

# KS Annual State Performance Report

## Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021]

*This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.*

| <b>OVC VOCA Assistance Funds</b>   |                        |                        |                        |                                     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                    | <b>2018-V2-GX-0003</b> | <b>2019-V2-GX-0069</b> | <b>2020-V2-GX-0047</b> | <b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI</b> |
| <b>Federal Award Amount</b>        | \$29,688,388.00        | \$20,091,625.00        | \$14,907,641.00        | \$9,371,512.00                      |
| <b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>   | \$26,939,555.00        | \$6,352,963.00         | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                              |
| <b>Total Number of Subawards</b>   | 87                     | 33                     | 0                      | 0                                   |
| <b>Administrative Funds Amount</b> | \$1,484,419.00         | \$1,004,581.00         | \$745,380.00           | \$0.00                              |
| <b>Training Funds Amount</b>       | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                              |
| <b>Balance Remaining</b>           | \$1,264,414.00         | \$12,734,081.00        | \$14,162,261.00        | \$9,371,512.00                      |

| <b>Subgrantee Organization Type</b>   |                        |                        |                        |                                     |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <small>The total number of subgrants represents all subgrants funded across all federal awards active during the reporting period. The number is not unique as there are subgrantee organizations that are continuously funded from each federal award.</small> |                        |                        |                        |                                     |
| <b>Type of Organization</b>   | <b>2018-V2-GX-0003</b> | <b>2019-V2-GX-0069</b> | <b>2020-V2-GX-0047</b> | <b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI</b> |
| <b>Government Agencies Only</b>   | <b>20</b>              | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                            |
| Corrections   | 1                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Courts  | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Juvenile Justice  | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Law Enforcement   | 9                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Prosecutor  | 9                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Other   | 1                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| <b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>  | <b>65</b>              | <b>33</b>              | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                            |
| Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)  | 24                     | 19                     | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Domestic and Family Violence Organization   | 9                      | 3                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Faith-based Organization  | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services  | 16                     | 8                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)  | 2                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)   | 5                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Multiservice agency   | 9                      | 3                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| Other   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |

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|  |           |           |          |          |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>                     | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)                                       | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Court  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Domestic and Family Violence organization  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Faith-based organization   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Juvenile justice   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Law Enforcement  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services                       | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Prosecutor   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)                                      | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Other justice-based agency   | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)                     | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community                            | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse) | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Other  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Campus Organizations Only</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Campus-based victims services  | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Law enforcement  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Physical or mental health service program  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| Other  | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total Number of Subawards</b>   | <b>87</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

\*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

| <b>Subaward Purpose</b>  |                        |                        |                        |                                     |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique                |                        |                        |                        |                                     |
|  | <b>2018-V2-GX-0003</b> | <b>2019-V2-GX-0069</b> | <b>2020-V2-GX-0047</b> | <b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI</b> |
| A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year               | 84                     | 31                     | 0                      | 0                                   |
| B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year | 3                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| C. Start up a new victim services project  | 0                      | 2                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project                 | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |
| E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project                  | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                                   |

**VOCA and Match Funds**

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

|   | 2018-V2-GX-0003 | 2019-V2-GX-0069 | 2020-V2-GX-0047 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL                    | 83              | 27              | 0               | 0                            |
| B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT           | 82              | 30              | 0               | 0                            |
| C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES      | 72              | 23              | 0               | 0                            |
| D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES                  | 40              | 13              | 0               | 0                            |
| E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE  | 74              | 24              | 0               | 0                            |
| F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS | 86              | 33              | 0               | 0                            |

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

| Priority Area                       | 2018-V2-GX-0003 | 2019-V2-GX-0069 | 2020-V2-GX-0047 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Child Abuse</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                              |
| Total Amount                        | \$6,812,140.00  | \$2,573,275.00  | \$0.00          | \$0.00                       |
| % of Total Federal Award            | 23.00 %         | 13.00 %         |                 |                              |
| <b>Domestic and Family Violence</b> |                 |                 |                 |                              |
| Total Amount                        | \$13,648,269.00 | \$3,358,756.00  | \$0.00          | \$0.00                       |
| % of Total Federal Award            | 46.00 %         | 17.00 %         |                 |                              |
| <b>Sexual Assault</b>               |                 |                 |                 |                              |
| Total Amount                        | \$3,776,331.00  | \$420,193.00    | \$0.00          | \$0.00                       |
| % of Total Federal Award            | 13.00 %         | 2.00 %          |                 |                              |
| <b>Underserved</b>                  |                 |                 |                 |                              |
| Total Amount                        | \$2,702,815.00  | \$739.00        | \$0.00          | \$0.00                       |
| % of Total Federal Award            | 9.00 %          | 0.00 %          |                 |                              |

**Budget and Staffing**

| Staffing Information  | 2018-V2-GX-0003 | 2019-V2-GX-0069 | 2020-V2-GX-0047 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services   | 1554            | 409             |                 |                              |
| Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services                   | 1218501         | 305970          |                 |                              |
| Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 1762            | 620             |                 |                              |
| Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services       | 89541           | 52710           |                 |                              |

## AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

| Victimization Type  |   |  |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|---|---|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Victimization Type  | Number of Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type | Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|   |   | Quarter 1 Total  | Quarter 2 Total | Quarter 3 Total | Quarter 4 Total | Per Quarter Average |
| Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)                     | 18  | 993  | 1155            | 880             | 934             | 990                 |
| Adult Sexual Assault  | 33  | 839  | 885             | 989             | 1052            | 941                 |
| Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children  | 17  | 169  | 219             | 222             | 167             | 194                 |
| Arson   | 11  | 10   | 10              | 8               | 20              | 12                  |
| Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)  | 10  | 42   | 56              | 42              | 52              | 48                  |
| Burglary  | 16  | 852  | 1259            | 959             | 647             | 929                 |
| Child Physical Abuse or Neglect   | 4   | 1453   | 1862            | 1973            | 1969            | 1814                |
| Child Pornography   | 14  | 47   | 140             | 47              | 139             | 93                  |
| Child Sexual Abuse/Assault  | 2   | 2365   | 3546            | 3714            | 3715            | 3335                |
| Domestic and/or Family Violence   | 6   | 10871  | 12121           | 12404           | 12027           | 11855               |
| DUI/DWI Incidents   | 1   | 173  | 104             | 122             | 137             | 134                 |
| Elder Abuse or Neglect  | 12  | 56   | 58              | 69              | 69              | 63                  |
| Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required) | 4   | 1  | 1               | 7               | 12              | 5                   |
| Human Trafficking: Labor  | 9   | 7  | 7               | 2               | 7               | 5                   |
| Human Trafficking: Sex  | 1   | 130  | 145             | 150             | 138             | 140                 |
| Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime  | 13  | 303  | 445             | 402             | 278             | 357                 |
| Kidnapping (non-custodial)  | 13  | 16   | 16              | 9               | 17              | 14                  |
| Kidnapping (custodial)  | 10  | 11   | 8               | 9               | 7               | 8                   |
| Mass Violence (Domestic/International)  | 5   | 58   | 43              | 47              | 50              | 49                  |
| Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)                                   | 11  | 18   | 25              | 23              | 29              | 23                  |
| Robbery   | 14  | 96   | 89              | 94              | 110             | 97                  |
| Stalking/Harassment   | 26  | 618  | 693             | 699             | 665             | 668                 |
| Survivors of Homicide Victims   | 15  | 231  | 254             | 340             | 251             | 269                 |
| Teen Dating Victimization   | 12  | 12   | 11              | 31              | 31              | 21                  |
| Terrorism (Domestic/International)  | 4   | 0  | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                   |
| Other   | 8   | 1064   | 683             | 741             | 801             | 822                 |

| Special Classifications of Individuals |   |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Special Classifications of Individuals | Number of Individuals Self Reporting a Special Classification |                 |                 |                 |                     |
|  | Quarter 1 Total   | Quarter 2 Total | Quarter 3 Total | Quarter 4 Total | Per Quarter Average |
| Deaf/Hard of Hearing                   | 31  | 43              | 40              | 44              | 196                 |

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Homeless   | 149 | 194 | 156 | 136 | 1436 |
| Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers                     | 181 | 157 | 169 | 153 | 1203 |
| LGBTQ  | 196 | 215 | 202 | 211 | 1115 |
| Veterans   | 101 | 97  | 92  | 123 | 630  |
| Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental | 936 | 926 | 981 | 956 | 4612 |
| Victims with Limited English Proficiency               | 594 | 539 | 555 | 546 | 4704 |
| Other  | 121 | 180 | 165 | 158 | 847  |

| General Award Information   |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|
| Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level  | Number | Percent |
| Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.   | 80506  |         |
| Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year   | 9823   |         |
| Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.                | 54165  | 67.28 % |
| Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year? | 1384   | 1.72 %  |
| Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.                             | 2416   |         |

| Demographics   |              |         |
|--|--------------|---------|
| Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served | Number       | Percent |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity</b>                                |              |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native                     | 467          | 0.86 %  |
| Asian  | 377          | 0.70 %  |
| Black or African American                            | 6262         | 11.56 % |
| Hispanic or Latino                                   | 6729         | 12.42 % |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander            | 65           | 0.12 %  |
| White Non-Latino or Caucasian                        | 28734        | 53.05 % |
| Some Other Race                                      | 219          | 0.40 %  |
| Multiple Races                                       | 1246         | 2.30 %  |
| Not Reported   | 10062        | 18.58 % |
| Not Tracked  | 4            | 0.01 %  |
| <b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>                          | <b>54165</b> |         |
| <b>Gender Identity</b>                               |              |         |
| Male   | 12796        | 23.62 % |
| Female   | 34648        | 63.97 % |
| Other  | 78           | 0.14 %  |
| Not Reported   | 6643         | 12.26 % |
| Not Tracked  | 0            | 0.00 %  |
| <b>Gender Total</b>                                  | <b>54165</b> |         |
| <b>Age</b>   |              |         |
| Age 0- 12  | 6546         | 12.09 % |
| Age 13- 17   | 3647         | 6.73 %  |
| Age 18- 24   | 5069         | 9.36 %  |

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|------------------|--------------|---------|
| Age 25- 59       | 26293        | 48.54 % |
| Age 60 and Older | 3429         | 6.33 %  |
| Not Reported     | 6994         | 12.91 % |
| Not Tracked      | 2187         | 4.04 %  |
| <b>Age Total</b> | <b>54165</b> |         |

| <b>Direct Services</b>              |   |   |  |                             |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Service Area</b>                 | <b># of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category</b> | <b># of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services</b> | <b>Specific Service</b>  | <b>Frequency of Service</b> |
| A. Information & Referral           | 64  | 43057   | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.  | 0                           |
|                                     |   |   | A1. Information about the criminal justice process   | 44734                       |
|                                     |   |   | A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.   | 40527                       |
|                                     |   |   | A3. Referral to other victim service programs  | 14378                       |
|                                     |   |   | A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.) | 39341                       |
| B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment | 62  | 24768   | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.  | 0                           |
|                                     |   |   | B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care  | 416                         |
|                                     |   |   | B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam   | 499                         |
|                                     |   |   | B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment   | 3987                        |
|                                     |   |   | B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)                                   | 52663                       |
|                                     |   |   | B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection   | 919                         |
|                                     |   |   | B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)                                       | 529                         |
|                                     |   |   | B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution  | 2621                        |
|                                     |   |   | B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)   | 893                         |
|                                     |   |   | B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)  | 8981                        |
|                                     |   |   | B10. Interpreter services  | 2302                        |
| C. Emotional Support or Safety      | 54  | 49109   | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.  | 0                           |
|                                     |   |   | C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)  | 39607                       |
|                                     |   |   | C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling   | 40416                       |
|                                     |   |   | C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)   | 567                         |

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| Services                                     |     |       | C4. Individual counseling  | 71635 |
|  |     |       | C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)   | 7303  |
|  |     |       | C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.) | 14053 |
|  |     |       | C7. Emergency financial assistance   | 6460  |
| D. Shelter/ Housing Services                 | 33  | 3782  | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.                                  | 0     |
|  |     |       | D1. Emergency shelter or safe house  | 71889 |
|  |     |       | D2. Transitional housing   | 43    |
|  |     |       | D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)                                 | 608   |
| E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance | 56  | 40426 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.                                  | 0     |
|  |     |       | E1. Notification of criminal justice events  | 33765 |
|  |     |       | E2. Victim impact statement assistance   | 1661  |
|  |     |       | E3. Assistance with restitution  | 5944  |
|  |     |       | E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order                                | 10870 |
|  |     |       | E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues  | 10275 |
|  |     |       | E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance   | 1824  |
|  |     |       | E7. Immigration assistance   | 130   |
|  |     |       | E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment   | 2281  |
|  |     |       | E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment   | 402   |
|  |     |       | E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment   | 7303  |
| E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel       | 565 |       |  |       |

**ANNUAL QUESTIONS**

| Grantee Annually Reported Questions  |       |
|--|-------|
| Question/Option  | Count |
| <b>Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?</b>  |       |
| Yes  | 1     |
| No   | 0     |
| <b>Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?</b>  |       |
| Yes  | 1     |
| No   | 0     |
| Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.  | 58    |
| Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.  | 1171  |
| Number of events conducted during the reporting period.  | 44    |
| <b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b> |       |
| Yes  | 1     |
| No   | 0     |

**Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.**

The CACs of KS has developed a foundational CAC victim advocacy training curriculum as a 24-hour course for both new and experienced CAC advocates. The Kansas CASA Association and KCSDV is developing topic-focused training modules for CASA staff and for sexual assault response hospital-based staff, respectively. The KDCF Adult Protective Services Division (APS) is revising the APS training manual to emphasize APS Specialists trauma-informed, victim-centered response to victims of crime.

**Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.**

The SAA hosted three KAVA classes for victim service providers across the state. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a great deal of effort and collaboration went into amending this course in 2020 from a one-week in-person academy to a multi-week virtual-based academy. The feedback was positive and the three classes provided in 2021 continued to be held in this virtual environment. No VOCA administrative or training funds were used for these training expenses. The Kansas CASA Association began providing virtual victim services training to local CASA program staff and directors. The KCSDV held numerous planning meetings to enhance the sexual assault response training and materials. In addition, the KDCF held multiple planning meetings as part of its efforts to complete the APS Training Manual. The CACs of KS had planned a two-day in-person training for all local CAC staff in September 2021, receiving 85 registrations. However, due to the continued concerns surrounding the uptick of COVID cases, the event was canceled and rescheduled for 2022.

**Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.**

N/A

**Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.**

N/A

**Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.**

Each VOCA subgrant applicant must address how and with what entities the applicant collaborates with or proposes to collaborate with to carry out the grant project. Applicants must promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims within the community. Coordination may include but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to crime victims.

**Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.**

Subgrantee descriptions of issues their communities face continue to include challenges reaching the geographically isolated survivors, with the vast majority of the state being considered rural. The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded this. Due to the rural population distribution, many victim service programs manage a multi-county service area, adding to the challenge when an advocate may need to travel a considerable distance to meet a victim face-to-face. Court closures have delayed legal processes and outcomes for victims. Subgrantee agencies have worked hard during the past 18 months to develop protocols and purchase equipment to provide virtually-based services. Shelter programs have increased the use of hotels to assist with shelter needs while dealing with social distancing, sanitization, and quarantine issues for the health and safety of both clients and staff. As a result of the limited low-cost housing, an issue in both rural and urban areas of Kansas, domestic violence victims and survivors, in particular, are staying longer in a shelter, which means more programs operate more days at total capacity. The challenges surrounding resources for crime victims with mental health issues also continue to rise toward the top of the list.

**Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.**

The KGGP continues to coordinate with the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board Office. The Executive Director of the Office participates in committees that coordinate training for those who work with crime victims (including advocates, law enforcement, and other criminal justice professionals) and presents a workshop on crime victim compensation at the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference. In addition, the KGGP works closely with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas to ensure coordination of efforts. Both agencies also participate in the above-referenced committees. Although these are not VOCA-funded activities, they illustrate the collaborative effort encouraged by VOCA. Coordination with community partners is an important topic of discussion when Analysts conduct on-site compliance reviews. Both successes and challenges are discussed and technical assistance is provided to explore ideas on how to enhance community coordination. Subgrantees provide outreach through efforts that identify crime victims and ensure they are provided the services they need.

**Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.**

The Governor and Attorney General hosted the Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference in April of 2021, in a virtual platform, for more than 500 attendees. The agenda focuses on training for those serving crime victims. Professionals in victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, corrections, criminal justice personnel, and crime victims attend the training to discuss and learn about services and working with crime victims. All agencies receiving VOCA funding are required to send at least one person to this conference. All subgrantees must attend training on the grant assurances and reporting requirements for the grant. In addition, the VOCA program analysts conduct site visits and compliance reporting for each grant project and provide ongoing technical assistance. During the pandemic, site visits are conducted via Teams or Zoom meetings, including a virtual tour of facilities. The KGGP is the host agency for the KAVA, with three virtual-based classes held during the previous 12 months. At least two academies will be scheduled through the end of 2022 to continue the opportunity for advocates to receive this essential foundational skill-based training.

**Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period**



Child Abuse Category—provided by child advocacy center: [Subgrantee] had an interview with a 14-year-old boy who was experiencing sexual and physical abuse from a peer. He expressed that he enjoyed running track, which was an emotional outlet for him. When we started talking about his abuse, his leg bounced and his voice shook. He expressed that oftentimes when he even thinks about his abuse, he goes into a panic attack and his entire body shuts down, losing the ability to see, hear, talk, and control his movements. The severe sexual and physical abuse had left him with PTSD, anxiety, depression, and insomnia. He had been seeing a therapist, but never felt comfortable enough to bring up his abuse. He then detailed his abuse, and even drew sketches of multiple places where his abuse occurred. He expressed that he wanted his abuser to get help. Concluding his interview, we talked a lot about how he was feeling. He voiced that getting some of this off his chest made him feel better. He said it was as though he was able to let out a little bit of steam. Hearing the conversations between him and his advocate, he told her that he wanted to be a therapist, to be able to help people who experienced similar things as he did. He wants to do his piece to change the world.

Domestic Violence Category—provided by a domestic violence services agency: A survivor of domestic violence sought services after a traumatic experience at her home involving her husband. She was immediately placed in our emergency shelter and the man was taken into custody. The agency assisted the victim with obtaining a protection order, and the criminal case continued for over a year due to COVID. During this time, the agency provided one-on-one individual counseling sessions, a support group, and sessions with a licensed therapist. She was able to find a job where she has moved into a management position. The abuser was eventually sentenced to 18 years in prison. The survivor continues to work with the agency advocate and slowly continues to make progress on healing from the trauma she experienced that day, and every day after.

Sexual Assault Category—provided by a sexual assault services agency: Our Outreach Advocate moved her office to a location that allows for more campus collaboration and warm referrals. Her new office is inside of the Student Health Center on campus. Recently, she was providing office hours when she received a referral from a nurse who had a student disclose sexual assault during STI testing. This student indicated that they would like to meet with the Advocate. The student was able to walk down the hall and meet with her immediately after this initial disclosure. From there, crisis intervention and safety planning took place. The student was appreciative of the ease of access to services.

Underserved Category— provided by a sexual assault services agency: An advocate began working with a young teen who is a long-term survivor of sex trafficking. The young woman became a mother shortly after returning to the state after two years of extreme physical, emotional, and sexual trauma. The advocate has engaged in individual therapy with the survivor, as well as family sessions. Recently, the survivor accessed therapy via Zoom from an undisclosed location while out of the area. The advocate reports having collaborated extensively with community partners to procure services and support for the survivor and her family and to reintegrate the survivor with her family.

**Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.**

Any federal crime victim seeking assistance from a VOCA-funded subgrantee is entitled to and will receive direct services. In addition, all crime victims receive compensation information when they contact a subgrantee program. Federal victim/witness staff are invited to participate in trainings sponsored by this office, including the Kansas Academy for Victim Assistance and the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference co-hosted by the Kansas Governor and Attorney General. VOCA subgrantees serve federal crime victims by going to court proceedings with the victims to offer support and answer questions about the court process; helping victims file applications with the Crime Victims Compensation Board, providing information and referrals regarding other community resources; and providing counseling, therapy, treatment, and safe shelter for victims.

**Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.**

Feedback from subgrantees regarding issues impacting services continues to include navigating services for victims with more specialized needs, increasing the demand for qualified trained staff. Human trafficking continues as an ever-increasingly discussed issue at both the national level and in Kansas. Domestic violence agencies are still reporting that the level of violence continues to escalate. As has been the case for several years, the lack of affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, child care, and qualified legal assistance continues significant challenges in Kansas. VOCA funds have assisted with the expansion of mental health and legal assistance in numerous areas around the State, although more needs arise with each expansion of services. As the overall population ages, agencies work to increase elder abuse-focused services and outreach efforts. As is the case nationally, there is an increase in the connection between drug use and crime. Methamphetamine and opioid addiction is showing a direct impact on the numbers of crimes committed against victims, including violent crimes, fraud-related crimes, abuse of the elderly and children, and property crimes. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, subgrantee organizations were forced to adapt to the disaster declaration, stay-at-home orders, social distancing, and quarantine measures. These organizations quickly and impressively developed new procedures and service delivery methods, particularly the implementation of teleservices, with minor interruptions in services.

**Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.**

While the increase in VOCA funds has allowed programs to increase staff, salaries and benefits, retention of qualified staff continues to challenge agencies in rural areas. Also, with larger projects to manage, the need for qualified administrative staff increases. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a direct impact on staffing retention. Fear of exposure in the workplace and the necessity to stay home with young children receiving remote education has resulted in staff turnover.

**Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.**

The KGGP maintains a distribution list of email addresses for organizations and agencies eligible to apply. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association for Counties also are notified and send the information to its membership. The KGGP office provides the Kansas Secretary of State's Office with a copy of the notice to be published in the Kansas Register. Additionally, anyone may access the grant solicitation packet via the Internet on the Governor's website.

**Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.**

In July 2022, the KGGP finalized the 2022-2025 Kansas Implementation Plan to guide the direction of several federal grants, including the Federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance funding. The Implementation Plan includes identifying and enhancing services for underserved communities and populations. Applicants for VOCA funding are encouraged to develop VOCA project goals and objectives supporting the Implementation Plan.

**Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.**

## Office for Victims of Crime - Performance Measurement Tool ( PMT )

By enhancing and expanding access to victim services such as crisis response agencies; law enforcement-based advocates; prosecutor-based advocates, both county and city level; and agencies providing services specifically to disabled victims, many of the service needs and/or gaps have been met or alleviated. The KGGP has responded by funding requests for additional court service providers and legal service funds, additional advocacy services dollars for therapeutic services, bilingual services providers, translation services, and specialized training opportunities. Some projects provide specialized elder abuse and human trafficking services. As subgrantees responded to service delivery amid the COVID-19 pandemic, VOCA funds assisted in purchasing supplies and professional services to better assist programs with maintaining a clean and healthy service delivery environment and with remote services through virtual telecommunications methods. Open communication is maintained with the Kansas Attorney General's office, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and the KGGP to encourage discussion to identify gaps and respond. In addition, subgrantees are encouraged to contact their Analyst if any issues arise.

**Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.**

The KGGP prepares and compiles statistical data from the Subgrantees reports. The information is transferred to a dashboard report on the KGGP website. In addition, the KGGP provides information to elected officials as requested.