

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency Annual Report
For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by Thursday, February 15th 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your [2017 application for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2017

Agency Name: The Willow Domestic Violence Center (ATF)

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program.

ATF Funds support the agency's Art Program and an MOU partnership with The Care Center to provide short-term shelter space for sexual assault victims. The Art Program Coordinator, funded through ATF, leads activities to build and/or strengthen self-esteem and confidence, provide an outlet for survivors and children to voice and process trauma, and increase understanding of the harmful effects of alcohol and other substances.

The Art Program Coordinator works with survivors and children to identify the preferred setting to participate in the program. To process her trauma, one survivor preferred a 1-on-1 approach over a larger group setting. The Art Program Coordinator worked with the survivor over the course of 2 months making a scrapbook and multiple paintings. This proved to be exceptionally beneficial for the survivor to process her emotions and trauma. She stated, "I never thought I had any artistic talent or ability...but once we started our 1-on-1 sessions, I gained confidence in myself and loved creating things and expressing myself that way." She thrived in the program and was able to secure a job and safe housing.

2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds.

The City funds are primarily used towards personnel and supply costs for the Art Program Coordinator position. The Art Program Coordinator works in our safe shelter providing advocacy, education, support groups, and individual sessions to survivors and children. Survivors and children process trauma and emotions through the activities-based Art Program. Specifically for children, the program is designed to strengthen the capacity to cope with emotions in a healthy way. Additionally, the curriculum focuses on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and building self-esteem and confidence.

The agency also provided shelter and advocacy for many sexual assault survivors referred by The Care Center. The Willow is funded to serve domestic violence and human trafficking survivors at shelter. By funding the MOU, the two agencies are able to collaborate to provide short-term safe shelter for sexual assault survivors within the community.

3. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide specific detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes.

The Impact Outcomes of Healthy Communication, Handling Anger, and Self Confidence exceeded the proposed 85% outcome at 94.55%, 86.72%, and 99.62% respectively. Drug and Alcohol Education and Awareness of the effects of Domestic Violence didn't quite meet the proposed 85% outcome with actuals at 38.46% and 72.73%. Participation numbers exceeded proposed outcomes on all Behavioral Outcomes (see ATF Stats Report attachment for detail).

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

The line-item budget in the 2017 application differs slightly from how the allocation was spent. The Art Program Coordinator was promoted internally on August 21, 2017 and the new Art Program Coordinator started on October 9, 2017. Therefore, approximately \$2,000 budgeted for personnel costs were not utilized. The Willow can return the unspent money to the City or put it towards future expenditures. Please advise.