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Five statewide sexual & domestic violence advocacy organizations receive accreditation from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

TOPEKA, KAN., February 21, 2011 — The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) announces that five sexual and domestic violence advocacy organizations have recently received accreditation: Family Crisis Center in Great Bend; The Crisis Center Inc. in Manhattan; The Willow Domestic Violence Center Inc. in Lawrence; SOS Inc. in Emporia; and the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC) in Wichita.

“The key to providing safety and healing for survivors is our communities’ ability to provide effective services,” said Joyce Grover, executive director of KCSDV. “Accreditation ensures that Kansas’ community-based sexual and domestic violence advocacy organizations are providing a spectrum of free, confidential services in a manner that is consistent, measurable and meaningful for survivors,” Grover said.

Each year, Kansas’ 29 sexual and domestic violence advocacy organizations complete a self-assessment of the services they are providing in order to identify areas of strength and opportunities to improve services and build organizational capacity. In addition, five programs each year complete a comprehensive review that includes a site visit. KCSDV’s accreditation process ensures that all programs in Kansas are either meeting or exceeding the highest standards while providing survivor-centered advocacy services.

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The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence is working to prevent and eliminate sexual and domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. KCSDV is a coalition of 29 sexual and domestic violence advocacy programs providing direct services to survivors and their children statewide. Learn more at kcsdv.org or facebook.com/KCSDV. The Kansas Crisis Hotline is 888-END-ABUSE (888-363-2287).