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## *S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program Implementation Plan*

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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 S.T.O.P. (Services.Training.Officers.Prosecutors.) funds. Hereinafter "STOP."*

*The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission) serves as the State Administating Agency for the STOP Formula Grant Program funds and as such is charged with funding projects throughout the state that 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 STOP Implementation Plan for well over fifteen years. In 2015, Nebraska initiated a comprehensive effort to coordinate planning not only for victim and survivor services but across federal funding grant programs administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. At that time, efforts involved three federal formula grant programs; STOP, the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). For the FFY 2022 – 2025 plan, planning efforts were expanded to include the Nebraska Crime Commission's Justice Assistance (JAG) Formula Grant Program.*

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

*On November 30, 2021, the Nebraska STOP VAWA Implementation Plan was approved on behalf of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice by its Executive Director, Dr. Don Arp, Jr.*

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

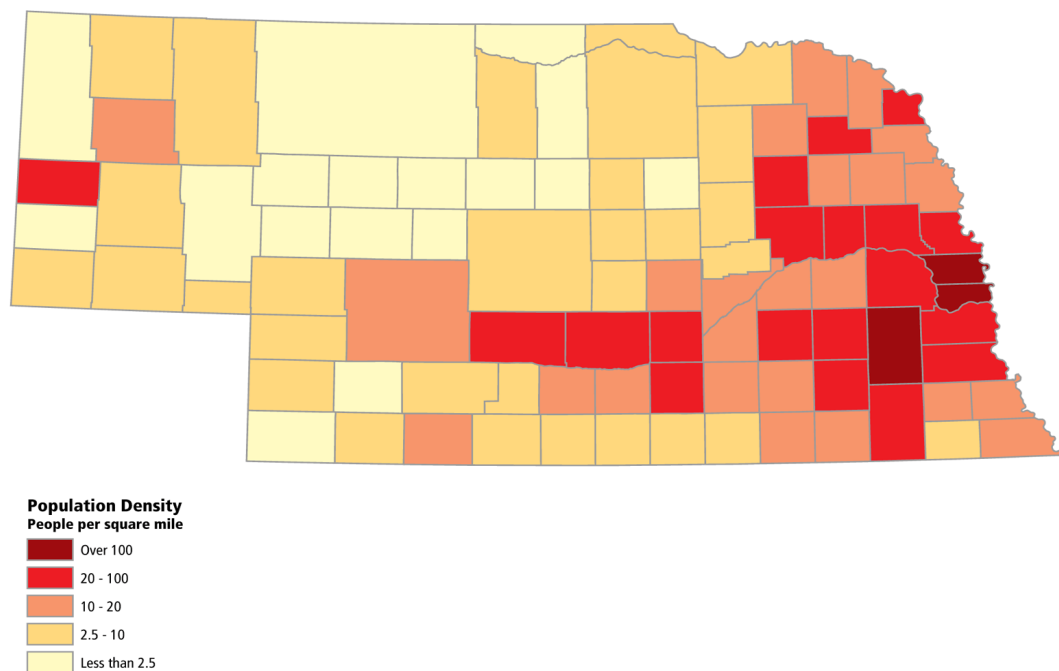
*The plan covers the 4-year period of FFY 2022/23 – FFY 2025/26.*

## II. Needs and Context

### A. Demographics and Geographical Information

Nebraska is the 16<sup>th</sup> largest state geographically, spanning 77,359 square miles. Depending on the route, it can take anywhere from six to eight hours to drive across the state. The state is predominantly rural, with 93 counties, many of which are sparsely populated. Agriculture and ranching are primary industries, but in recent decades there has been an increase in manufacturing and meat processing. Nebraska ranks 43<sup>rd</sup> among states in terms of population density.

Figure 1. Population Density of Nebraska



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Source: Rand McNally and Company

Demographic data is from the US Census Bureau and include data from the 2020 Census.

- Nebraska has had a 7% increase in population numbers from 2010 to 2020.
- In the last decade, all races and ethnicities have reported growth in populations with the exception of the White population which indicates a 7.7% decrease.

Table 1. Nebraska Race and Ethnicity

	2010	2020
White	86.1%	<b>78.4%</b>
Black or African American	4.5%	<b>4.9%</b>
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.0%	<b>1.2%</b>
Asian	1.9%	<b>2.7%</b>
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander		<b>0.1%</b>
Some Other Race	4.3%	<b>5.4%</b>
2 or more Races	2.2%	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>1,826,341</b>	<b>1,961,504</b>
Hispanic or Latino	9.2%	<b>12%</b>

Source <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/race-and-ethnicity-in-the-united-state-2010-and-2020-census.html>

Table 2. Population by Sex and Age

	2019 Estimate	Percentage
<b>Total population</b>	<b>1,914,571</b>	
Male	954,950	49.9%
Female	959,621	50.1%
Under 5 years	131,473	6.9%
5 to 9 years	132,240	6.9%
10 to 14 years	133,061	6.9%
15 to 19 years	130,202	6.8%
20 to 24 years	136,569	7.1%
25 to 34 years	255,097	13.3%
35 to 44 years	236,450	12.4%
45 to 54 years	223,709	11.7%
55 to 59 years	123,643	6.5%
60 to 64 years	118,058	6.2%
65 to 74 years	165,539	8.6%
75 to 84 years	87,073	4.5%
85 years and over	41,457	2.2%

Note: 2020 Census breakdown not available as of Nov 2021. Source [US Census 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles \(Table DP05\)](#)

- Individuals 65 and older account for 15.3% of the population in Nebraska.
- *Statewide needs assessment survey (see Table 4, pg. 9) found children and elderly to be among Nebraska's most underserved populations. Of 27 underserved populations identified, children were the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest of those in need of services with elderly (65 and over) being 6<sup>th</sup> most in need.*
- Elderly and disabled populations are prime targets for violence, sexual assault crimes, and financial abuse. They are often seen as fragile or less able to defend themselves. The Nebraska Crime Commission's largest federally funded grant program, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) reported for 2020, 8.68% (3,163) of the crime victims served were ages 60 and

older. Among all those served, 590 were victims of elder abuse, 283 were victims who were deaf or hard of hearing, and 4,922 were victims with disabilities.

### Populations by Disability

For the purpose of this plan, individuals with disabilities include those with mental health conditions and individuals who are deaf disabled. As with elderly populations, these populations are vulnerable to being targeted for violence, crimes, and other abuses. A victimization may be the cause of a disabling condition such as a traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder, severe depression or a physical impairment. A victimization can easily be overlooked or mistaken for medication issues or medical conditions. Special considerations and additional resources are often required from first responders, service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and other members of coordinated community response teams.

**People with mental health issues are Nebraska's underserved population identified as most in need of services.**

- **Statewide needs assessment survey results (see Table 4, pg. 9) found those with mental health issues as the highest underserved population in need of services.** Populations with disabilities ranked 14<sup>th</sup> and those who are deaf and hard of hearing ranked 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Hearing disabled individuals make up 6.2% of Nebraskans (CDC, 2018).
- Individuals who are persons of color are far more likely to have a disability.

**Table 3. Disability Status by Age and Race/Ethnicity among 18 years of age or older.**

2019		Any Disability	No Disability
Age	18 – 44	15.1%	84.9%
	45 – 64	24.6%	75.4%
	65+	40.0%	60.0%
Race/Ethnicity	White	20.6%	79.4%
	Black/African American	31.4%	86.6%
	Hispanic	23.3%	76.7%
	Asian	19.8%	80.2%
	American Indian or Alaska Native	41.3%	58.7%
	Other/Multiracial	41.3%	58.7%

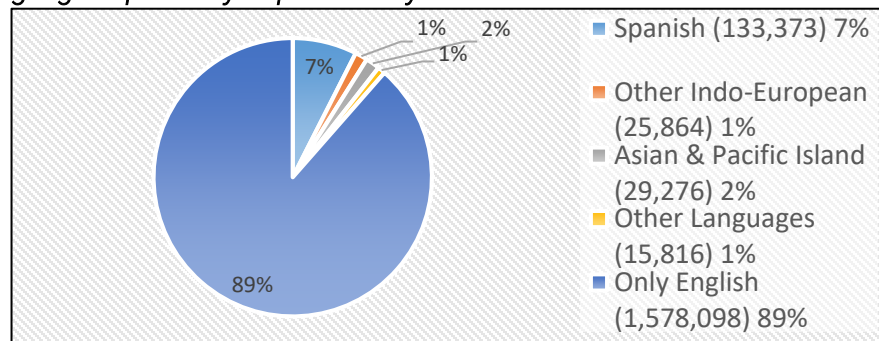
Source <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/dhds/index.html>

### Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

Individuals who speak limited English make up a significant portion of Nebraska's population. Victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence who speak limited English and need help may appear to others as mistrusting and uncooperative. Without eliminating language barriers for victims, responders may misunderstand or even miss crimes of violence and/or abuse.

- 11.30% or 201,490 of Nebraskans 5 years and over speak a language other than English (2019).
- Spanish is the most common non-English language spoken in Nebraska. Individuals speaking Spanish make up 7.21% of Nebraska's overall population.
- **Statewide needs assessment survey (see Table 4, pg. 9) found non-English speaking populations 13<sup>th</sup> among those most in need of assistance and LEP populations 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- Nebraska's 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) annual report indicates serving 4,165 victims who were LEP individuals.

**Chart 1. Languages Spoken by Population 5 years and over**



Note: 2020 Census not available. Source [US Census Language Spoke At Home 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates Table S1601](#)

## **B. Description of the methods and results used to identify underserved populations within the state and demographic data.**

An online needs assessment survey was conducted to identify Nebraska's underserved populations. Other relevant data and information on underserved populations were gathered from reliable sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau, Uniform Crime Report, and the state's LB 154 Report: Prevalence of Missing Native American Women and Child in Nebraska.

### **Online Survey Method and Underserved Population Results:**

On January 17 and 18, 2020, the University of Nebraska Law Psychology Program distributed an email to 897 Nebraska stakeholders containing a link to the online needs assessment survey to complete. A reminder email was sent on January 22. Access to the survey remained open until February 10, 2020.

Stakeholders were identified from individuals representing Nebraska's juvenile and criminal justice systems and from providers of services supporting these systems. Of the 897 stakeholders invited, 257 (29.2%) completed the survey representing 32 different criminal justice-related affiliations with some stakeholders responding with more than one affiliation (see Tables 11 & 12, pages 25 & 26). Among the participants' affiliation responses were victim services, courts/probation, prosecutors, law enforcement



agencies, culturally specific agencies, tribal governments, medical providers and others. The top five locations and/or regions where participants indicated they conduct their work were Central Nebraska (22.6%); Lincoln (14.8%); Southeast Nebraska (12.8%); Omaha (10.1%), and Entire State of Nebraska (10.1).

Utilizing Qualtrics Survey Software, the needs assessment survey asked participants to evaluate the need level of 27 underserved populations in the state using a 7-point Likert scale with 1 being Extremely Unimportant to 7 being Extremely Important. In addition, stakeholders were provided a list of 36 crimes and were asked to identify underserved crime victims by types of crime they experience using this same Likert scale.

**Table 4. Priority by Underserved Populations**

	Mean	SD	Rank
People with Mental Health Issue	6.15	1.23	1
Children	6.08	1.16	2
Rural Populations	5.76	1.3777	3
People with Substance Use Disorder Issues	5.59	1.39	4
Low to No Income Persons	5.54	1.325	5
Elderly Persons	5.49	1.286	6
Latino / Hispanic	5.41	1.39	7
American Indian / Native American	5.35	1.598	8
Homeless Persons	5.32	1.386	9
Black / African American	5.28	1.494	10
Women of Color	5.26	1.472	11
Military Personnel / Veterans	5.1	1.406	12
Non-English Speaking Person	4.99	1.477	13
People with Disabilities	4.97	1.36	14
Men of Color	4.97	1.36	14
LGBTQ+ Persons	4.95	1.649	15
Persons with Limited English	4.89	1.48	16
Multi-Ethnic	4.84	1.488	17
Refugees	4.83	1.524	18
Documented Immigrants	4.82	1.416	19
Undocumented Immigrants	4.81	1.595	20
College Students	4.63	1.546	21
Formally Incarcerated Persons	4.56	1.575	22
Urban Populations	4.54	1.568	23
People w Hearing Impairments	4.45	1.429	24
Asian / Pacific Islander	4.35	1.553	25
Incarcerated Persons	4.25	1.658	26

Source: [Nebraska Crime Commission 2020 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey](#)

**Table 5. Identified Underserved Victims by Types of Crime**

	Mean	SD
Child Sexual Abuse (Child Victims and Adult Survivors)	6.28	0.99
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	6.17	0.972
Domestic Violence / Family Violence (excluding homicide)	5.99	1.206
Sexual Assault	5.96	1.1
Child Pornography (Child Victims and Adult Survivors)	5.82	1.251
Human Sex Trafficking	5.77	1.526
Protection Order Violations	5.6	1.292
Dating Violence (including Teen Dating)	5.52	1.192
Bullying (Cyber, Physical, Verbal, Emotional, Racist, Sexual)	5.33	1.406
Stalking	5.33	1.327
Homicide Victim of Domestic Violence / Family Violence	5.32	1.526
Aggravated or Physical Assault	5.28	1.277
Homicide Victim Survivor (victim's family, friend, etc.)	5.16	1.537
Human Labor Trafficking	5.15	1.545
Elder Abuse (65 years or older)	5.11	1.397
Missing Persons (Reported to LE and reasonable safety concern)	4.96	1.573
Hate Crimes	4.78	1.686
Identity Theft	4.77	1.443
Sexual Assault of a Detainee (in custody, not imprisoned)	4.74	1.708
Driving Under the Influence / Driving While Intoxicated	4.72	1.561
Sexual Assault of an Inmate, Convict, or Parolee	4.64	1.706
Kidnapping	4.36	1.646
Robbery	4.32	1.481
Gang Violence	4.31	1.71
Mass Violence	4.22	1.745
Burglary	4.2	1.323
Larceny Theft	4.18	1.393
Vandalism / Destruction of Property	4.16	1.414
Female Genital Mutilation	4.07	1.826
Hazing	3.88	1.56
Fraud	3.84	1.506
Federal Crimes	3.76	1.598
Arson	3.61	1.528
Embezzlement	3.5	1.51
Extortion	3.47	1.532

Source [Nebraska Crime Commission 2020 Statewide Needs Assessment Survey](#)

### Rural Populations

- **Rural populations are the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest underserved populations in need of resources according to the statewide needs assessment survey.**
- 34% of Nebraska's population reside in rural areas with 66% in urban areas (2019).
- Of the state's 93 counties, 80 are designated rural or non-Metro counties where the entire area of the county is considered rural. Source: (June 2021), <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets/state-data.aspx?StateFIPS=31&StateName=Nebraska>

**Who is Not Served: Barriers to Helpseeking for Sexual Violence Survivors in Rural Nebraska, June 2020, HTI Labs**

In 2019, the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence commissioned the work of HTI Labs to determine program accessibility and effectiveness for three (3) member programs providing sexual assault services in rural areas of Nebraska. HTI Labs is a leading research company based in Nebraska and

nationally known for research on human trafficking and domestic and sexual violence. The results were published in a June 2020 report, "Who is Not Served: Barriers to Helpseeking for Sexual Violence Survivors in Rural Nebraska." Using focus groups and conversations with Nebraska victims and survivors of sexual violence they found among the barriers to seeking help were, "attributes of small town environments." These included significant concerns surrounding confidentiality, fears of repercussions, and the social connections that exist in smaller rural communities that are often enjoyed by the perpetrators.

Source: <https://htilabs.org/pulse/who-is-not-served-report-2020/>

Rural Nebraska lacks critical services and victims and survivors are expected to travel significant distances to access victim services, culturally specific providers, mental health providers, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and hospitals and doctors. In the Status on the Nebraska Healthcare Workforce 2020 report of the state's 93 counties, 14 have no primary care doctors and in 54 counties there is no OB/GYN physicians.

Source: [https://www.unmc.edu/rural-health/\\_documents/Workforce\\_2020.pdf](https://www.unmc.edu/rural-health/_documents/Workforce_2020.pdf)

### Population Living in Poverty

Living in the stress of poverty increases risk for a host of problems including victimizations of crimes such as domestic and sexual violence, human trafficking, stalking, and dating violence.

- Those most likely to live in poverty in Nebraska are American Indians and Alaska Natives, with a poverty rate level of 23.5%.
- **The statewide needs assessment survey results found those living in poverty are 5<sup>th</sup> among Nebraska's underserved populations.**

**Overall poverty rate  
9.9%**

- ❖ Males 8.8%
- ❖ Females 10.9%

Table 6. Nebraska Poverty by Race

2019 Poverty By Race	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
White	1,621,853	141,966	8.8%
Asian	46,324	3,844	8.3%
Multiple Races	50,525	7,108	14.1%
Some Other Race	48,536	7,430	15.3%
Hispanic or Latino	202,207	41,069	20.3%
Black or African American	90,457	20,598	22.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	18,177	4,268	23.5%

Notes: No data reported for Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. 2020 Census not available. Source: [US Census 2019 ACS 5-Year Survey \(Table S1701\)](#)

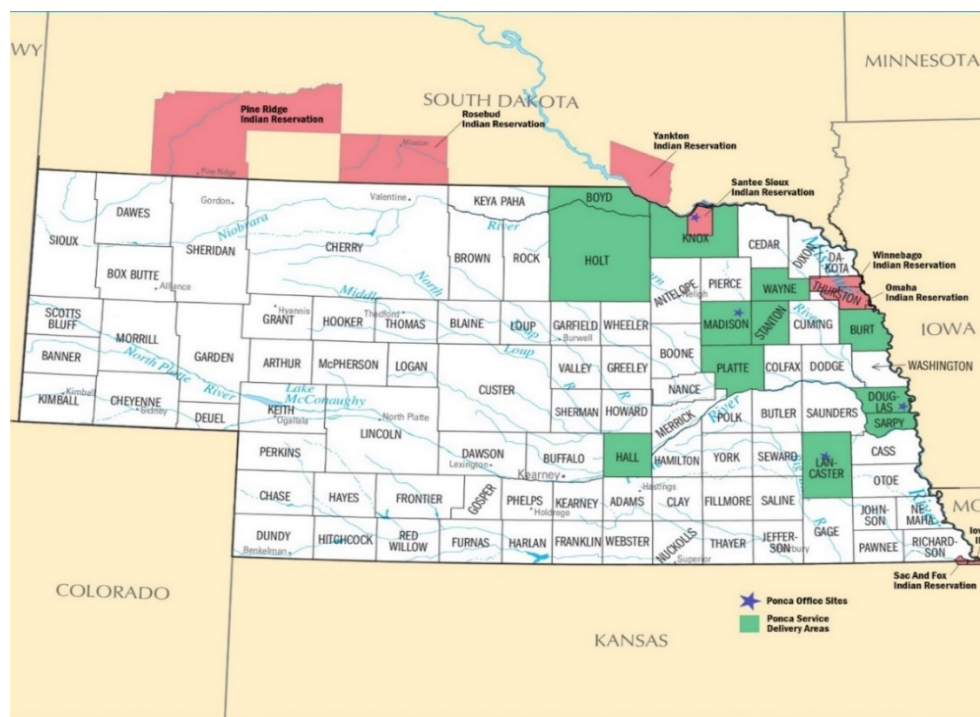
### Tribes and Tribal Communities

American Indians and Native Americans are among Nebraska's top underserved populations.

- *The statewide needs assessment found tribal populations as 8<sup>th</sup> most in need of resources and services.*

Nebraska has land-based tribes (Santee Sioux Nation, Omaha, and 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.

Figure 2. The Native American communities present, operating in, and bordering Nebraska



The 2019 U.S. Census estimated 18,964 American Indians residing in Nebraska. Nebraska's Commission on Indian Affairs website reports approximately 10,875 Native Americans reside on reservations and within two tribal service areas located within the state (April 2013).

Source <https://indianaffairs.state.ne.us/faq/>.

Growing concerns for missing Native American women and children in Nebraska lead to the passage of LB 154 (2019) requiring a report from the Nebraska State Patrol. The results are outline in a May 2020, LB154 Report: Prevalence of Missing Native American Women and Children in Nebraska. This report documents the need for better data collection and tracking, and identifies barriers in Nebraska to the reporting of missing Native Americans.

The barriers noted are the absence of relationships between law enforcement and tribal communities; the lack of communication between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement; the lack of understanding about reporting; the belief that nothing will be done or that by reporting it may create negative consequences; and that underlying causes are substance use, domestic violence, and human trafficking.

Source <https://indianaffairs.state.ne.us/lb-154-statement-and-report/>

### **Blacks and African Americans**

Blacks and African Americans are Nebraska's second largest minority population. **The planning needs assessment survey found that among underserved populations Nebraska's Black and African American communities are 10<sup>th</sup> most in need of services and resources.** The needs assessment survey was conducted prior to May 2020, when George Floyd, a Black/African American was murdered while in police custody in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Considering the racial tension and trauma that occurred across the nation following this tragedy, it is feasible that the results could have been different had the survey been conducted at a later date. Many Nebraskans protested and following the riots that took place in Omaha and Lincoln state Senators held day long listening sessions to hear firsthand the experiences of Nebraska's Black and African American community members. On May 25, 2021, the governor signed into law LB51 banning the use of chokeholds and addressing qualifications and training requirements for law enforcement. This is relevant to this plan as training of law enforcement has long been a critical component of Nebraska's STOP Formula Grant Program.

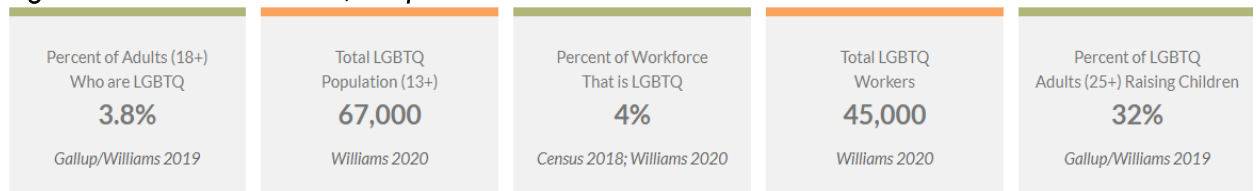
### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Population**

- **Statewide needs assessment survey found that Nebraska's LGBTQ+ community members are 15<sup>th</sup> among underserved populations most in need of services.**
- Same sex, married couples make up 0.6% of Nebraska households (US Census 2019). This is lower than the national estimate of 0.9%.
- Of the state's 93 counties, no city or county ordinances prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in private employment or housing.
- No state or county protections against the use of conversion therapy exist. Lincoln is the only community with a city ordinance banning conversion therapy for use on minors which was adopted February, 2021.



According to the **Movement Advancement Project (MAP)**, Nebraska in comparison to other states is considered low (4 out of 38.5) for having minimal protections (policies, laws, ordinances) for LGBTQIA community members. MAP has a mission, “To provide independent and rigorous research, insight, and communications that help speed equality and opportunity for all.” MAP’s policy tally counts the number of laws and policies with a state that help drive equality for LGBTQ+ people. .

**Figure 3. Nebraska’s LGBTQ+ Population**



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

### Immigration and Refugees Populations

- Nebraska resettled 8,425 refugees from January 2010 to January 2019. At that time, the top countries of origin were Burma/Myanmar, Bhutan, and Iraq. Source <https://carnegieendowment.org/2020/05/21/u.s.-foreign-policy-for-middle-class-perspectives-from-nebraska-pub-81767>
- **The statewide needs assessment survey found refugee populations are 18<sup>th</sup> among underserved populations most in need of services with documented immigrants 19<sup>th</sup> and undocumented immigrants 20<sup>th</sup>.** In considering these results it should be noted that following the completion of the needs assessment survey these populations suffered from increased acts of violence and racism.
- In 2019, Nebraska’s immigrant population accounted for 7.4% (142,500) of the state’s population, an increase of 6.1% from 2010. Source Migration Policy Institute. Source <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/us-immigration-trends#lep>

Many immigrants and refugees resettle in rural areas of Nebraska due to the availability of jobs in the agriculture and ranching industries. For refugees and immigrants who are victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, isolated rural areas tend to offer fewer language assistance options or necessary resources and supports.

### Underserved Populations and the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

The impact of coronavirus on the needs of underserved populations is significant. A September 2020, Households Across American report examined the most serious problems faced by households due to the coronavirus outbreak. A summary of the findings are offered for planning purposes as the issues and concerns are relevant to setting priorities to achieve safety for victims/survivors and to hold offenders accountable.

**Impact of COVID- Pandemic Summary**

- More than 4 in 10 households across the nation (46%) reported serious financial problems.
- Majorities of Latino (72%), Black (60%), and Native American (55%) households report facing serious financial problems, as well as 37% of Asian and 36% of white households.
- More than 4 in 10 (42%) households in rural areas reported serious financial problems. 43% had adult household members who lost jobs, lost businesses, been furloughed, or had wages or hours reduced.
- In rural areas, about 6 in 10 households with children (59%) reported serious problems caring for their children. More than 36% had serious problems keeping their children's education going.
- 1 in 4 households (25%) reported individuals who had serious problems coping with social and physical isolation.
- LGBTQ households are more likely than non-LGBTQ households to experience job losses, serious financial problems, issues accessing healthcare, and increased challenges navigating at-home learning for their children as a result of the pandemic. These challenges are especially true for Black and Latinx people, as well as for LGBTQ people living in the South and the Midwest regions of the United States.

Source: [https://cdn1.sph.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/94/2020/09/NPR-RWJF-Harvard-National-Report\\_092220\\_Final-1.pdf](https://cdn1.sph.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/94/2020/09/NPR-RWJF-Harvard-National-Report_092220_Final-1.pdf)

**Statistical Data**

The statistical data outlined in this section represents the prevalence of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human sex trafficking in Nebraska and brings to light how these crimes often go unreported to the authorities.

Yearly, the Nebraska Crime Commission reports on the number of victims receiving Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) federally funded services based on the presenting victimization. Well over 60 victim services providers from across the state track this data. Note, the annual data for this report is in the form of unduplicated quarterly counts, thus when reported annually the counts from quarter to quarter will overlap for the numbers of victims counted resulting in duplication of numbers. From October 2019 – September 2020, VOCA funded victim services providers reported serving:

- 7,236 Adult Victims of Sexual Assault
- 14,777 Children Victims of Sexual Assault
- 1,037 Victims of Child Pornography
- 607 Victims of Human Sex Trafficking
- 4,781 Victims of Stalking/Harassment
- 41,428 Victims of Domestic and/or Family Violence
- 498 Victims of Teen Dating Violence

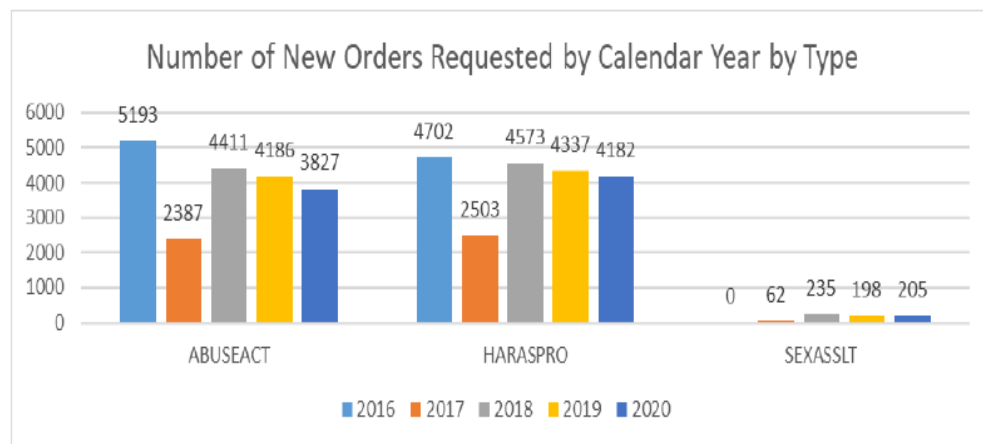
### Protection Orders (PO)

Nebraska uses protection orders as a means of legal intervention. State statute outlines three (3) types: Domestic Abuse PO, Harassment PO, and Sexual Assault PO. Domestic Abuse PO involves close relationships and injury or threats. Harassment PO does not depend upon relationships but requires a pattern of contact that seriously terrifies, threaten, or intimidates a person. Sexual Assault PO also does not depend on relationships however, it is granted because someone subjected or attempted to subject another person to sexual contact or sexual penetration without consent. Nebraska protection orders are effective for one (1) year and only sexual assault and domestic abuse protection orders are eligible for renewal. While a victim or survivor may request a protection order by a court, there may be numerous events and factors that can cause an order to not be granted which does not necessarily mean that a judge chose not to grant the protection order.

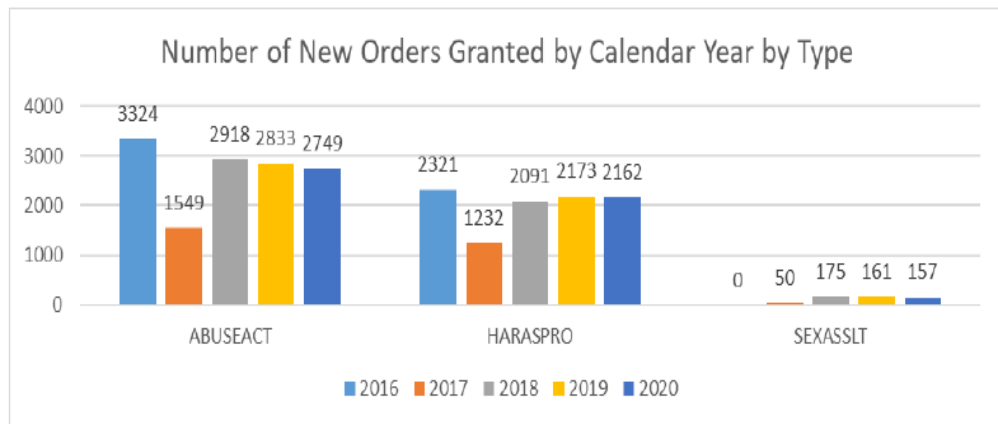
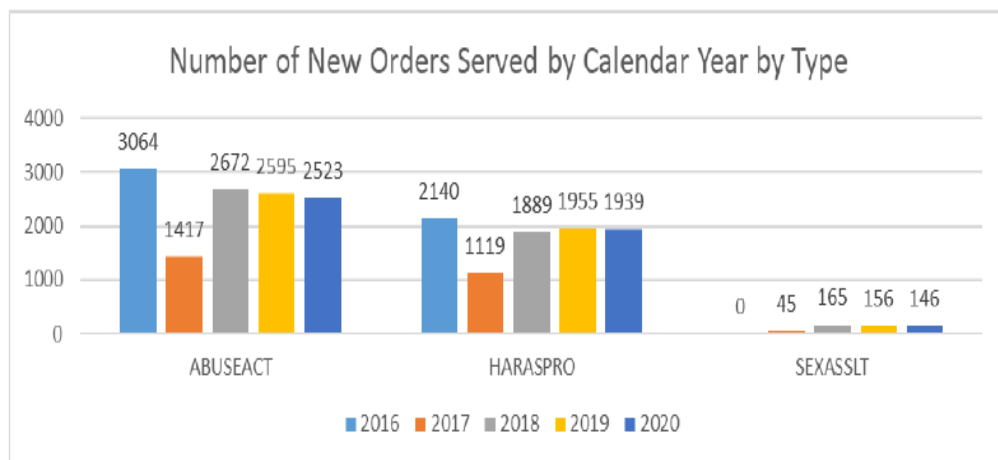
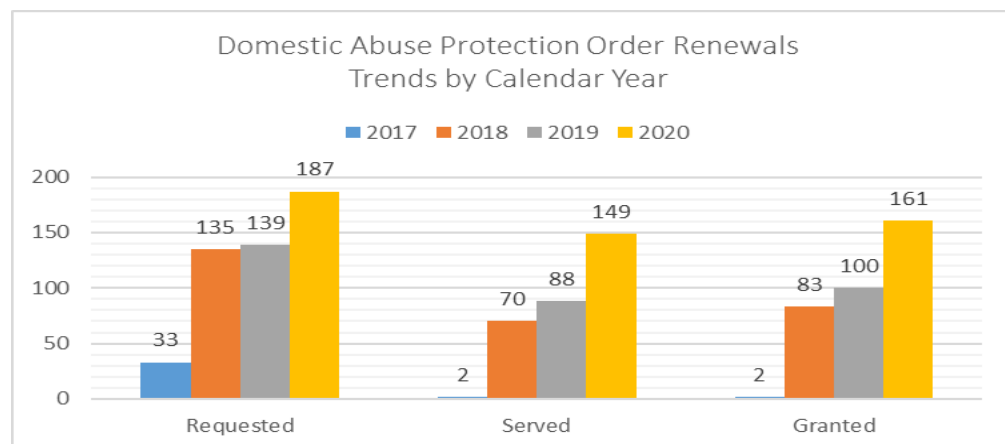
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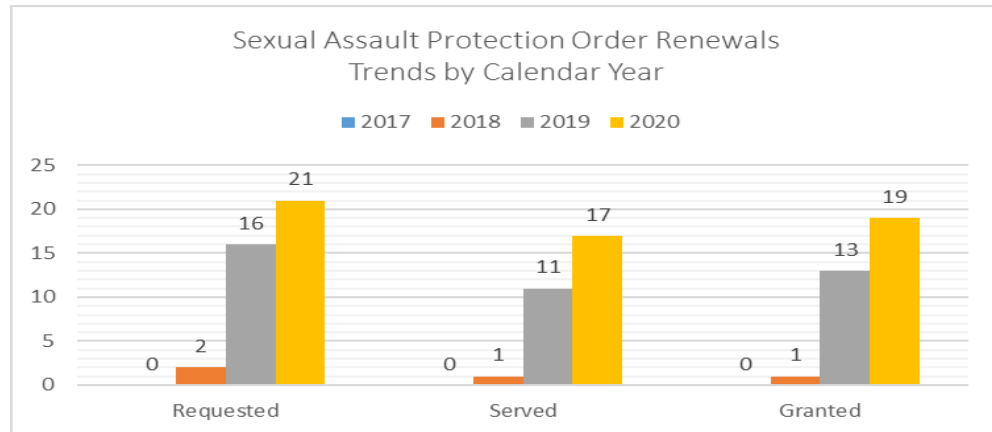
Definitions for Charts 2 - 6: ABUSEACT (Domestic Abuse PO); HARASPRO (Harassment PO); SEXASSLT (Sexual Assault PO). Requested is a case filed with the court for a PO; Granted is a PO entered by the court and approved; and Served is a sheriff or constable located the subject and verified the completion of delivery of the PO.

**Chart 2. New Protection Orders Requested**





**Chart 3. New Protection Orders Granted****Chart 4. New Protection Orders Served****Chart 5. Domestic Abuse Protection Order Renewals**

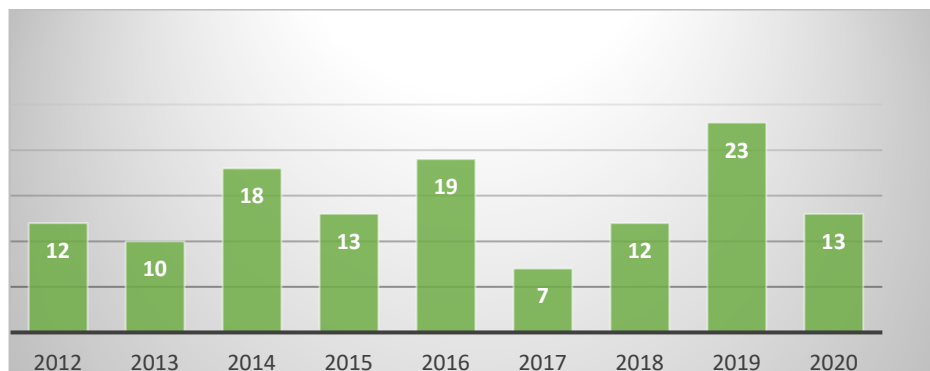
**Chart 6. Sexual Assault Protection Order Renewals****Protection Order Data Explanations and Clarifications:**

- Existing Domestic Abuse POs could be renewed upon the effective date of the law which was August, 2017 therefore, the data only reflects a portion of that year.
- Because protection orders must be in effect a year before renewal, it was not possible for the first renewal of a sexual assault protection order to occur until August 2018. This explains why there are no sexual assault renewal orders in 2017 and why numbers are low in 2018.

Source [Nebraska Administrative Office of Probation, Aug 2021](#)

**Domestic Violence**

Since 2012, deaths in Nebraska related to domestic violence have been tracked by the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). Data provided for 2012 – 2020 indicates that a total of 127 individuals died as a result of domestic violence.

**Chart 7. Nebraska Domestic Violence Related Deaths**

Data from the NSP indicates of the 127 domestic violence deaths:

- 45% were abuser killed their victim
- 14% were abuser killed someone important to the victim
- 28% were abuser killed themselves

- 2% were victim killed the abuser
- 2% were victim killed someone important to the abuser
- 2% were the victim killed themselves
- 7% were unrelated third party was killed or was killed by abuser in order to defend the victim

Source [Nebraska State Patrol Domestic & Sexual Assault Program](#)

State statute 42-930 requires law enforcement agencies to document and submit to the Nebraska Crime Commission the number of domestic abuse incidents reported within their jurisdictions. Based on reports from law enforcement entities for the years of 2017 - 2020, of Nebraska's 93 counties, 84 counties reported domestic assaults. Of the nine (9) rural counties with no reported domestic assaults, two (2) were counties where the law enforcement entity did not submit data. Nebraska domestic assault data taken from the Domestic Abuse Report (2017-2020) is available for download at [Stat Reports | Nebraska Crime Commission](#).

**Table 7. Nebraska Aggravated Domestic Assaults**

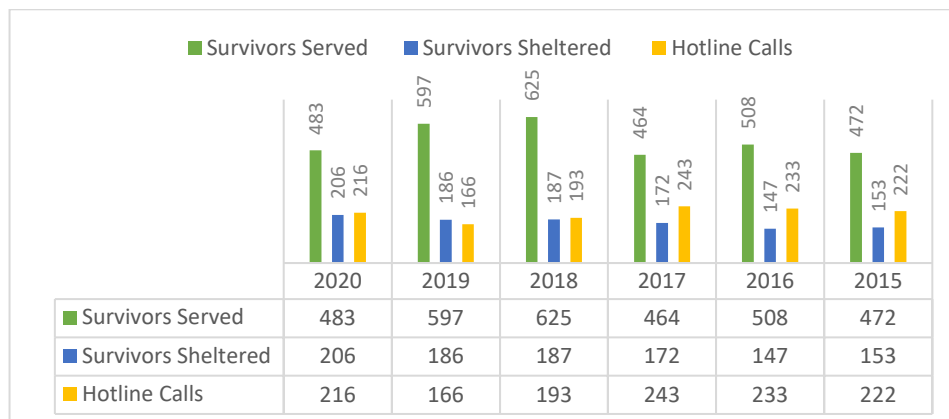
Year	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Percent Cleared
2020	1,136	832	0.732
2019	1,032	785	0.761
2018	1,120	900	0.804
2017	1,100	1,010	0.918

**Table 8. Nebraska Simple Domestic Assaults**

Year	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Percent Cleared
2020	6,235	4,022	0.645
2019	6,124	,039	0.660
2018	7,216	5,104	0.707
2017	6,752	4,902	0.726

### **Nebraska Snap-shot of Domestic Violence**

Annually, during September the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence takes a one-day count of the numbers of domestic violence survivors served by 21 programs located across the state. The results, illustrated in Chart 8 and 9 provide a snap-shot of the numbers of victims, the services they received, and any services survivors needed but were unavailable, at the time. [In 2020, during the 24-hour survey timeframe, domestic violence related hotline calls totaled 216 or 9 contacts per hour.](#)

**Chart 8. Nebraska One-day Unduplicated Count of Domestic Violence Services Provided****Chart 9. Nebraska One-day Unduplicated Count of Domestic Violence Services Unmet Needs of Survivors**

Source <https://nnedv.org/about-us/dv-counts-census/>

### **Sexual Assault**

Nebraska has limited data on sexual assault. Factors that contribute to the lack of data are not all law enforcement agencies report data and many victims do not report to law enforcement. It is not unusual for victims and survivors of sexual assault to not seek help. HTI (Human Trafficking Initiative) Labs issued a June 2020 report, *Who is Not Served: Barriers to Helpseeking for Sexual Violence Survivors in Rural Nebraska*. The report suggest that less than 14% of annual rape survivors and less than 3% of annual contact sexual violence survivors seek help from domestic violence/sexual assault services.

Source <https://htilabs.org/pulse/who-is-not-served-report-2020/>

In July 2021, the Nebraska Crime Commission released the report, *Crime in Nebraska (2020)* that includes crimes of forcible rape and sex offenses. The report indicates an overall decrease in arrest rates of 21.5% from 2019 to 2020. However, caution is given when comparing the percent changes as the report indicates that some law enforcement agencies are excluded from the data due to providing incomplete reports.

**Table 9. Arrests in Nebraska**

Type of Crime	2019	2020	Change
Murder-Manslaughter	35	56	55.9%
Forcible Rape	267	247	-7.5%
Aggravated Assault	1,649	1,501	-8.9%
Simple Assault	8,786	7,500	-14.6%
Sex Offenses	408	312	-23.5%
Offense Against Family and Children	6,425	5,341	-16.9%

Source

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/sites/ncc.nebraska.gov/files/doc/2020%20Crime%20in%20Nebraska.pdf>

Nebraska LB 843 (2017) created the Sexual Assault Payment Program under the Nebraska Crime Commission. In Nebraska, a victim of sexual assault who is 18 or older has the right to a free sexual assault forensic medical exam even when they choose to remain anonymous and not make a report to law enforcement. Data collected through the payment program offers the numbers of sexual assault forensic exams conducted by medical providers across the state. It is important to note that this data only reflects the number of exams and is in no way an indication of the number of sexual assaults that occurred.

**Table 10. Nebraska Sexual Assault Payment Program**

Year	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams Completed	Anonymous	Adults	Children	Unknown
2020	1,166	71	418	748	0
2019	1,532	69	429	1,101	0
2018	1,075	17	448	625	0
Jul-Dec 2017	350	0	118	229	3

### Human Sex Trafficking

By reviewing data from sources focused on human sex trafficking additional information can be gained on sexual violence occurring across Nebraska. In 2017, the Women's Fund of Omaha issued the report Nebraska's Commercial Sex Market that highlights the research of HTI (Human Trafficking Initiative) Labs. Using online commercial sex marketing efforts, HTI Labs derived data that provided the following insights (taken from the report) into sex trafficking in Nebraska.

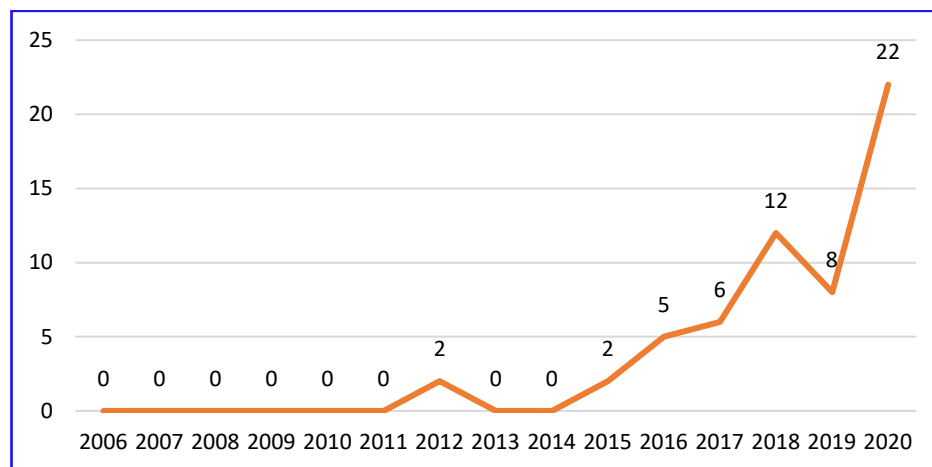
- Every month, 900 individuals are sold for sex, often multiple times. Using high risk indicators likely for trafficking this equates to 135 victims being sex trafficked, monthly.
- Based on the market and state population, Nebraska's online commercial sex market was larger than Iowa and equal to Kansas.
- The local markets in central and western parts of the state which are fed by I-80, act as a revolving door for the trade and trafficking.

- Blacks and African Americans which represent 5% of the state's population, make up 50% of all individuals sold for sex in the Nebraska. Because Nebraska has a disproportionately high rate of Blacks and African Americans bought and sold for sex, there is likely a disproportionate number of this population being trafficked.
- Based on an online site referred to at the time as Backpage, 70 - 75% of individuals sold for sex in Nebraska showed some sign of being underage or controlled by a third party; both indicators of trafficking.
- Nebraska's commercial sex market is extremely skewed towards vulnerable populations of youth, those with low socio-economic status, and minorities.

Source [Nebraska's Commercial Sex Market Report](#) (February, 2017)

In 2006, Nebraska passed legislation defining the penalties under law for human trafficking. Since then, the statute has been amended four times with the latest amendment in 2017. It was not until 2012 that the law was used in a prosecution. As of July, 2021, 66 prosecutions have been filed in Nebraska courts (does not include numbers of federal cases). Forty (40) of those resulted in felony convictions and 19 were for sex trafficking crimes.

**Chart 10. Human Trafficking Prosecutions in Nebraska Courts**



Note: Not included on the chart are 9 cases prosecuted from Jan – Jul, 2021 for a total of 66 cases. Source: [Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force](#)

### III. Description of Planning Process

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

Fall of 2019, Nebraska's strategic planning efforts for the STOP Implementation Plan began under boarder planning activities for the Nebraska Crime Commission's (NCC) Federal Grants and Programs Division. August 2019, NCC retained the services of the University of Nebraska Law Psychology Program under the directorship of Dr. Richard L. Wiener to conduct statewide planning focused on all federal funds administered by NCC with a primary focus on dollars under the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice (JAG). Efforts were organized and facilitated by a planning team whose members consisted of Director of Federal Grants and Programs, the VAWA Grant Administrator, the Operations Assistant, the University of Nebraska Lincoln team leader and Professor of Law and Psychology, and five (5) Doctoral Graduate Student Assistants. This team set four goals for the group: 1) Develop method to guide requests from public and private sector organizations accessing federal dollars administered by the NCC; 2) Establish statewide priorities based on the needs of the state's most vulnerable and underserved populations; 3) Implement strategies across federal funding sources conducive to achieving statewide priorities or goals; and 4) Establish measures of success.

Planning efforts were publically announced using a kick-off live Webinar and inviting stakeholders from across the state. The webinar, hosted by the University of Nebraska Lincoln's Law and Psychology Program was held on January 14, 2020 and introduced planning team members, provided an overview of the process, and answered any questions or concerns. The recorded webinar was posted to the NCC website to ensure accessibility to those unable to attend. Methods to collect data, information, and input came from a stakeholder online needs assessment survey and facilitated focus groups.

The online needs assessment survey was launched by the University of Nebraska Lincoln on January 17, 2020 and closed on February 12, 2020. A total of 879 Nebraska stakeholders were invited to complete the survey and 278 responses were received. Results from the survey were then used to facilitate stakeholder sessions for further input and to determine priorities and outcomes. Participates for these sessions were self-identified through the survey process. Of the 278 who responded to the survey, 78 indicated a desire to participate in more focused sessions. For the purpose of the STOP Implementation Plan, members of these groups along with the planning team members mentioned above served as a so-called "planning committee." Of the 78 stakeholders requesting invitations, 35 registered and 28 participated. The stakeholders attending these meetings helped to clarify survey results, gather consensus on stakeholder priority of needs, and determine implementation steps to take towards stakeholder needs. Six (6) in-person sessions were planned for April 2020 to be held in strategic locations across the state. At that point, the planning process was disrupted by the COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent first national shut-down. Meeting were redirected into eight (8) virtual sessions conducted through WebEx lasting 1.5 hours each, and were held between March 23 and April 1, 2020.

The plan review process took place from November 9 - 19, 2021. The draft plan was emailed for review to 37 stakeholders. All stakeholder input was integrated into the planning document. (Refer to Appendix A- Documentation of Collaboration).

## **B. Documentation from each member of the planning committee**

The following are those that participated in focus groups and the plan review process.

- ☐ 1. ~~State Sexual Assault Coalition~~; N/A
- ☐ 2. ~~State Domestic Violence Coalition~~; N/A
- ☒ 3. Dual Coalition: Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- ☒ 4. Law Enforcement Entity or State Law Enforcement Organization: Gage County Victim Assistance Program; Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office; Scottsbluff Police Department; Nebraska Crime Commission; Nebraska Department of Correctional Services; Nebraska State Patrol
- ☒ 5. Prosecution Entity or State Prosecution Organization: Lancaster County Attorney's Office
- ☒ 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; Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition
- ☒ 8. Population Specific Organizations Representing the Most Significant Underserved Populations and Culturally Specific Populations in the State, other than Tribes (which are addressed separately): Parent-Child Center; Voices of Hope; Haven House Family Services Center, Revive Ministries Inc., United Way of the Midlands, CAPstone Child Advocacy Center; The Bridge; Bright Horizons; Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program; North Platte Rape Domestic Abuse Program; Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center; Father Flanagan's Boys Home; Lincoln County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA); Four County Juvenile Justice Team; Jefferson County Diversion Services; North Central Nebraska Juvenile Diversion; Hall County Juvenile Services; Prairie Plans CASA; Lutheran Family Services; RISE, CASA of South Central Nebraska;
- ☒ 9. Others if relevant: Otoe County; City of Omaha; Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System, Children and Family Services (FVPSA Program) and Injury Prevention (RPA Program)

See Appendix A. – Collaboration Documentation

## **C. Description of consultation with other collaboration partners not included in the planning committee**

Nebraska Crime Commission coordinated this statewide planning effort across its federal grant programs and as a result, a wide range of stakeholders were consulted from across



Nebraska's criminal and juvenile justice systems and the communities and services that support these systems. Consultation with these partners involved a kick-off webinar, an on-line needs assessment survey, focus groups, and the review of the draft STOP Implementation plan. Tables 13 and 14 provides an overview of the types of organizations and entities and populations involved and the level of representation from across the state. The COVID-19 pandemic and mandated health restrictions limited access to planning activities by stakeholders to phone calls, emails, and Zoom and WebEx meetings.

**Table 11. Needs Assessment Survey Participants by Affiliation**

Self-Identification/Affiliation	By	Percentage (out of 257 participants)	Percentage (out of 357 responses)
Diversion Services (Adult or Juvenile)	46	17.9	12.89
Victim Services (Domestic and Sexual Violence)	33	12.8	9.24
Courts	28	10.9	7.84
Prosecutor's Office	27	10.5	7.56
Law Enforcement Agency or Task Force	23	8.9	6.44
Other Public or Private non-profit	23	8.9	6.44
Community Corrections (Re-Entry, Probation, Parole, or Other Community Supervision Agency)	22	8.6	6.16
Education (K-12)	22	8.6	6.16
Behavioral Health Services (including Mental Health)	16	6.2	4.48
Other State or Local Public Agency	16	6.2	4.48
Child Victim Services (Child Advocacy, CASA)	15	5.8	4.20
Correctional Agency/Facility (prison, jail)	12	4.7	3.36
Victim Witness	11	4.3	3.08
Substance Use Disorder Services	11	4.3	3.08
Service Provider Other	9	3.5	2.52
Housing Services (Emergency shelter, transitional)	7	2.7	1.96
Culturally Specific Organization	7	2.7	1.96
Attorney/Legal Assistance	4	1.6	1.12
Hospital or Medical Services	4	1.6	1.12
Tribal Government	3	1.2	0.84
Forensics/Crime Lab Agency	2	0.8	0.56
Public Defender	2	0.8	0.56
Education (College/University)	2	0.8	0.56
Faith Based Organization	2	0.8	0.56
Attendance Support	2	0.8	0.56
Tribal Service Agency	1	0.4	0.28
Criminal Record Rehabilitation Services	1	0.4	0.28
Juvenile Assessment Center	1	0.4	0.28
Juvenile Services – Community Based Programs – House Arrest, Truancy Programs	1	0.4	0.28
Mediation Center	1	0.4	0.28
Meditation/Facilitation	1	0.4	0.28
Ponca Tribal Court	1	0.4	0.28

**Table 12. Areas of Nebraska Represented**

<i>Participant Self-Identification Location</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage (out of 257 participants)</i>	<i>Percentage (out of 357 responses)</i>
Central Nebraska	58	22.6	23.2
Lincoln	38	14.8	15.2
Southeast Nebraska (not Lincoln, Omaha)	33	12.8	13.2
Omaha	26	10.1	10.4
Entire State of Nebraska	26	10.1	10.4
Northeast Nebraska	23	8.9	9.2
Panhandle	29	7.4	7.6
Tribal Reservation	11	4.3	4.4
Omaha	3	1.2	1.2
Lincoln	2	0.8	0.8
Dakota City	1	0.4	0.4
Grand Island	1	0.4	0.4
Ponca Tribe Service Area	1	0.4	0.4
Western Nebraska	1	0.4	0.4
Winnebago	1	0.4	0.4
Southwest Nebraska	6	2.3	2.4

## **D. Consultation and Coordination with Tribes**

The webinar announcement to kick-off Nebraska's planning process and the link to the on-line Needs Assessment Survey went to over 35 tribal community leaders. Among those were members of tribal governments from the Winnebago Tribe, Ponca Tribe, Omaha Tribe, Santee Sioux Nation, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Tribal members holding officer positions on councils or executive committees at that time were invited which included tribal chairs and vice chairs. Tribal representatives were also invited from the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition, the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition, and the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs. Out of the 257 who completed the survey, five (5) identified as Tribal Government, Tribal Service Agency or Tribal Court and 11 indicated their location as a tribal reservation. Two (2) tribal members from tribal victim services participated in smaller focus groups/sessions and a tribal member participated in the plan's review process. Through these planning activities consultation and tribal perspective was provided that helped establish the plan's priorities and implementation steps.

Engaging tribal members is considered an ongoing priority. A Nebraska Crime Commission representative (VAWA Administrator) participates in monthly meetings of Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition that provide members with updates on tribal developments, trainings, and victim services activities; statewide planning efforts, and funding opportunities. In 2020, the Nebraska Crime Commission partnered with the Nebraska Commission on Indian

Affairs to provide funding to support listening sessions facilitated by Judge Bill Thorne (Pomo Tribe) on Nebraska's crisis of missing Native women and children. To better understand this issue in Nebraska, the VAWA Administrator attended listening sessions held in Tribal communities. As previously indicated, the full report from these sessions, dated May 21, 2020 which was compiled by the Nebraska State Patrol and is available for download at <https://indianaffairs.state.ne.us/lb-154-statement-and-report/>

#### **E. Summary of Major Concerns Raised During Planning Process:**

All concerns and input related to the plan were integrated into the planning document.

#### **F. Coordination of plan with state plan and programs for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Victims of Crime Act and section 393A of the Public Health Service Act (Rape Prevention Education).**

Acting as a State Administering Agency, the Nebraska Crime Commission's Federal Grants and Programs Division coordinated statewide planning efforts across federally funded grant programs for STOP, the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The planning committee built on the similarities across these grant programs yet was able to address the specific needs of each. This coordination made it possible to reach a far wider spectrum of stakeholders who then provided a range of input and perspectives for setting statewide priorities.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System (NDHHSS) is the State Administering Agency for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Public Health Services Act (Rape Prevention Education). The Nebraska Crime Commission and NDHHSS both conduct various levels of planning and coordinate grant funding activities utilizing the same existing systems and entities such as the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition. To coordinate this plan across these efforts, the planning committee ensured stakeholders included representation from these groups and entities. A representative from the Nebraska Crime Commission (VAWA Administrator) served on NDHHS's Rape Prevention Education, Sexual Violence Prevention Advisory Council. In 2018, this council conducted its own series of statewide planning activities that fostered the development of a leadership group now known as the Sexual Violence Prevention Collective. It is significant to note that stakeholders for this plan did identify among its top priorities the need to develop and enhance prevention and educational programs to address various forms of violence including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In addition to planning activities, representatives from the Nebraska Crime Commission and the NDHHSS support each other's efforts by working on relevant projects together, participating on various committees together, and for consultation, as needed.

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

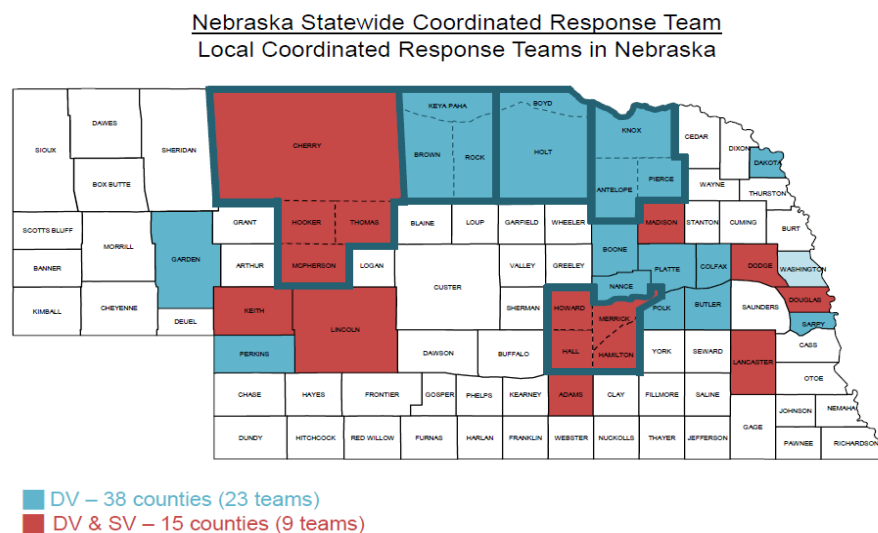
See Appendix B –Documentation from Prosecution, Law Enforcement, Courts and Probation, and Victim Services Programs

#### V. Plan for the Four Year Implementation Period

##### Coordinated Response

Nebraska utilizes numerous local coordinated response teams and two statewide teams to response to the needs of victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and for holding offenders of these crimes accountable. The responses of these groups are designed to meet needs in specific geographic areas however; efforts cross over counties, tribal reservations, and service areas, and are designed to support one another. In rural areas, local teams are often a combination and/or coordination of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and a Domestic Violence Coordinated Response Team (CRT) whereas in larger communities these are typically separate teams. Two teams serve to coordinate statewide efforts, the Nebraska Statewide Coordinated Response Team and the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition (NETAV) Team. While the NETAV team focuses on tribal communities, tribal reservations, and service areas, the Statewide CRT supports local teams by serving as a resource and providing any needed technical assistance.

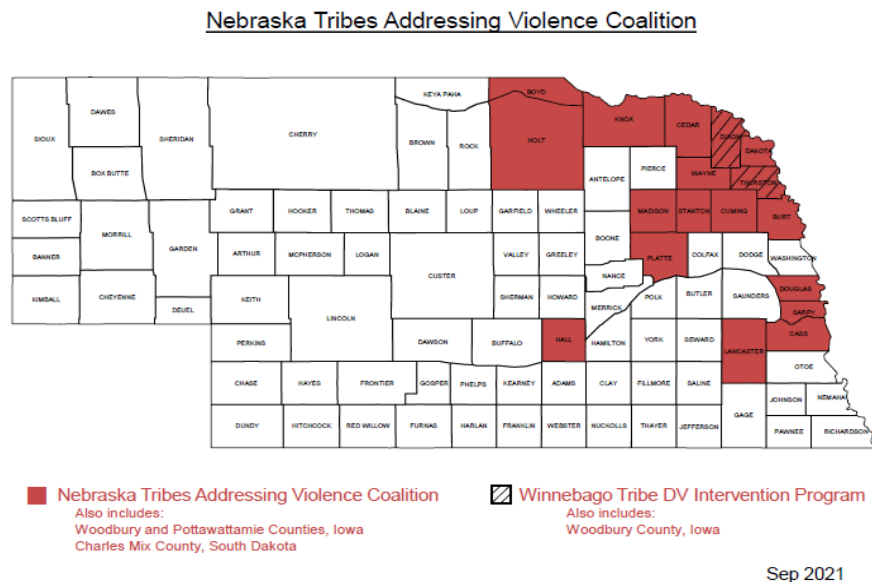
Figure 3. Nebraska Coordinated Response Teams



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Figure 4. Nebraska Tribal Coordinated Response



*Nebraska's coordinated response teams are the foundation for the goals and objectives outline in this plan. Other major coordination efforts that impact and should be considered in the implementation of this plan are:*

- Nebraska's statewide response for the distribution and tracking of sexual assault kits and for payments to medical providers for completed sexual assault forensic medical exams. This is a partnership of the Nebraska Crime Commission and the Nebraska Attorney General's Office.
- Nebraska's statewide coordinated effort to combat human trafficking under the leadership of the state Attorney General's Office. Details on Nebraska's human trafficking efforts are available at <https://ago.nebraska.gov/combating-human-trafficking>.
- Nebraska's Victims of Crime Alert Portal (NEVCAP). NEVCAP provides victims and survivors the ability to check status of their offender while in custody and to be notified of release, transfer, or death while in a Nebraska correctional facility.

### A. Goals and Objectives

1. Concise description of state's goal and objectives for the implementation period.

*The goals and objectives listed are based on the priorities established during the planning focus groups held in March/April, 2020 and were finalized during the review process which took place in November, 2021.*

**Goal:** Nebraska's criminal justice system will use best practices recognized for engaging and supporting victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence and will hold offenders of these crimes accountable.

**Objectives:**

- a. Support development of statewide domestic violence related death reviews that use best practices and data to determine trends and to make recommendations for systemic changes needed to prevent future deaths.
- b. Develop and implement more effective law enforcement, courts/probation, and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services to prevent, identify, and respond to these crimes, as well as provide training on effective methods and best practices to engage and response to victims and survivors who are traumatized. (Focus Group Priority 1)
- c. Support and improve training efforts for law enforcement, courts/probation, prosecutors, and advocates on racial bias and the needs of underserved populations including LGBTQ+ communities, limited English proficiency populations, and tribal populations.
- d. Develop and support methods and strategies that assess law enforcement effectiveness related to training received on racial bias and the needs of underserved populations.
- e. Support training for law enforcement and prosecutors on identifying victims and perpetrators in LGBTQ+ and intimate partner violence crimes.
- f. Develop and support training efforts for prosecutors on the rights of victims during the prosecution of cases.
- g. Develop training programs for law enforcement officers to include tribal officers on effective methods to address domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking and for engaging with victims and survivors of these crimes.
- h. Develop and enhance policies and best practices to investigate and prosecute sex assault offenders, and deliver training programs specific to law enforcement officers to be more effective in investigating sexual assault crimes and sexual assault offenders. (Focus Group Priority 2)
- i. Develop and support formal opportunities and effective strategies for the voices of survivors to be heard by policy makers, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, probation officers and others whose work and decisions impact the lives of the victims and survivors.
- j. Develop protocols across the state to assure consistent treatment of survivors throughout all stages of investigation, prosecution and court processes, and probation respond.
- k. Develop training programs for Emergency Medical Technicians and other first responders to domestic violence and other types of relationship violence.
- l. Develop methods for working with juvenile/youth offenders of sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and develop training for law enforcement and probation officers on techniques including interviewing methods with juveniles/youth involved in sex crimes.
- m. Increase the availability of batterer intervention programs across the state to include access to limited English speaking populations; explore best practices and methods for remote access; and support best practice training for group facilitators.

**Goal:** Nebraska communities will have available free victim services that specialize in the unique needs of victims and survivors who have been impacted and traumatized by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. (Focus Group Priority 3)



**Objectives:**

- a. Develop and enhance victim services using victim centered and best practices that promote healing and achievement of self-sufficiency for victims and survivors.
- b. Develop and enhance victim advocacy programs for incarcerated victims and survivors of sexual assault, their family members and others close to them.
- c. Develop and enhance culturally appropriate victim services focused on underserved populations, tribal communities, LGBTQ+ populations, rural populations, and college campuses.
- d. Support victim services that provide relief and safety for victims and survivors in the form of aid for rent, transportation, therapy and mental health services, and other forms of assistance.
- e. Support 24-hr crisis/help lines and remote access efforts to victim services for victims and survivors, and those that support victims and survivors.
- f. Support training of victim services on identifying victims and perpetrators in LGBTQ+ and intimate partner violence crimes.
- g. Develop and enhance core services that promote healing for survivors of sex trafficking.
- h. Develop age appropriate programming and outreach to teens who are victims and survivors of relationship violence.

**Goal:** Nebraska will have outreach efforts and prevention and educational programs that address the various forms of violence including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. (Focus Group Priority 4)

**Objectives:**

- a. Improve accessibility of core victim services for victims and survivors and their families by supporting increased culturally effective outreach and messaging/marketing that has an emphasis on available sexual assault services.
- b. Develop and enhance victim centered prevention and educational programs to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to include efforts directed towards sex trafficking and underserved populations.
- c. Develop community outreach and training programs for parents of youth who are survivors of relationship violence and sexual violence.

**Goal:** Improve enforcement of protection orders by law enforcement. (Focus Group Priority 5)

**Objectives:**

- a. Support training of law enforcement officers on victim centered strategies for the enforcement of protection orders, and support for efforts to assess the effectiveness of the training on law enforcement response.
- b. Support training and engagement efforts between law enforcement officers, victim advocates, and victims/survivors to better understand roles and to increase safety of victims and survivors by improving and enhancing responses to protection order needs including referrals for applications, service of orders, enforcement, and access to victim safety planning.

- c. Support training on protection orders and related best practices for victim advocates and others assisting victims with protection order requests to include victim advocates who assist and engage with juveniles/youth who are victims of relationship violence.
- d. In courts where there is a low issuance of protection orders support training efforts for judges by court administrator offices on protection orders and statutory intent.
- e. Develop and support trained or specialized court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are considered and not granted.
- f. Support identification and enhancement of data collection on protection order violations and renewals of protections orders.

**Goal:** Develop, implement, and enhance coordinated community responses to sexual assault including but not limited to sexual response teams. (Focus Group Priority 6)

**Objectives:**

- a. Develop and enhance policies and practices so that sexual assault teams operate consistently across the state.
- b. Develop and enhance coordinated community responses related to human trafficking.
- c. Train sexual assault response teams about trauma informed responses to relationship violence and sexual assault.
- d. Enhance coordinated responses and training to address sexual assault against juveniles/youth.

**Goal:** Victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking will be made of aware of their rights and will be able to access needed help, services, and assistance.

**Objectives:**

- a. Develop partnerships with existing resources and/or groups (Department of Education, providers of ESL classes, Guardians ad litem, community cultural centers) to identify and support strategies for teaching victim rights to victims/survivors who are limited English speaking.
- b. Develop and support training efforts for organizations and entities that increase access for victims and survivors to needed services and assistance, and includes training on how to access language lines and other interpretation services.
- c. Develop victim centered and trauma informed language interpretation services, and facilitate self-care efforts and methods for interpreters working with victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- d. Support development of safety planning and risk assessment training for interpreters within communities where honor violence is a consideration.



**2. Description of how STOP funding will be used to meet the state's goal and objectives during the implementation period.**

Funds from the Nebraska STOP Grant Program will be used to support efforts towards achievement of the goals and objectives outlined in this plan. To build awareness of the goals and objectives, the plan will be widely distributed throughout the state. Solicitations announcing the STOP Grant Program will outline priorities and applicants applying for support to achieve these efforts will be given serious consideration for funding.

**3. Description of how funds will be distributed across the law enforcement, prosecution, court, victims, and discretionary allocation categories.**

The STOP Grant Program funds will be distributed across the criminal justice and victim services systems according to allocations set forth in the federal 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 organizations), 5% to the courts, 15% for discretionary funds and up to 5% for prevention and education.

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

Of the allocation amounts, no more than 10% will be designated for administering the STOP 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. The sexual assault set aside will come from at least two of the required STOP allocation categories. Nebraska will also fund up to no more than 5% of the overall funds towards Prevention and Education efforts.

## **B. Statutory Priority Areas**

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

To achieve the sexual assault set-aside, the Nebraska Crime Commission will coordinate across its federal grant programs in addition to any statewide planning efforts. This coordination will ensure that the funding of projects from the STOP, SASP, and VOCA Grant Programs will be closely considered as each support sexual assault services.

A significant portion of the Nebraska Crime Commission's grant efforts focus on ensuring that meaningful sexual assault services are available and supported. While applicants for STOP funds are not required to apply for sexual assault funds they are required to identify each STOP category for which funds are being requested and to identify of those funds, the amounts that will be dedicated towards sexual assault services. When feasible, the sexual assault set-aside may be over funded to ensure the statutory requirement of 20% is achieved. The Nebraska Crime Commission's electronic grant management system tracks subrecipient's funded categories including any allocation from the 20% designated as sexual assault services which makes it possible to monitored this activity on an on-going bases.

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

*The Nebraska Statewide Coordinated Response Team has a goal to develop and implement a domestic violence fatality review committee. Objectives for the committee are:*

- a) Conduct regular reviews of the data collected by the Nebraska State Patrol and from other sources, and*
- b) Determine the best course of action towards the establishment of a formal state supported domestic violence fatality review team with a goal to reduce domestic violence-related homicides within the state.*

*Since 2017, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services System (NDHHSS) has managed the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System which is a part of the National Violent Death Reporting System. As of November 2021, the first report of 2019 aggregated data for Nebraska is awaiting to be released to the public. This data along with the data collected by the Nebraska State Patrol will be critical for conducting reviews. In support of efforts to achieve sustainable domestic violence fatality reviews a specific objective has been outlined under this plan's Goals and Objectives (page 30).*

## **C. Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims**

- 1. How Nebraska 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.**

*Nebraska will use this plan's identification of underserved populations to help guide future funding decisions. Far greater numbers of stakeholders were reached during these planning activities which had a signification focus on identifying underserved populations across the state. The results, as reported in this plan will be available to enhance outreach and education efforts, for program development purpose, and for use in local and statewide planning.*

*This plan's continued support for local Coordinated Response Teams and Sexual Assault Response Teams will further help to reach and serve underserved populations such as LGBTQA+ communities, communities of color, and tribal communities. These teams represent a wide spectrum of underserved populations and are in the unique position to develop and implement responds that directly impact a community's capacity to meet the needs of these populations.*

*The Nebraska Crime Commission's federal grant programs which includes the STOP Grant Program prioritizes projects for funding that serve underserved populations, and funded projects routinely include outreach activities to these communities. To ensure the needs of these populations are met, subgrantees are held to standards that include having victim services free and easily accessible, ensuring civil rights are honored, and that language and cultural barriers are effectively addressed. Further, subgrantees are encouraged to participate*

*in statewide planning and are provided technical assistance and training opportunities on effective uses of funding for meeting the needs of underserved populations.*

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

*Nebraska's grant review process will occur on a two year cycle. Only those agencies identified as culturally specific organizations providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, and dating violence will be considered eligible for these dollars. During the review process all requests to support culturally specific organizations will be identified as such and these requests will be cross referenced with the required STOP funding categories. Distribution of the culturally specific services set aside will be determined based on funds available, amount requested, project location, and population to be served. Of Nebraska's Victim Services funds, projects serving underserved populations will be given priority.*

**3. *How Nebraska 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. This could include specific information as to which subgrantees meet the required 10% set aside for culturally specific organizations within the victim services allocation.***

*The Nebraska STOP Grant Program solicitation is made public on the agency's website and Facebook page and are used to officially announce the funds available as set aside for culturally specific community based organizations. The solicitation offers detailed instructions and outlines the state's obligations. Since 2010, when the set aside for culturally specific organizations was implemented, the allocation for these activities has fallen short of meeting the requested need from subgrantees. Outreach to entities considered culturally specific organizations involves emails, phone calls, and attending regularly held meetings such as the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition and the Statewide Coordinated Response Team. To strengthen outreach to the tribes, the STOP Grant Program must increase outreach efforts focused on providing consistent support and hands-on assistance and training for completing grant applications and requirements.*

*For the FY 2019 STOP Formula Grant Program which was the most recent open competitive review process, 25 applicants applied for funding. Among the 25 applicants were three (3) culturally specific organizations of which one (1) was approved for funding at 100% of the set aside amount of \$35,109.00. These funds were awarded to the Asian Community and Cultural Center located in Lincoln.*

## D. Grant-making Strategy

### 1. Grant Cycle Timeline

	<i>Open Competitive Process – Every 2 years</i>	<i>Continuation – Year 2</i>
<b>Oct</b>	Solicitation announced (open minimum of six weeks) and technical assistance provided.	
<b>Nov - Dec</b>	Applications due and technical review/pre-award risk assessment completed.	
<b>Feb</b>	Staff Review Team meets to critique applications and make funding recommendations.	
<b>Mar</b>	Within a month of the review team meeting, the Commission Funding Panel meets to conduct final review. Applicants are notified of funding decisions and contingencies.	
<b>Apr</b>	Contingencies are due from applicants within 15 days.	Instructions for continuations are released. Due in 30 days.
<b>May</b>	Grant awards and special conditions are issued. Due back within 15 days.	Continuation documents reviewed and approved. Grant awards and special conditions are issued. Due back within 30 days.
<b>Jun</b>	Grant Management Training modules available through training portal.	Grant Management Training modules available through training portal.
<b>Jul</b>	Start of projects.	Start of year 2 for project.

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

To reach a wide range of eligible entities the Nebraska Crime Commission will post grant announcements to its website and the agency's social media Facebook page and will offer sufficient notice and reminders. Funding announcements will be sent via email and will be promoted during community and statewide meetings attended by agency representatives. Funding opportunities will be shared during phone calls, program monitors, training sessions, and while conducting statewide planning efforts. Training on the application process will be offered through virtual means and technical assistance will be provided for support and to help entities sort through whether funding is a good fit and if the agency is eligible.

### 3. 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.

Applicants for the STOP Grant Program must complete a Certification of Application certifying 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. In addition, applicants must submit written evidence that the community was involved in the development of the application. This can be in the form of a Memorandums of Commitment or letters of support which is required from victim service providers consulted with during the course of developing the application.

**4. Descriptions of how Nebraska identifies and select applicants for subgrant funding, including whether the process will be competitive and if different selection methods are used for each allocation category.**

Nebraska's STOP Grant Program uses a competitive process that is open to applicants every two years. Applicants are required to complete an electronic application process which automatically closes when the grant submission deadline is reached. A community coordinated response team model is used to fund lead agencies who then subaward funds to various entities including law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services providers. Not all applicants include subawards to other entities however, all applicants must be or agree to be active members of a local (if available) and/or the statewide coordinated response team. A Pass Through award is offered to the Nebraska Administrative Offices of the Courts and Probation (AOCP) for the required allocation percentage of 5%. Should the AOCP apply for additional funding over the 5%, those funds will be considered within the competitive application review process.

Selection of awards is guided by the standardized process outlined in the Nebraska Crime Commission Operating Instructions (#10). Review and funding recommendations are based on the following criteria:

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

Each application receives three (3) levels of review beginning with a technical review followed by a Staff Review and then a Commission Funding Panel. The technical review examines overall completeness. The Staff Review consist of at least three (3) members knowledgeable in the particular grant area. This team conducts a complete review of all information submitted. The review team then meets to vote to fund the project as indicated in the application; to modify the application which may include additional conditions or requirements that the applicant must meet in order to receive funding; or to deny the application for funding. The Commission Funding Panel conducts the final review of the grant applications. The panel



consist of three (3) or four (4) members of the Crime Commission who do not have a conflict of interest with any of the grants under consideration. The Staff Review Team lead or grant administrator presents application materials and decisions for funding to the funding panel for a consensus and final decision on funding determinations. Should a disagreement arise between the Staff Review and the Funding Panel the Executive Director of the Crime Commission will render the final decision.

**5. Whether S.T.O.P. subgrant projects will be funded on a multiple or single-year basis.**

Projects funded through the Nebraska STOP Grant Program will be funded on a two-year cycle beginning with projects funded with a start date of July 1, 2023. Grant awards will be based on 12-months with project periods from July 1 – June 30. Year two for projects will be considered a continuation. Second year funding will be pending federal funding and contingent upon the project's successful grant management during year one.

**6. 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 the STOP Grant Program will be reviewed and considered for funding. Applicants will be required to provide population data and describe the community to be served. Funding levels will be based on several mitigating factors including population, area to be served, the scope of the project, as well as the requested amount, project cost effectiveness, and amount of funds available for funding.

**7. 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 priorities, STOP funding will be used to support community-based coordinated response teams that meet regularly to address domestic and sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking. This strategy allows flexibility within projects to meet the needs of areas of various geographic sizes. In addition, the needs assessment planning survey results will be helpful in making funding decisions. Consideration will be given to the victim services programs who together provide statewide response and are network members of the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. In addition, consideration will be given to tribal programs who are members of the Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition and focus on response to tribal reservations and tribal service areas. Programs of these two networks provide coverage to every county across the state, 24 hours a day.

**8. 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 STOP funds are equitably distributed across the state 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. Ideally, the grant review process will involve representatives from nonurban and rural areas. Current STOP subrecipient target areas consists of 34% rural, 46% urban, and 20% statewide.

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

a. Crystal Judson

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

b. During this plan’s timeframe, the STOP Grant Program will have a competitive grant review process. Funding decisions will be made at that point. At the submission of this plan, the STOP Grant Program is funding the following 15 projects.

Lead Agency	Purpose
• Nebraska Attorney General’s Office	Prosecution coordinated response of sexual and domestic violence crimes in rural areas.
• Administrative Offices of the Courts and Probations	Victim services and to improve statewide coordinated response to victim safety and offender accountable.
• Asian Community & Cultural Center	Victims services for populations of Sudanese, Asian, Karen, Arabic, and African Americans, and support for El Centro de las Americas serving Hispanic communities
• City of Omaha • Lancaster County	Coordinated response efforts that include support for victim services, prosecution, and law enforcement efforts.
• Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	Coordination and provision of victim services in local jails statewide to incarcerated individuals who are victims of sexual assault.
• Heartland Family Service	Victim services and prosecution efforts.
• Nebraska State Patrol	Law enforcement training efforts and Statewide Coordinated Response Team leadership.
• Haven House Family Service Center	Victim services and law enforcement coordinated response in rural areas along with serving victims and survivors from tribal communities.
• Rape/Domestic Abuse Program (RDAP)	Victim services and coordinated response in rural areas and to Latinx communities
• Bright Horizons, Inc.	Victim services and coordinated response efforts in rural areas and for victims and survivors from tribal communities.
• Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) • Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors • Spouse Abuse/Sexual Assault Crisis Center dba Encourage Center • Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault dba The Bridge	Victim services and coordinated response efforts in rural areas.

## VI. Conclusion

*The Nebraska Crime Commission coordinated this effort across its federal grant programs to streamline statewide planning focused on victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This strategic approach was intended to also assist Nebraska's criminal and juvenile justice systems in holding offenders of these crimes accountable. Nebraska's STOP Implementation Plan is provided as a tool and source of information for applicants, stakeholders, coordinated response teams, funders, community planners, and others interested in the safety and welfare of victims and survivors.*



## ***Appendix A. – Documentation of Collaboration***

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*Note: Documents (emails) have be altered to remove unnecessary pages and or content. Originals are available for audit purposes.*

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## Focus Groups Participant Listing – Registered, Attended (Sessions Recorded)

Registered for Focus Group	Focus Group S	Group Rep	First Name	Last Name	Attended	Email	Job Title	Company Name	Services Provided
	FGS1 03.23.20	VS	Amy	Munderloh	1	amym@havenhousefsc.org	Executive Director	Haven House Family Services Center	Victim Services
	FGS1 03.23.20	VS	Erin	Mockler	1	erin.mockler@winnebago-tribe.com	Domestic Violence Program	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	Victim Services
	FGS1 03.23.20	P	Patrick	Condon	1	pcondon@lancaster.ne.gov	Lancaster County Attorney	Lancaster County	Prosecutors office
	FGS1 03.23.20	JJP	Sarah	Miller	1	sarah.miller@boystown.org	Manager of Contracts and	Father Flanagan's Boys' Home	Boys Town has quite a few grants that have been awarded for its services through In Home Family Services as well as Common Sense Parenting.
KEY: Group Representation	FGS2 03.23.20	GOV (Ponca)	Andrea	Rodriguez	1	arodriguez@poncatrib-ne.org	DV Program Director	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Tribal Services Agency
(ID) Indigent Defense Provider	FGS2 03.23.20	VS	Jodi	Sonneman	1	jsonneman@lccasa@gmail.com	Executive Director	Lincoln County CASA	Child Victim Services
(J) Judges	FGS2 03.23.20	VS	Kathleen	Bauer	1	katbauerscip@gmail.com	Executive Director	Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program	Victim Services, 24. Other Public or Private Non-Profit
(JJP) Juvenile Justice Program	FGS2 03.23.20	VS	Kerri	McGrury	1	kmcgrury@beatrice.ne.gov	Victim Assistance Coordinator	Gage County Victim Assistance Program	Victim Services, Victim Assistance/Witness, Law Enforcement Based program providing comprehensive services to all types of crime victims.
(LEC) LE and Corrections Personnel	FGS2 03.23.20	JJP	Laura	Osborne	1	fourcountydiversion@gmail.com	Program Director	Four County Juvenile Justice Team	Diversion Services
(GOV) Local Gov't	FGS2 03.23.20	JJP	Peggy	Galloway	1	diversion@jeffconebk.us	Diversion Case Coordinator	Jefferson County Diversion Services	Diversion Services
(P&P) & Parole & Probation Services	FGS2 03.23.20	VS	Suzanne	Smith	1	suzannes@bridgefromviolence.com	Executive Director	The Crisis Center For Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault DBA The Bridge	Victim Services
(P) Prosecutors	FGS3 03.25.20	VS	Jo	Springer	1	executivedirector@hastingsasa.com	Executive Director	SASA Crisis Center	Victim Services
(RES) Re-Entry Services	FGS3 03.25.20	JP	Kelli	Munoz		kellimunoz1980@gmail.com	Program Coordinator	North Central Nebraska Juvenile Diversion	Diversion Services
(VS) Victim Services	FGS3 03.25.20	VS	Linda	Olson	1	executivedirector@brighthorizonsne.org	Executive Director	Bright Horizons	Victims Services, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Shelter, Nonprofit
	FGS3 03.25.20	LEC	Mike	Nehe		michael.nehe@nebraska.gov	DV Programs and Services	Admin Office of the Courts and Probation	Community Corrections and Courts
	FGS3 03.25.20	JJP	Randy	See	1	randysee@hallcountyne.gov	Director, Hall Co. Juvenile	Hall County Juvenile Services	Diversion Services
	FGS3 03.25.20	JJP	Tina	Avis		tavis@lfsneb.org	FSW/ Diversion Youth Specialist	Lutheran Family Services	Diversion Services, Education (7-12), Other Public or Private Non-Profit
	FGS4 03.25.20	VS	Catherine	McDowell	1	director@prairieplainscasa.org	Program Director	Prairie Plains CASA	Child Victim Services
	FGS4 03.25.20	VS	Elise	Emanuel		eemanuel@poncatrib-ne.org	Director of Grants Management	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Victim Services, Tribal Services Agency, Tribal Government
	FGS4 03.25.20	VS	Jennifer	Kirkpatrick	1	jenniferk@nebraskacoalition.org	Capacity Building Director	Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	Victim Services, Other Public or Private Non-Profit, Housing Services
	FGS4 03.25.20	VS	Jenny	Bonta	1	jbonta@nprdap.org	Executive Director	RDAP	Victim Services, Other Public or Private Non Profit
	FGS4 03.25.20	VS	Lynne	Lange	1	executivedirector@nebraskacoalition.org	Executive Director	Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	Victim Services
	FGS4 03.25.20	LEC	Mark	Overman	1	moverman@scottsbuffcounty.org	Sheriff	Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Agency or Task Force
not registered	FGS4 03.25.20	LEC	Elizabeth	Bird	1	ebird@scottsbuffcounty.org	Sheriff	Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office	
	FGS5 03.30.20	LEC	Maria	Moreno		mmoreno@seeusrise.org	Program Manager	RISE	Non Profit Organization providing programming in correctional facilities
	FGS5 03.30.20	JJP, LEC, VS	Pam	Schwalb	1	pschwalb@uwmidlands.org	COO	United Way of the Midlands	Victim Services, Diversion Services, Community Corrections, Other Public or Private Non Profit
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	FGS5 03.30.20	JJP	Vanessa	Sherman	1	otoecountydiversion@gmail.com	Juvenile Diversion Co.	Otoe County	Juvenile Diversion
not registered	FGS5 03.30.20	JJP	Donald	Cook	1	diversiondirector@jeffconebk.us	Juvenile Diversion Co.	Jefferson County Diversion Services	Juvenile Diversion
	FGS6-04.01.20	JJP, RES, VS	Dan	Rutt	1	dan@reviveinc.org	Director	Revive Ministries Inc, Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center	Substance Use Disorder Services and Behavioral Health Services (including Mental Health)
	FGS6-04.01.20	LEC, RES	Erica	Pieper		epieper@seeusrise.org	Reentry Supervisor	RISE	Correctional Agency/Facility and Community Corrections
	FGS6-04.01.20	LEC	Kevin	Spencer	1	kspencer@scottsbuff.org	Chief of Police	Scottsbluff Police Department	Law Enforcement Agency or Task Force
	FGS6-04.01.20	GOV (State)	Mike	Fargen	1	mike.fargen@nebraska.gov	Director	Nebraska Crime Commission	Other State or Local Public Agency
	FGS6-04.01.20	JJP, VS	Monica	Shambaugh	1	director@capstonenebraska.com	Executive Director	CAPstone	Child Victim Services, Victim Witness
	FGS6-04.01.20	VS	RuAnn	Root	1	rucasa@windstream.net	Executive Director	CASA of South Central Nebraska	Child victim

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Robert Sanford	NE Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence	Director of Legal Services	X	X
Christon MacTaggart	Omaha Women's Fund	Omaha CRT	X	
Peg Ogea-Ginsburg	DHHSS-Public Health	RPE Fund		X
George Welsh	AGO	VAWA Prosecutor	X	X
Mike Nehe	Administrative Office of the Courts & Probation	DV Program and Services Specialist		X
Catherine McDowell	Prairie Plains CASA	Director		
Laura Osborne	Four-County Juvenile Services	Project Director		
Randy See	Hall County Juvenile Services/Diversion	Director	X	X
Peggy Galloway	Jefferson County Diversion Services	Director	X	X
RuAnn Root	CASA of South Central NE	Executive Director	X	
Monica Shambaugh	CAPstone	Director		
Jennifer Bonyng	RDAP	Director, Victim Services		
Suzanne Smith	The Bridge	Director, Victim Services		
Jo Bair Springer	SASA/Encourage Ctr	Director, Victim Services	X	
Dan Rut	Revive Ministries, Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center	Treatment Services		
Kim Carpenter	Coalition	Director		
Kirby Williams	Tribal Coalition/Legal Aid of NE	Tribal	X	X
Lee Kreimer	Asian Community & Cultural Center	Victim Services, CSS	x	
Sarah Schoen	NSP	LE	X	
Heidi Klar	NSP	LE	X	X
Sara Hoyle	Lancaster County	County Gov	X	
Tia Manning	Coalition	SA Services, PREA	X	X
Dawn Conley	Heartland Family Services	Victim Services		
Carmen Hinman	Hope Crisis Ctr	Director, Victim Services		
Marcee Metzger	Voices of Hope	Director, Victim Services	X	X

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Melanie Gomez	Parent-Child Center	Director, Victim Services	X	X
Desaray Johnson	Project Response	Director, Victim Services		
Debbie Goettsch	Haven House	Director, Victim Services	X	X
Linda Olson	Bright Horizons	Director, Victim Services	X	
Chelsea Andrews	City of Omaha	City Gov		X
Kathleen Bauer	SCIP	Director, Victim Services		
Angie Ludemann	DHHSS	FVPSA Program	X	X
Donna Wolff	Winnebago Tribe	Tribal Outreach		
Jose Palacios	USDOJ	Tribal Unit		
Sean Eatherton	Buffalo County Attorney	Prosecution		
Stephanie Pospisil	Ponca Tribe	tribal victim services	X	
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Hi Merry,

My answers are below, thank you!

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Good Afternoon,

Thank you for participating in one of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Statewide Planning Focus Groups held virtually between March 23 and April 1, 2020. As you might recall, the session was facilitated by Dr. Rich Wiener of UNL and Commission's Grants Division staff. Because these statewide planning efforts occur under the JAG, VAWA (STOP), and VOCA federal grant programs documentation of collaboration and participation is important. We would appreciate feedback by replying to this email with responds to the few brief questions below. Thank you!

Agency Represented: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Type of Agency (check all that apply and add type(s) as needed):					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prosecution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	X	Victim Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Courts/Probation	X	Culturally Specific Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Population Specific Services
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Please highlight your responses.

1. 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**
2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes**
3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes**
4. If you offered feedback was it well received? **Yes**
5. Were you satisfied that the discussion? **Yes**

If no, please explain:

6. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up virtual session to further discuss statewide priorities and any concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding racial injustices and oppression? **Yes**
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Again, thank you very much for your time and quick response.

**Merry Wills, CLSSYB**

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Agency Represented: Prairie Plains CASA

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**From:** [Four County Juvenile Services](#)  
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See answers to questions below

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Agency Represented: Four County Juvenile Justice Team

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the population(s) you were representing? **Yes** **No** **This is hard to say - I barely remember the session at this point**

2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes** **No** **I honestly don't remember - I'm so sorr!**

3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes** **No** **Unsure**

4. If you offered feedback was it well received? **Yes** **No** **Unsure**

5. Were you satisfied that the discussion? **Yes** **No** **This is not a complete sentence, so not sure what you are asking**

If no, please explain:

6. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up virtual session to further discuss statewide priorities and any concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding racial injustices and oppression? **Yes** **No**

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**From:** [Randy See](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input  
**Date:** Friday, October 2, 2020 1:29:45 PM

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Agency

Represented: Diversion

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2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes** **No**
3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes** **No**
4. If you offered feedback was it well received? **Yes** **No**
5. Were you satisfied that the discussion? **Yes** **No**

If no, please explain:

6. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up virtual session to further discuss statewide priorities and any concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding racial injustices and oppression? **Yes** **No**. **The individuals I work with are not affected by COVID and our county has relatively few cases. We also have very few minorities in our county so racial injustice isn't relevant here.**
7. Would you like to review a draft of the VAWA STOP Implementation Plan? **Yes** **No**

**From:** [RuAnn Root](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input - Reminder  
**Date:** Friday, October 9, 2020 3:02:54 PM

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**Please highlight your responses. *I couldn't find out how to highlight so bolded, enlarged and underlines responses-thank you***

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**Subject:** Re: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input - Reminder  
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Responses below

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Agency Represented: Diversion

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**From:** [Mark Overman](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input - Reminder  
**Date:** Monday, October 12, 2020 2:05:15 PM  
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Thank you Merry.  
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Agency Represented: Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office & Western Nebraska Intelligence & Narcotics Group (WING Task Force)

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2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes** **No** **(I have not seen the data results. Are they available on the website? If not, can you forward?)**
3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes** **No**
4. If you offered feedback was it well received? **Yes** **No** **n/a**
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**From:** [Monica Shambaugh](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input - Reminder  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:59:59 PM

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**From:** [Jenny Bonta](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:56:21 PM

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On Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 1:02 PM Wills, Merry <merry.wills@nebraska.gov> wrote:

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If no, please explain:

I felt that our input was a bit rushed and more of it was going over the data. Also, in my experience with a focus group setting, it is best that a neutral party should be facilitating the discussion and the agency and/or entity that is being reviewed not be present to equal out the power dynamics. I feel had this been the case, more open communication might have incurred. I did overall feel comfortable saying what I thought was important, but I was also very conscious of who was on the call when I was speaking.

6. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up virtual session to further discuss statewide priorities and any concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding racial injustices and oppression? **Yes** **No**
7. Would you like to review a draft of the VAWA STOP Implementation Plan? **Yes** **No**

**From:** [Suzanne Smith](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 2:48:46 PM

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Please see my response below:

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**Subject:** Statewide Planning Focus Group Input

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**From:** [Jo Springer](#)  
**To:** [Wills, Merry](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Statewide Planning Focus Group Input  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:56:25 AM

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On Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 1:02 PM Wills, Merry <[merry.wills@nebraska.gov](mailto:merry.wills@nebraska.gov)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for participating in one of the Nebraska Crime Commission's Statewide Planning Focus Groups held virtually between March 23 and April 1, 2020. As you might recall, the session was facilitated by Dr. Rich Wiener of UNL and Commission's Grants Division staff. Because these statewide planning efforts occur under the JAG, VAWA (STOP), and VOCA federal grant programs documentation of collaboration and participation is important. We would appreciate feedback by replying to this email with responds to the few brief questions below. Thank you!

Agency Represented: Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center, Inc

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Type of Agency (check all that apply and add type(s) as needed):					
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Please highlight your responses.

1. 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**

2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes** **No**

3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes** **No**

4. If you offered feedback was it well received? **Yes** **No**

5. Were you satisfied that the discussion? **Yes** **No**

If no, please explain:

6. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up virtual session to further discuss statewide priorities and any concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and issues surrounding racial injustices and oppression? **Yes** **No**

7. Would you like to review a draft of the VAWA STOP Implementation Plan? **Yes** **No**

Agency Represented: Revive Ministries, Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center

Type of Agency (check all that apply and add type(s) as needed):					
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Please highlight your responses.

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2. Was the data results of the statewide survey helpful? **Yes** **No**

3. Did you agree with the priorities? **Yes** **No**

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7. Would you like to review a draft of the VAWA STOP Implementation Plan? **Yes** **No**

Again, thank you very much for your time and quick response.

**Merry Wills, CLSSYB**

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Collaborating Agency: Legal Aid of Nebraska Native American Program; Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition

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Collaborating Agency: Nebraska State Patrol DSV Program

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Collaborating Agency: Parent-Child Center

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Collaborating Agency: Haven House Family Services Center

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Collaborating Agency: Voices of Hope\_\_\_\_\_

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Collaborating Agency: Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation

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Collaborating Agency: Jefferson County Diversion Services and Pretrial Release

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Peggy Galloway, Director

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Collaborating Agency: Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

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Collaborating Agency: Hall County Juvenile Services

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Collaborating Agency: DHHS Injury Prevention

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Collaborating Agency: Children and Family Services-FVPSA Administrator

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Collaborating Agency: City of Omaha

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## *Appendix B. -- Documentation from Prosecution, Law Enforcement, Courts and Probation, and Victim Services Programs*

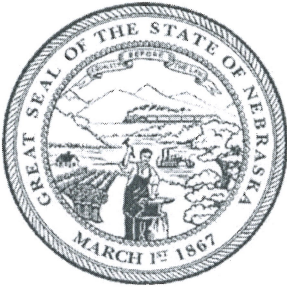
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August 10, 2021

Don Arp, Jr.  
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Nebraska Crime Commission  
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Dear Mr. Arp,

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 the 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

Joe Kelly  
Criminal Bureau Chief  
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**Pete Ricketts**  
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## STATE OF NEBRASKA

**NEBRASKA STATE PATROL**  
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August 3, 2021

Mr. Don Arp Jr., Executive Director  
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
PO Box 94946  
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Dear Director Arp:

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) 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 NSP through sub-grants are used to support the Nebraska State Patrol's Domestic and Sexual Violence Program, which is going into its nineteenth 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 NSP intends to continue to seek VAWA funds to support the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program, including the retention of a half-time Program Manager and full-time Program Assistant. These positions serve as agency experts on crimes of domestic and sexual violence. Through Domestic and Sexual Violence Program coordination, with Sworn staff in Patrol and Investigative Services, NSP 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.

According to the 2013 USDA Rural-Urban Continuum Codes, 51 of Nebraska's 93 counties are rural. The *Nebraska Strategic Plan for Victims and Survivors of Crime*, and its addendum, the *Nebraska STOP Implementation Plan 2017-2020*, prepared for the Crime Commission by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, states that approximately 14% of Nebraska's total population is Non-White, with an increase since being reported in 2014. These documents also include the following statistics:

- Nebraska ranked 1st nationally in resettling the most refugees per capita between October 2015 and September 2016 (1,441 refugees - 76 per 100,000 Nebraskans).
- Nebraska ranked 6th among the top-10 states with highest growth rates of Limited English Proficient population from 1990 to 2010.
  - The top five languages (other than English) spoken in Nebraska are Spanish, Vietnamese, African languages, Chinese and Arabic.

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The Domestic and Sexual Violence Program is a leading resource for training and assistance among Nebraska's criminal justice professionals on crimes of domestic and sexual violence. In 2019, the Program Manager provided training to approximately 1300 criminal justice professionals, including state and local law enforcement officers, probation officers, prosecutors, and victim advocates. As it did for many others, 2020 posed a unique situation for the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the pandemic, however, the program was still able to provide assisted training to 94 new law enforcement officers across the state. These training activities will continue as an integral part of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program.

Additionally, the Domestic and Sexual Violence Program Manager and Program Assistant jointly facilitate a statewide coordinated domestic and sexual violence response team in collaboration with other state response agencies, including the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, the Nebraska Sheriff's Association, the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, and others. Many of these agencies also rely on STOP funding to carry out their role in this collaborative response, making this funding vital to the state of Nebraska.

The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) fully supports the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice's application for Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. A. Bolduc", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Col. John A. Bolduc

Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety

xc: Grants



**Corey R. Steel**  
State Court Administrator



**Deborah A. Minardi**  
State Probation Administrator

July 29, 2021

Don Arp Jr., Executive Director  
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Arp:

This letter is to indicate the support of the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation for the Nebraska Crime Commission's efforts to address violence against women in Nebraska. Grant funds are needed to partially support the positions of the Domestic Violence Program Services Specialist as well as a Victim Specialist position in Douglas County, which allows the positions 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 Public Policy Committee.
- Provide technical assistance and training to the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in an effort to improve response to these issues.
- For the Douglas County Probation Victim Specialist to continue to directly serve victims of all demographics in Douglas County.

Through these efforts we hope to have a greater impact on offender accountability and overall victim safety in the State of Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Minardi".

Deb Minardi  
Probation Administrator

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corey R. Steel".

Corey Steel  
State Court Administrator



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## NEBRASKA COALITION

TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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August 19, 2021

Don Arp Jr., Executive Director  
Nebraska Crime Commission  
PO Box 94946  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4946

Dear Mr. Arp,

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 maintain compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act for County Jails by continuing to provide services to inmates who are harmed by sexual violence.

The S.T.O.P. VAWA funding will allow the Nebraska Coalition to partner with County Jails across the state to offer confidential services that are available and accessible to incarcerated inmates who have experienced sexual assault. Our outcomes will measure whether the victims who utilize the services find them helpful, as well as whether they feel supported.

The individuals who will directly benefit from the S.T.O.P grant project are representative of a very underserved population. Incarcerated individuals 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



July 26, 2021

Don Arb, Jr, Executive Director  
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
301 Centennial Mall South  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Arb,

Rape/Domestic Abuse Program would like to offer this letter to show support for the 2022 – 2026 STOP Funding Plan through the Nebraska Crime Commission.


STOP funding is an essential part of providing services, particularly to rural Nebraska and marginalized populations. Funding received by RDAP will be utilized to better outreach and serve victims in Latina/Latino/Latinx communities in our service area, emphasizing those who have limited English proficiency or who speak only Spanish. The North Platte area, which is where the RDAP main office is located, is anticipated to open several new businesses over the next few years, which could see an increase in the Latina/Latino/Latinx populations. Ensuring victims' services are culturally appropriate, meaningful, and easily accessible will be essential to RDAP providing services for the current and new community members who identify as Latina/Latino/Latinx.

This funding is expected to allow RDAP to create new and culturally specific and meaningful services for Latino/Latina/Latinx victims, survivors, and their families. This funding will allow for RDAP to have a full-time Bilingual Victim Advocate who will be able to provide outreach and education, as well as community collaborations for the Latino/Latina/Latinx populations. Overall, the funding will reduce barriers for non-English speaking victims who need services and increase the number of Latino/Latina/Latinx served by the program and thus impact the Latino/Latina/Latinx survivors of RDAP's service area.

Overall, the RDAP service area has a population of 43,702. Of that 93 percent identify as white, and about seven percent are Latino/Latina/Latinx. About one percent of the population is currently non-English speaking or Limited English Proficiency.

STOP Funding for the State of Nebraska and direct victim services and outreach is fully supported by our agency.

Sincerely,



Jenny Bonta  
Executive Director

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