a. & b. State if Nebraska plans to address "Crystal Judson" purpose area.

The state of Nebraska does not plan to use the "Crystal Judson" purpose area.

2. General Descriptions of types of programs and projects that will be supported with S.T.O.P. dollars.

S.T.O.P. funds support a variety of programs and services across Nebraska that coordinate an effective response for victim safety, offender accountability and create opportunities for change. Among the projects supported are state agencies that focus on statewide coordinated responses. These types of projects operate out of the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Nebraska Attorney General's Office.

In three-fourths of Nebraska counties, the County Attorney is part-time, so it is imperative that they enlist expertise. The Nebraska Attorney General's Office works closely with County Attorneys. Consequently, having a statewide VAWA Prosecutor's assistance and expertise in cases involving intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking has proven to be critically necessary.

The Nebraska State Patrol project focuses on providing training opportunities and technical assistance to hold perpetrators accountable and encourage victim safety. The State Patrol facilitates the statewide Coordinated Response Team (CRT). Reporting to this group is a Sexual Assault Committee, a Needs Assessment Committee, and a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT). The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and partnering agencies have taken the lead to ensure that Nebraska's DVFRT has the necessary structure and membership to move efforts forward.

It is expected that S.T.O.P. funds will support local coordinated response team (CRT) efforts. Currently, 25 coordinated response teams (including the statewide team), bring together local leaders to identify needs and gaps and to provide community planning to respond to intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Local teams operate in 33 of the 93 counties in Nebraska. These projects fund personnel such as advocates, police officers, and prosecutors as well as

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services including, but not limited to, language supports, culturally specific services, shelter, outreach efforts, and batterer intervention programs.

3. A description of how the funds will be distributed across the law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim services, and discretionary allocation categories

Nebraska distributes S.T.O.P. funds across the criminal justice and victim services systems according to allocations set forth by the Violence Against Women Act. Of the total funds granted to the state, 25% will be for law enforcement, 25% for prosecution, 30% for victim services (of which at least 10% will be distributed to culturally specific services providers), 5% to the courts, and 15% for discretionary funds.

The distribution of the 15% discretionary funds will include additional support within all the designated categories including sexual assault; however, this will be determined when funding decisions are made.

Of these amounts, no more than 10% will be designated for administering the S.T.O.P. grant program. In addition, 20% of the overall funds will be dedicated to programs that impact sexual assault victims and deter the crime in meaningful ways. Our sexual assault set aside will come from at least two of the required allocation categories

Nebraska is working towards full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). As directed by the federal Office on Violence Against Women, 4.75% of the total S.T.O.P. funds have been allocated towards PREA compliance efforts. Since 2013, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS), the NCC, and the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence have coordinated services to prisoners who are victims of sexual assault. NDCS has identified access to victim services for these prisoners as a top priority for successfully achieving PREA compliance. In October, 2016 this priority was confirmed with the NDCS. NDCS has designated a PREA Coordinator to oversee, coordinate, and monitor the development and implementation of the PREA program. Nebraska's S.T.O.P. allocation has supported these efforts by

funding the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence for a Prison Advocacy Coordinator and an inmate hotline. The Coalition has been established as a privileged mail site and through Access Corrections, emails are also possible.

4. Documentation from the prosecution; law enforcement; court; and victim services programs

See Attachment 3—Documentation Regarding Use of Grant Funds

5. Information on how the state plans to meet the sexual assault set-aside

Since Nebraska lags a year behind in awarding S.T.O.P. funds, opportunities for the 20% sexual assault set aside were designated beginning in 2015.

A significant portion of Nebraska's efforts now focus on ensuring that meaningful sexual assault services are available and supported. The S.T.O.P. application process requires the identification of specific strategies, best practices that projects are utilizing, and the percentage of funds committed to these efforts. This continues to be monitored through existing systems such as quarterly reporting, on-site program visits, and the annual S.T.O.P. report.

Historically, Nebraska's grant application for S.T.O.P. funds has required projects to indicate a percentage of commitment to intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes. During the most recent grant cycle, 100% of funded projects indicated a commitment to sexual assault crimes.

## **C. Grant-making Strategy**

- 1. A description of how the State will address the needs of sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims, dating violence victims, and stalking victims, as well as how the State will hold offenders who commit each of these crimes accountable.**

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The state of Nebraska addressed these in depth, one chapter each, in Nebraska's Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime 2015 – 2020, found here:

[https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020\\_Victims\\_Survivors\\_Plan.pdf](https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2015-2020_Victims_Survivors_Plan.pdf)

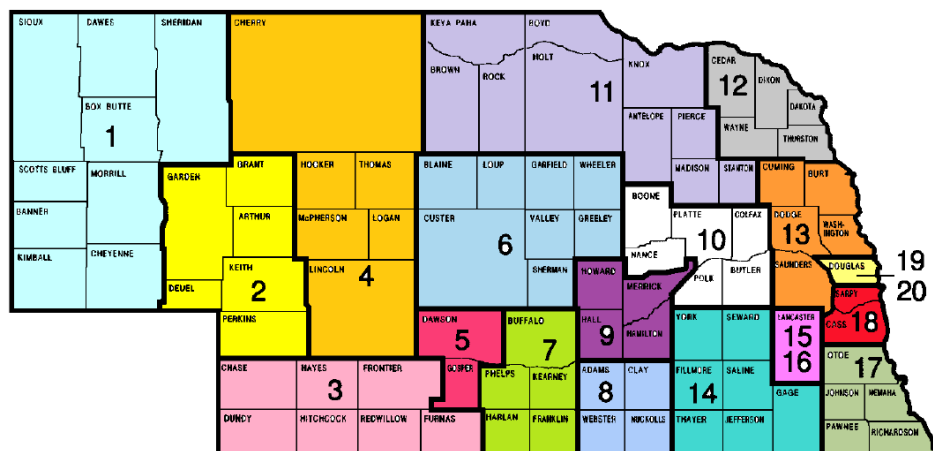
**2. A description of how the state will give priority to areas of varying geographic size with the greatest showing of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking programs.**

To reach the areas of greatest need among Nebraska's priorities, S.T.O.P. funding will be used to support community-based coordinated response teams that meet regularly to address intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This strategy allows flexibility within projects to meet the needs of areas of various geographic sizes.

There are 20 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs that provide services under the Program Standards of the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. These programs cover every county across the state, 24 hours a day. In addition, there are four Native American Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs operating in the state which provide services in their tribal areas.

Figure 4

Nebraska map depicting the number of counties served by each DV/SA Program in the state



Map retrieved from: [http://www.nebraskacoalition.org/get\\_help/help.html](http://www.nebraskacoalition.org/get_help/help.html)



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Only one application from a community for a Coordinated Response Team(s) (CRT) will be accepted, to avoid duplication of services, and applicants will be required to identify the community to be served by indicating the counties involved.

**Nebraska's Coordinated Response Teams (CRT)**

<b>S.T.O.P. Supported Project</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Coordinated Response Team(s)</b>	<b>Sexual Assault Response Team</b>
S.A.F.E. Center	Kearney	Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps Counties CRT/SART	Combined with CRT
Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program	North Platte	Lincoln County CRT/SART	Combined with CRT
Haven House Family Service Center	Wayne	Dakota County CRT	
Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)	Ogallala	Keith County CRT	
Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault dba The Bridge	Fremont	Dodge County CRT	Dodge County SART
The Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc. (SASA)	Hastings	Adams County CRT/SART	Combined with CRT

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Bright Horizons	Norfolk	Madison County CRT Antelope/Knox/Pierce CRT Boyd/Holt CRT Brown/Rock/Keya Paha CRT	Madison County SART
Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors	Columbus	Platte County CRT Butler County CRT Colfax County CRT Boone County CRT Nance County CRT Polk County CRT	
Crisis Center, Inc.	Grand Island	Hall County CRT	Hall County SART
Heartland Family Services	Papillion	Sarpy County CRT	
City of Omaha	Omaha	Douglas County CRT	Douglas County SART
Lancaster County	Lincoln	Lancaster County CRT	Lancaster County SART
Nebraska State Patrol and Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	Statewide	Statewide CRT	Statewide SART

Finally, the grant review process requires that projects identify services that are currently available in the area along with gaps or areas of greatest need.

**3. A description of how Nebraska will determine the amount of subgrants based on the population and geographic area to be served.**

All grant requests that meet eligibility and program requirements for S.T.O.P. funds will be reviewed and considered for funding. Applicants will be required to provide population data and describe the community to be served. Subgrant amounts will be based on several mitigating factors including population, area to be served, the scope of the project, as well as the requested amount and project's cost effectiveness.

**4. A description of how the state will equitably distribute monies on a geographic basis including nonurban and rural areas of various geographic size.**

To ensure that S.T.O.P. funds are equitably distributed across the state the following will occur:

- The grant application will require projects to identify the areas to be served to determine whether the project will address the entire state or target rural and/or urban areas.
- The grant review process will involve representatives of nonurban and rural areas.
- The Nebraska Crime Commission Board, comprised of members across the state, will make all final grant decisions.

**5. Descriptions of methods to be used for solicitation/review of proposals and selection of subgrant projects and for which sectors these methods apply, including whether the process will be competitive and whether the state plans to use pass-through administration for any or all categories of subgrants.**

Solicitation for the S.T.O.P. grant program will be electronically announced and the application kit and detailed instructions will be posted to the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) website. The NCC Federal Aid Administrator for S.T.O.P. often reaches out to community-based programs where services are needed and makes notification of posted application kit and instructions. New

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applicants will be encouraged to apply including local and statewide projects. The S.T.O.P. grant program uses a competitive grant application process for all eligible applicants. The NCC will conduct all administration for the S.T.O.P. grant program.

Selection of subgrant awards will be guided by the standardized process outlined in the NCC Operating Instructions. Each application will be required to include the following:

- Description of the problem;
- Statistical documentation of the problem;
- Proposed solutions;
- Goals, measurable objectives and performance indicators;
- Activities and timetable to address the problem;
- Budget and budget narratives supporting the request of funds and allocation categories;
- Statistics and supporting documentation showing underserved populations in the community needing services; and
- If applicant is a Coordinated Response Team, evidence of membership.

Applications for award will be considered based on the following:

- Eligibility of the applicant;
- Adherence to federal and state requirements and guidelines;
- Completeness, clarity, continuity, and consistency of the written application. The application shall include all sections and information as outlined in the grant application instructions;
- Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem;
- Other resources available to address the problem including an explanation of how the grant applicant's proposal will work with and/or coordinate with existing resources;
- Cost effectiveness of the proposed project;

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- Amount of funds available; and
- If previously funded, the performance and ability of the applicant to manage a grant program, including the timely submission of required reports to the NCC.

Key to making funding determinations will be evidence of criminal justice agencies and victim service agencies, at a minimum, working together to effectively fill gaps for which funds are requested. Applications can demonstrate a commitment of non-federal funds to the project to indicate support and efforts towards sustainability.

Each application will receive four (4) levels of review. The process will begin with a technical review followed by a staff review and a committee review. Recommendations from the committee review will be presented to the Nebraska Crime Commission (NCC) for final funding decisions. The committee review and the NCC meeting will be conducted in accordance Nebraska's Open Meetings Act. Following the committee review, applicants will be provided written notification of the recommendation that will be presented to the NCC. At that point, projects denied or recommended for decreased funding may submit a written appeal.

## 6. Grant Cycle Timeline

November	Solicitation announced and technical assistance provided.
January	Applications due to the Nebraska Crime Commission. S.T.O.P. Administrator conducts technical review.
February	Staff Review Team meets to critique applications and make initial funding recommendations. Team includes at least three members with relevant knowledge in the area.
March	Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Review Committee meets to vote on funding recommendations to be forwarded to the full Commission. Applicants notified of committee recommendations.
May	Nebraska Crime Commission hears all written appeals and votes on final funding determinations. Applicants notified of approval/denial.

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Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

June	Grant Awards and Special Conditions due to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Grant Management Training is conducted for subgrantees.
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**7. Whether S.T.O.P. subgrant projects will be funded on a multiple or single-year basis.**

S.T.O.P. awards are currently funded on a single-year basis. Projects are allowed to request extensions in situations where additional time is warranted.

**8. How Nebraska will ensure that any subgrantees will consult with victim service providers during the course of developing their grant applications in order to ensure that the proposed activities are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of the victims.**

In the course of completing the S.T.O.P. grant application an applicant must respond to a series of questions. Among the required questions is a certification that during the development of the application victim service providers were consulted with in order to ensure the proposed activities are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims. Applicants are required to submit signed Memorandums of Commitment (MOU) from their Coordinated Response Team members. The MOU must indicate the type of agency and the agreed upon activities/responsibilities. Among those are whether the agency was actively involved in the development of the application and was given opportunity to provide input. If, for whatever reason, an MOU is not provided by the applicant from a victim services provider then a Letter of Support is required.

**9. A description of how the State will ensure that eligible entities are aware of funding opportunities, including projects serving underserved populations.**

The Federal Aid Administrator of the State Administering Agency, the Nebraska Crime Commission, reaches out via emails and phone calls to service providers across the state, including those serving underserved populations. In addition, the S.T.O.P. grant instructions and application are announced on the website of the Nebraska Crime Commission.

**10. Information on projects that the state plans to fund, if known.**

At the time of this writing, Nebraska is in the grant review process for the S.T.O.P. grant program. A final decision as to which projects will be funded will not occur until the Nebraska Crime Commission's meeting set for May 5, 2017.

**D. Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims**

**1. How Nebraska recognizes and addresses the needs of underserved populations as defined by the VAWA 2013.**

A significant portion of Nebraska's ongoing statewide planning efforts focus on the needs of underserved populations. This includes refining strategies to better identify populations and their needs as well as, trends among emerging populations. Planning efforts will continue to engage stakeholders representing underserved populations.

Coordinated Response Teams are promoted as an effective means for providers of underserved populations to participate in the state's S.T.O.P. grant program and community response efforts. Any culturally specific organization that experiences a barrier to joining a Coordinated Response Team is permitted to directly apply to the Nebraska Crime Commission for S.T.O.P. funding.

To ensure that underserved populations have opportunities to be involved in policy making, community planning efforts, and program development Nebraska's S.T.O.P. grant award process requires Coordinated Response Teams to make concerted efforts to include providers of culturally specific services, as active team members.

Outreach to underserved populations is an activity encouraged and supported through the S.T.O.P. grant program. Subgrantees are held to standards which ensure for all victims that services are easily accessible, civil rights are honored, and language and cultural barriers are effectively addressed. To meet the needs of underserved populations, S.T.O.P. subgrantees are provided technical assistance and training opportunities on grant management and effective uses for funding.

**2. How Nebraska will meet the set aside for culturally specific community based organizations.**

The solicitation for S.T.O.P. funding will include details regarding the state's obligation and the amount available as set aside for providers of culturally specific services. Since 2010, when the set aside for culturally specific services was implemented, the allocation for these activities has fallen short of meeting the requested need from subgrantees.

**3. How Nebraska will ensure that monies set aside to fund culturally specific services and activities for underserved population are distributed equitably among those populations.**

During the grant review process all requests to support culturally specific services will be identified. These requests will be cross referenced with the required S.T.O.P. funding categories. Distribution of funds will be determined based on funds available, amount requested, project's location, and population to be served. Of Nebraska's Victim Services funds, projects serving underserved populations will be given priority.

**4. Information as to which subgrantees meet the required 10% set aside for culturally specific organizations within the victim services allocation.**

During Nebraska's last S.T.O.P. funding cycle six applicants requested support under the 10% allocated for culturally specific services. Each qualified as providing culturally specific services however, one applicant did not meet the grant program eligibility requirements. Of the qualifying projects, three receive funds under the 10% set aside. The subgrantees funded were the Lancaster County Justice Council, the City of Omaha, and the Center for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors in Columbus. Lancaster County Justice Council and the City of Omaha are Coordinated Response Teams that partner with culturally specific organizations, and the Center for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors is a direct services provider of culturally specific services. Of the \$27,018 funds available, Lancaster County Justice Council received 22%, the City of Omaha 56%, and the Center for DV/SA Survivors 22%.

**Conclusion**

Nebraska coordinated this implementation plan with NSPVSC 2015 – 2020, in order to streamline planning processes for all victims of crime across the state. In the past year of



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planning for victims, we have been cognizant of the multiple agencies responsible for conducting statewide planning. By coordinating all of our efforts, the VAWA implementation plan has become an addendum instead of a stand-alone plan. The state of Nebraska, its citizens, and victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence benefit from this streamlined coordination.

# Attachment 1

## **STOP Formula Program**

*Implementation Plan Checklist*

Updated February, 2017

# STOP Formula Program

## *Implementation Plan Checklist*

Updated February, 2017

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** The STOP statute and regulations require an implementation plan as part of the STOP application, which must include certain elements. This tool is intended to help both STOP Administrators and OVW grant managers ensure that the plan includes all of the required elements under the statute and its implementing regulations. This tool only includes those elements which are required; additional information may help the state and its partners communicate state goals and priorities, as well as help OVW better understand the context of the plan and the services in the state.

### **I. Introduction**

- ☐ A. The date on which the plan was approved by the state (this should be the final approval, after all other approvals required by the state are completed, such as approvals by the planning committee or by state officials).
- ☐ B. The time period covered by the plan.

### **II. Description of Planning Process**

- ☐ A. A brief description of the planning process.
- ☐ B. Documentation from each member of the planning committee as to their participation in the planning process (cross out and note “N/A” to the right if not applicable, for example dual coalition in states with individual coalitions or tribal government in states without any state or federally recognized tribes):
  - ☐ 1. State sexual assault coalition;
  - ☐ 2. State domestic violence coalition;
  - ☐ 3. Dual domestic violence and sexual assault coalition;
  - ☐ 4. Law enforcement entity or state law enforcement organization;
  - ☐ 5. Prosecution entity or state prosecution organization;
  - ☐ 6. A court or the state Administrative Office of the Courts;
  - ☐ 7. Representatives from tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal coalitions;

- ☐ 8. Population specific organizations representing the most significant underserved populations and culturally specific populations in the State other than tribes (which are addressed separately);
- ☐ 9. Other if relevant (including survivors, probation, parole, etc.).

At a minimum, this documentation must include the following for each planning committee member:

1. Which category the participant represents of the entities listed in 42 U.S.C. 3796gg-1(c)(2), such as law enforcement, state coalition, or population specific organization;
  2. Whether they were informed about meetings;
  3. Whether they attended meetings;
  4. Whether they were given drafts of the implementation plan to review;
  5. Whether they submitted comments on the draft;
  6. Whether they received a copy of the final plan and the summary of major concerns; and
  7. Any significant concerns with the final plan.
- ☐ C. A summary of major concerns that were raised during the planning process and how they were addressed or why they were not addressed, which should be sent to the planning committee along with any draft implementation plan and the final plan
- ☐ D. A description of consultation with other collaboration partners not included in the planning committee
- ☐ 1. Sexual assault victim service providers.
  - ☐ 2. Domestic violence victim service providers.
  - ☐ 3. All state and federally recognized tribes. Documentation must include a description of efforts to reach tribes and how tribes were meaningfully consulted.
  - ☐ 4. Population specific organizations, representatives from underserved populations, and culturally specific organizations. The plan must include information on how the state selected and meaningfully consulted with the included organizations, including how the state considered both demographics and barriers/historical lack of access to services for each population.
  - ☐ 5. Information on any others that were consulted but not part of the planning committee.
- ☐ E. A description of how the state coordinated this plan with the state plan for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the programs under the Victims of Crime Act and section 393A of the Public Health Service Act (Rape Prevention Education), including the impact of that coordination on the contents of the plan.

### **III. Needs and Context**

- ☐ A. Demographic information regarding the population of the state derived from the most recent available United States Census Bureau data including population data on race, ethnicity, age, disability, and limited English proficiency.
- ☐ B. Description of the methods used to identify underserved populations within the state and the results of those methods, including demographic data on the distribution of underserved populations within the state.

### **IV. Plan Priorities and Approaches**

#### **A. Identified Goals**

- ☐ 1. Concise description of current state goals and objectives.
- ☐ 2. Goals and objectives for reducing domestic violence-related homicides within the state, including available statistics on the rates of domestic violence homicide within the state and challenges specific to the state and how the plan can overcome them.

#### **B. Priority Areas**

- ☐ 1. Narrative about the priorities or goals the state has set regarding how STOP funds will be used.
  - ☐ a. If the state plans to address the “Crystal Judson” purpose area, include narrative on providing the required training.
  - ☐ b. If the state does not plan to use the “Crystal Judson” purpose area, include a note to this effect.
- ☐ 2. General descriptions of the types of programs and projects that will be supported with STOP dollars.
- ☐ 3. A description of how the funds will be distributed across the law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim services, and discretionary allocation categories.
- ☐ 4. Documentation from the:
  - ☐ prosecution;
  - ☐ law enforcement;
  - ☐ court; and
  - ☐ victim services programs to be assisted, describing:
    - a. the need for the grant funds;
    - b. the intended use of the grant funds;
    - c. the expected result of the grant funds; and
    - d. the demographic characteristics of the population to be served including age, disability, race, ethnicity, and language background.

This documentation may be in the form of letters from current grantees or State- or Territory-wide organizations representing prosecution, law enforcement, courts and victim services able to comment on the current and proposed use of grant funds.

- ☐ 5. Information on how the state plans to meet the sexual assault set-aside, including how the state will ensure the funds are allocated for programs or projects in 2 or more allocations (law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and courts)).

**C. Grant-making Strategy**

- ☐ 1. A description of how the State will address the needs of sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims, dating violence victims, and stalking victims, as well as how the State will hold offenders who commit each of these crimes accountable.
- ☐ 2. A description of how the state will give priority to areas of varying geographic size with the greatest showing of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking programs.
- ☐ 3. A description of how the state will determine the amount of subgrants based on the population and geographic area to be served.
- ☐ 4. A description of how the state will equitably distribute monies on a geographic basis including nonurban and rural areas of various geographic sizes.
- ☐ 5. Description of methods to be used for solicitation/review of proposals and selection of subgrant projects and for which sectors these methods apply, including whether the process will be competitive and whether the state plans to use pass-through administration for any or all categories of subgrants.
- ☐ 6. A timeline for the STOP grant cycle.
- ☐ 7. Whether STOP subgrant projects will be funded on a multiple or single-year basis
- ☐ 8. A description of how the state will ensure that any subgrantees will consult with victim service providers during the course of developing their grant applications in order to ensure that the proposed activities are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims.
- ☐ 9. A description of how the State will ensure that eligible entities are aware of funding opportunities, including projects serving underserved populations.
- ☐ 10. Information on projects that the state plans to fund, if known.

**D. Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims**

- ☐ 1. Description of how the state will recognize and meaningfully respond to the needs of underserved populations as defined by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2013. This includes information on how the state plans to meet the needs of the identified underserved populations, including, but not limited to, culturally

specific populations, victims who are underserved because of sexual orientation or gender identity, and victims with limited English proficiency.

- ☐ 2. Specifics on how the state plans to meet the set aside for culturally specific community based organizations, including a description of how the State will reach out to community-based organizations that provide linguistically and culturally specific services.
- ☐ 3. A description of how the state will ensure that monies set aside to fund culturally specific services and activities for underserved populations are distributed equitably among those populations.
- ☐ 4. Specific information as to which subgrantees meet the required 10% set aside for culturally specific organizations within the victim services allocation (if known).

# Attachment 2

Participant Category Table,  
Documentation of Collaboration Participant Forms,  
Focus Group/Planning Meeting Sign in Sheets



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Table: S.T.O.P. VAWA Planning Committee Participants						
Name of Participant	Categories per: 42 U.S.C. 3796gg-1 (c)(2)	Informed about meetings	Number of Meetings Participated	Draft of Plan provided	Reviewed Draft of Plan	Any Significant Concerns
1. Amanda Veit	Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
2. Amy Munderloh	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
3. Andrea Rodriguez	Tribal; Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
4. Anna Deal	Population Specific Organization; Underserved/ Culturally Specific Population	Yes	1	No	No	No
5. Beth McQueen	Law Enforcement; Victim Services	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No

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6. Brenda Kastens	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
7. Courtney Sawle	Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	No	No	No
8. Georgina Ramirez	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
9. Hope Freshour	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
10. Jean Brazda	Prosecution Office; Victim Services	Yes	1			No
11. Linda Olson	Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
12. Lorene Thomas	Tribal; Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	No	No	No
13. Maria Zutavern	Other Entity (Nebraska Crime Commission)	Yes	1	No	No	No

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14. Michelle Thelen	Tribal; Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	No	No	No
15. Mike Nehe	State & local courts	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No
16. Misty Frazier	Tribal; Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
17. Rachel Wells	Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
18. Shelby Schmitt	Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	No	No

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19. Andrea Kemp	Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
20. Candi Marcantel	State & local courts; Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
21. Chelsea Andrews	Other Entity (City of Omaha)	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
22. Christon MacTaggart	Victim Services	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No
23. Douglas Peterson	Prosecution Office	Yes	1	No	No	No
24. Dr. Sue Gabriel, RN	Victim Services; Population Specific	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No
25. Emily Schoenleber	Law Enforcement	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No
26. George C. Welch	Prosecution Office	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No
27. Hilary Wasserburger	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
28. Jamie Vetter	Population Specific Organization; Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
29. Jennifer Meckna	Prosecution Office	Yes	1	No	No	No

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30. Jo Springer	Other Entity (Batterers Intervention Program); Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	No	No
31. JoAnn Andersen	Law Enforcement	Yes	1	No	No	No
32. Julie D. Smith	Population Specific Organization	Yes	2	Yes	No	No
33. Marcee Metzger	Victim Services	Yes	1	No	No	No
34. Melanie Rudy	Law Enforcement	Yes	2	Yes	No	No
35. Michelle Miller	State sexual assault coalition; State domestic violence coalition	Yes	1	No	No	No
36. Michelle Patterson	Underserved/ Culturally Specific Populations; Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
37. Nikki Gausman	Other Entity (Batterers Intervention Program); Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	No	No

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38. Patricia Mendick	Law Enforcement	Yes	1	No	No	No
39. Robin Spindler	Population Specific Organization	Yes	1	No	No	No
40. Stephanie Huddle	State sexual assault coalition; State domestic violence coalition	Yes	1	No	No	No
41. Tonya Folk	Other Entity (Batterers Intervention Program); Victim Services	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No
42. Lynne Lange	State sexual assault coalition; State domestic violence coalition	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	No

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If you participated in a planning team meeting, please check the date or dates attended:

X Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk  
       Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate: X In-person attendance        Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? YES NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

Haven House Family Services Center

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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☐ Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES ☒ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

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Michelle Thelen

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/1/16



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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): City of Lincoln Police Department Victim/Witness Unit

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** ☒ **NO**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

lpd3496@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov

Beth McQueen

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/1/16



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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): Nebraska State Patrol

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

emily.schoenleber@nebraska.gov

Emily Schoenleber

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/4/2016





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Nebraska Implementation Planning Process  
**DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION**

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Santee Sioux Nation of NE

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

misty.frazier@nebraska.gov

Misty Frazier

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/1/2016



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Nebraska Implementation Planning Process  
**DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION**

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Lutheran Family Services

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the population(s) you were representing? YES ☒ NO ☒ → Didn't have mic on my computer during conf. call

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES ☒ NO ☐

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

rwells@lfsneb.org

Rachel Wells, Case Manager/Victim Advocate

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/05/2016



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Nebraska Implementation Planning Process  
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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): Nebraska Office of the Attorney General

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution		Law Enforcement		Victim Services
	Courts/Probation		Culturally Specific Services		Population Specific Services
	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)				

If you participated in a planning team meeting, please check the date or dates attended:

  X   Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk

       Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate:        In-person attendance   X   Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** **NO**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

george.welch@nebraska.gov

George C. Welch

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/2/2016



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Nebraska Implementation Planning Process  
**DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION**

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution		Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
	Courts/Probation		Culturally Specific Services		Population Specific Services
	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)				

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? YES ☒ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES ☒ NO ☒

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

Jean Brader

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12-5-16



\* I had to leave call @ 11:30 am b/c of a court hearing. We were only on slide 2 @ that time.



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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** **NO**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

tlfolk@yahoo.com

Tonya Folk

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12-5-16



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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How did you participate: ☐ In-person attendance ☒ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES NO ☒ maybe

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

HOPE FRESHOUR - director@centerforsurvivors.net

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/27/2016



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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Kearney Victim Witness Unit

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk  
X Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate: X In-person attendance        Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? YES NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

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JoAnn Andersen

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12-5-16



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Family Advocacy Network

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Services		
<input type="checkbox"/> Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Population Specific Services		
<input type="checkbox"/> Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)				

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How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

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If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

akemp@familyadvocacynetwork.org

Andrea Kemp

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/06/2016





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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Family Advocacy Network

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prosecution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim Services			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/> Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population Specific Services			
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How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

Jamie Vetter jdirwin@familyadvocacy  
Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print** network.org  
Dated: Dec 5, 2016



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): SASA Crisis Center

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? YES ☒ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

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Jo Springer  
Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/5/16



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Nebraska State Patrol

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

melanie.rudy@nebraska.gov

Melanie Rudy  
Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/5/16



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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): NE Dep't of Correctional Services

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

julie.d.smith@nebraska.gov

Julie D. Smith

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 5 Dec 16





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## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): Sarpy County CASA

Identify the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

Candilcan@sarpy.com

Sarpy County CASA Candi Marcantel

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/5/16



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution		Law Enforcement		Victim Services
	Courts/Probation		Culturally Specific Services		Population Specific Services
	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)				

If you participated in a planning team meeting, please check the date or dates attended:

Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk

☒ Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

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Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 11-5-16



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): The DOVES Program

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

If you participated in a planning team meeting, please check the date or dates attended:

     Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk  
  x   Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate:      In-person attendance        x Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** **NO** **The conference call did not lend itself well to including folks not present in person. It was difficult to hear everyone, and it wasn't clear who was speaking.**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – Hilary Wasserburger

Dated: 12/5/2016



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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): Nebraska Wesleyan University

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Victim Services</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Population Specific Services</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** **NO**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

[lgabriel@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:lgabriel@nebrwesleyan.edu)

Dr. Sue Gabriel RN, Certified SANE-A, Certified Forensic Nurse, Certified Forensic Consultant

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/05/2016





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Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (please print): The S.A.F.E. Center

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency (check all that apply):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
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How did you participate: ☒ In-person attendance ☐ Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? ☒ YES ☐ NO

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

safecenter@safecenter.org

Nikki Gausman

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/5/16



## STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program

### Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): Womens Fund of Omaha, Douglas County Atty Office, Womens Center for Advancement and City of Omaha

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution		Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Victim Services
	Courts/Probation		Culturally Specific Services		Population Specific Services
	Batterers Intervention Program (BIP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coordinating Agency		

If you participated in a planning team meeting, please check the date or dates attended:

     Dec. 1, 2016 Norfolk  
  X   Dec. 5, 2016 Kearney

How did you participate:      In-person attendance       X   Via conference call

Did you have adequate opportunity to discuss the concerns or issues impacting your area of expertise and/or the the population(s) you were representing? **YES** **X NO**

Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan? **X YES** **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please **print** your email address and you will be contacted:

[cmactaggart@omahawomensfund.org](mailto:cmactaggart@omahawomensfund.org)

Christon MacTaggart, Jennifer Meckna, Michelle Patterson and Chelsea Andrews

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: 12/5/16



# STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Program

## Nebraska Implementation Planning Process DOCUMENTATION OF COLLABORATION

Administering Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Nebraska Crime Commission

Collaborating Agency (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_ Omaha Police Department

Identity the type of Collaborating Agency ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):					
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Do you want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team and provide feedback on the draft plan?    **YES**    **NO**

If you do want to be a part of the *Nebraska State Implementation Plan for the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)* Review Team, please ***print*** your email address and you will be contacted:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Mendick

Collaborating Agency Representative Name – **Please Print**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 12/5/16







In Person Attendees



Nebraska VAWA State Implementation Plan stakeholder meeting

Norfolk, NE ~ December 1, 2016

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## Nebraska VAWA State Implementation Plan stakeholder meeting

Norfolk, NE ~ December 1, 2016

	PRINT Name	Organization	Email	Phone
1	Beth McQueen	Lincoln Police Dept.		
2	Brenda Kastens			
3	Courtney Sawle	Lutheran Family Services		
4	Emily Schoenleber	Nebraska State Patrol		
5	<del>Deanna Brazda</del>			
6	Jeann Brazda	SARPY County Victim/Witness Unit		
7	Misty Frazier	Santee Sioux Nation of NE		
8	Lorene Thomas	SANTEE SIOUX NATION OF NE		
9	Rachel Wells	Lutheran Family Services		
10	Anna Deal	Justice for Our Neighbors		
11	Maria Zutavern			
12	George Welch	NE Attorney General's Office		





In Person  
Attendees



Nebraska VAWA State Implementation Plan stakeholder meeting

Kearney, NE ~ December 5, 2016

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Kearney, NE ~ December 5, 2016

<u>PRINT</u> Name	Organization	Email	Phone
1 Christor MacTaggart	Womens fund of Omaha		
2 Jennifer Meckna	Douglas County Attorneys Office		
3 Michelle Patterson	Womens Center for Advance Ment		
4 Chelsea Andrews	City of Omaha		
5 Hillary Wasserburger	The Doves Program		
6 Dr. Sue Gabriel	NE Wesleyan University		
7 Stephanie Huddle			
8 Tonya Folk	Community DV Intervention Program		
9 Marcee Metzger	Voices Of Hope		
10 Hope Freshour	Center for Survivors		
11 Robin Spindler	NE Dept. of Correctional Services		
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Nebraska VAWA State Implementation Plan stakeholder meeting

Lincoln, NE ~ January 26, 2017



<u>PRINT Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
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4. Julie D. Smith	Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
5. Lynne Lange	NE coalition to end sexual & domestic violence
6. Melanie Rudy	Nebraska State Patrol DV/SA
7. Emily Schweitzer	NSRP
8. Sue Gebel	NWU - SAFE-A Began
9. Mary Wills	NE Crime Commission
10. Beth McQueen	Lincoln Police Department - Remote Participant
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# Attachment 3

Documentation Regarding Use of Grant Funds



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NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

**DOUGLAS J. PETERSON**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 10, 2017

Darrell Fischer  
Executive Director Nebraska Crime Commission  
PO Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509 -4946

Dear Mr. Fisher,


The Nebraska Department of Justice is pleased to lend support for the Crime Commission's efforts to secure VAWA grant funding. These federal funds are critical for Nebraska to address the concerns, gaps, and needs identified in our state's S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women's Act Implementation Plan.

The VAWA S.T.O.P. funds have enabled our agency to provide necessary statewide prosecutorial services with an emphasis on victims living in Nebraska's more rural and remote areas. Often these populations are underserved because of their geographic location. With the support of S.T.O.P. funds, the Office of the Attorney General will continue to successfully prosecute domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases throughout the state.

These funds will ensure that victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who live in Nebraska's rural and isolated areas have access to the same high quality assistance likely to be found in more populated areas of state. It is the intent of our office to continue to make available the support and expertise of the VAWA funded prosecutor for the rural county attorneys and law enforcement officials who may lack necessary knowledge or skills in these types of cases.

The Nebraska Department of Justice looks forward to collaborating with your agency and actively participating on our statewide Coordinated Response Team in an effort to improve the criminal justice system's response to the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This funding will only enhance the superior services currently provided by all Nebraska organizations receiving these grant awards. Please accept our highest level of support for your funding application.

Sincerely,  
**DOUGLAS J. PETERSON**  
Attorney General

  
John R. Freudenberg  
Criminal Bureau Chief  
Nebraska Attorney General's Office



**Pete Ricketts**  
Governor

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

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NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

January 24, 2017

Mr. Darrell Fisher, Executive Director  
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
PO Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Director Fisher:

The Nebraska State Patrol fully supports the application for Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. VAWA funds awarded to the Nebraska State Patrol through sub-grants are used to support the Nebraska State Patrol's Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program, which is beginning its thirteenth year. The primary goal of this program is to ensure perpetrators of crimes of domestic and sexual violence in Nebraska are held accountable for their actions, and that victim safety is a priority. Continued availability of STOP funds is essential to the continuation of this Program.

The Nebraska State Patrol intends to continue to seek VAWA funds to support the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program, including the retention of a full-time Program Manager and Program Assistant. These positions serve as agency experts on crimes of domestic and sexual violence. Through Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program coordination, with sworn staff in traffic and investigative services, Nebraska State Patrol officers bring high levels of service to victims who are commonly underserved. Specifically, the Nebraska State Patrol is often the responding agency when advanced criminal justice needs arise among Nebraska's rural populations, racial and ethnic minorities, and those with limited English proficiency.

The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program is a leading resource for training and assistance among Nebraska's criminal justice professionals on crimes of domestic and sexual violence. In 2016, the Program Manager provided training to approximately 417 criminal justice professionals, including state and local law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors, and victim advocates. These training activities will continue as an integral part of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program.

Additionally, the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Manager and Program Assistant jointly facilitate a statewide coordinated domestic and sexual violence response team, in collaboration with other state response agencies. Many of these agencies also rely on STOP



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funding to carry out their role in this collaborative response, making this funding vital to the state of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

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Brad Rice, Colonel

Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety

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# SUPREME COURT OF NEBRASKA



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

**Corey R. Steel**  
*State Court Administrator*

**Ellen Fabian Brokofsky**  
*State Probation Administrator*

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**NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION**

Darrell Fisher, Executive Director  
Nebraska Crime Commission  
P.O. Box 94946  
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter is to indicate the support of the Administrative Office of the Courts to the Nebraska Crime Commission for its efforts to address violence against women in Nebraska. Grant funds partially support the position of the Domestic Violence Program Services Specialist, which allows the position to serve in following ways:

- Representation on statewide strategic planning efforts for the development of the STOP Implementation Plan.
- Continued participation in groups such as the Statewide CRT, Batterer's Intervention Program Standards Committee, and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.
- Provide technical assistance and training to the Administrative Office of the Courts in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Through the Domestic Violence Programs Service Specialist, we have been witness to better cooperation and coordination between state and local level entities regarding violence against women, and have increased opportunities to impact system-level decision-making that provides better justice system protection, enforcement, and resources for victims of all demographics as well as all of the citizens in our state.

Please feel free to contact me further in regard to this Office's support in this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

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Corey R. Steel  
State Court Administrator

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NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter is to indicate the support of the Administrative Office of Probation to the Nebraska Crime Commission for its efforts to address violence against women in Nebraska. Grant funds partially support the position of the Domestic Violence Program Services Specialist, which allows the position to serve in following ways:

- Representation on statewide strategic planning efforts for the development of the STOP Implementation Plan.
- Continued collaboration among state and local agencies through groups such as the Statewide CRT, Batterer's Intervention Program Standards Committee, and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.
- Provide technical assistance and training to the Administrative Office of the Probation in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in an effort to improve Probation's response to these issues.

Funding also allows the Domestic Violence Probation Unit Victim Specialist to continue to serve victims of all demographics in Douglas County directly. Through these efforts we hope to have a greater impact on offender accountability and overall victim safety in the State of Nebraska.

Please feel free to contact me further in regard to this Office's support in this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

  
Ellen Fabian Brokofsky  
Probation Administrator





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## NEBRASKA COALITION

TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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January 23, 2017

Darrell Fisher, Executive Director  
Nebraska Crime Commission  
PO Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946

Dear Mr. Fisher,

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence fully supports the Nebraska Crime Commission's efforts to apply for the Federal S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Act funding.

There continues to be a need for S.T.O.P. grant funding across the entire state of Nebraska. Not only do the funds help to strengthen the relationships of the agencies working together to provide a coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault, but they also help to meet the ultimate goal of increasing victim safety and providing offender accountability.

The Nebraska Coalition specifically uses funds to address the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) in Nebraska. The project allows us to provide advocacy to incarcerated victims of sexual assault through a confidential crisis line; offer training for Department of Corrections staff and domestic violence program advocates; provide victim support through privileged mail; and disseminate materials for use in correctional facilities to promote awareness of advocacy services.

S.T.O.P. VAWA funding will allow the Nebraska Coalition to partner with the Department of Corrections to offer confidential services that are available and accessible to incarcerated inmates who have experienced sexual assault, ultimately meeting the PREA requirements. Our outcomes will measure whether the victims who utilize the services find them helpful, as well as whether they feel supported. The project will also ensure that training is provided to the professionals working on this project, which will lend to improving services overall.

The individuals that will directly benefit from the S.T.O.P. grant project are representative of a very underserved population. Incarcerated people are often overlooked in regard to victimization, which amplifies the need for this project.

We look forward to partnering with the Crime Commission to address domestic violence, sexual assault and related issues in our state.

Sincerely,

Lynne Lange  
Executive Director



# Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program

102 East Third Street, Suite 204  
North Platte, NE 69101  
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January 9, 2017

Darrell Fisher  
Nebraska Crime Commission  
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NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Please accept this letter of support for the Nebraska Crime Commissions' grant application for Violence Against Women Act funds.

VAWA grant funds have allowed for the development and inception of the Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program in North Platte, Nebraska. I have been the Executive Director of the Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program for the past 20+ years. North Platte is located in rural western Nebraska. We have a predominantly Caucasian, English speaking population in our county.

CDVIP is funded almost entirely by VAWA dollars that we apply for every year. These grant funds enabled our community to implement a coordinated community response to domestic violence here in Lincoln County in 1996. We developed a coordinated response team that is comprised of staff from prosecution, law enforcement, probation, victim and social services and others that has worked collaboratively, from the 911 call through disposition of the criminal case, on a daily basis. CDVIP is the hub agency of the team and coordinates the team for our community. CDVIP also monitors the actions of member agencies to ensure that policies and procedures are being followed and that a collaborative, team effort is truly taking place. CDVIP has tracked over 5000 domestic violence related offenses in Lincoln County since 1996.

VAWA funds have also enabled us to provide training on domestic violence related issues in our community and to others from across the state of Nebraska. Additionally, VAWA funds have enabled our team to attend other training sessions on domestic violence in and out of state. CDVIP also coordinates a 52-week Batterer Intervention Program for abusive men. In the past 20 years, over 800 men have participated in this program. Additionally, in 2011, with VAWA funds, we established the One Door One Stop Center, a family justice style project to comprehensively serve victims in western Nebraska. Lastly, VAWA funds have enabled our coordinated response team to develop and implement an Employer Training Curriculum: "When Domestic Abuse Comes to Work: Best Practices for Employers" that we use in our community to educate employers about domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

All of the work that we do here in Lincoln County is aimed at making victims safer, holding perpetrators accountable and stopping domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

As I have been involved in this work in Nebraska since 1996, I know that VAWA funds have helped to create many coordinated community response efforts across this state. While some have succeeded and some have failed, I continue to believe that a coordinated response is the right approach in addressing domestic violence in our communities. I am told countless times by police officers, prosecutors, probation officers, etc. how much improved the response to domestic violence is in our community since CDVIP began in 1996. Additionally, there are vast rural areas in Nebraska that have little, if anything, started in addressing domestic violence in these communities. I believe more training and awareness is needed in these areas as well as coordinated community responses. We have a long ways to go in this work and we desperately continue to need VAWA funds to help us to do this.

I urge you to approve the Nebraska Crime Commission's grant application to help us continue our work against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

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Tonya Folk  
Executive Director  
Community Domestic Violence Intervention Program

# FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNCIL

*CREATING LASTING CHANGE TO STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN*

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Jan. 10, 2017

Darrell Fisher, Executive Director  
Nebraska Crime Commission  
PO Box 94946  
Lincoln NE 68509-4946

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The Family Violence Council supports the use of VAWA S.T.O.P. grant funds according to the state of Nebraska plan developed by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission).

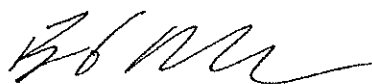
In Lancaster County these funds will be used in accordance with the state plan and with the approval of the Crime Commission. In particular, funds will be used for the county's domestic violence and sexual assault coordinated responses, which FVC staffs. Funded activities are coordinated response project coordination; victim services, law enforcement and prosecution domestic violence case specialists; and culturally specific outreach. Funds will support both domestic abuse and sexual assault coordinated response teams. Funds will also be used for education and prevention.

The funds are expected to help the county improve its coordinated response to domestic violence and adult sexual assault. These teams work to improve victim safety and increase perpetrator accountability. The county will also be able to improve its education and outreach to culturally specific populations identified by coordinated response teams as having the greatest needs and greatest risk.

Lancaster County is located in the southeast quadrant of Nebraska. The most current U.S. Bureau of the Census population estimate for the county is 306,468. The county encompasses 4 townships, 22 villages and the city of Lincoln, which has an estimated population of 277,348 and is the state capital. The most current Census Bureau estimates are for July, 2015. The project benefits all residents in Lancaster County who might experience domestic violence or sexual assault or be impacted by it. As a result, the project benefits all underserved populations.

Despite considerable improvements, domestic violence and sexual assault continue to cause frequent and traumatic violence in our county. S.T.O.P. grant funds are the cornerstone of our coordinated response activities. They make possible sustaining and enhancing are work.

Sincerely,



Bob Moyer,  
Executive Director