

# City of Lawrence Outside Agency Bi-annual Report 2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at [dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org](mailto:dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org). Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

It has been an exciting 6 months for The Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center. At the end of 2015, the agency was still organizing itself after a name change and location move and expansion. With the energy of new growth and expanded programming, the agency anticipated increased client load and more support to community and just in the first 6 months of 2016 the agency has already surpassed total number of clients and client hours in 2015 (Full year 2015: 230 clients, January-June 2016: 240 clients). 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 and we are excited to announce that we have already succeeded the projected goals for the 2016 project.

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 January 1-June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Care Center advocates have served 183 unduplicated clients and provided 452.24 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 have assisted 61 unduplicated clients through the criminal justice process from January-June, 2016 providing 101.72 hours of direct client contact hours. 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.

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 January-June, 2016. Since the beginning of the year 11 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 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 in accomplishing goals.

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

The agency is on track with spending of City of Lawrence funds and has spent approximately 50% of 2016 funds as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.