

City of Lawrence Outside Agency Bi-annual Report 2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15th 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15th 2017.

Agency Name:

Reporting Period (please check one):

☐ January - June
(deadline July 15)

☒ January – December
(deadline February 15)

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above.

The agency is so proud of the work that has been done in 2016 for survivors of sexual trauma and abuse. The City of Lawrence The City of Lawrence funds support The Care Center's emergency crisis intervention 24/7 hotline, Lawrence Memorial Hospital sexual assault exam response and ongoing advocacy for our clients. The agency saw a total of 471 unduplicated clients in 2016, with 2,313 hours of direct victim services. Additionally, the agency took 1,433 hotline calls.

2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives.

Objective 1. Provide crisis response and support to 175 primary and secondary victim-survivors seeking services.

From July 1-December 31, 2016, Care Center advocates have served 289 unduplicated clients and provided 1372 hours of direct client contact hours. Direct services include medical and hospital advocacy, transportation, personal advocacy, emergency financial assistance, adult counseling, compensation claim filing, support group, safety planning, criminal justice advocacy, civil court advocacy and crisis hotline support.

Objective 2. Provide advocacy to 75 primary and secondary victim-survivors seeking agency services throughout the criminal justice process.

Advocates assisted 165 clients through the criminal justice process from July-December, 2016. Criminal justice advocacy includes assessing the victim's needs and subsequently providing appropriate referrals and information as necessary, assisting with filling out/filing/gather paperwork necessary for legal proceedings, court accompaniment, and assistance in obtaining legal representation.

Objective 3. Recruit and train 10-15 new volunteer advocates who will provide direct service and 24/7 support hotline coverage and provide continued education and support to 10-20 current volunteer advocates.

The Care Center has had two volunteer training sessions from July-December, 2016. 15 volunteers were trained in the second half of the year (26 TOTAL 2016 new volunteers) completed the rigorous 40 hour volunteer training and donated their personal time to the agency's after hours crisis line. Not only to volunteers provide critical information to callers regarding sexual assault report and evidence collection information but also respond to Lawrence Memorial Hospital within 30 minutes if a Sexual Assault Exam occurs during their shift.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

Advocacy and support to survivors of sexual violence provide a critical link to care after Lawrence residents have experienced an incredibly personal crime. The Care Center's advocacy program helps alleviate additional stress and confusion at an inherently traumatic point in the survivors' history. Our advocates support Lawrence citizens in a way that lets clients take the lead of recovery and healing that always comes without judgement.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

The Care Center has not experienced any barriers.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

The agency has spent 100% of the City of Lawrence funds before December 31st, 2016.