



2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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Project:

SAFE



MAKING AN IMPACT

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2022, Project: SAFE strove to provide safe and impactful services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, despite the ongoing repercussions of COVID-19. We were grateful to receive one-time ARPA funds to assist us in expanding our effectiveness in helping victims with sexual assault services, legal fees, and safe sheltering options.

Unfortunately, our agency saw more aggressive forms of abuse this past year, and it's clear to us that our free and confidential services are needed now more than ever. Survivors need to know that there is real help available from trained, compassionate advocates who understand what they are going through.

Thank you to our many community supporters, donors, and volunteers. We work hard each day to earn the trust of our clients, partners, and funders. Our amazing staff and Board keep us focused on our mission to provide advocacy for Safety, Empowerment, Healing, & Freedom from abuse.

It is an honor to serve Project Safe in this important work.



Renée Clemmons,
Executive Director

Project: SAFE is funded through the Office of the Attorney General, (OAG), the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

A partner of United Way.



MISSION



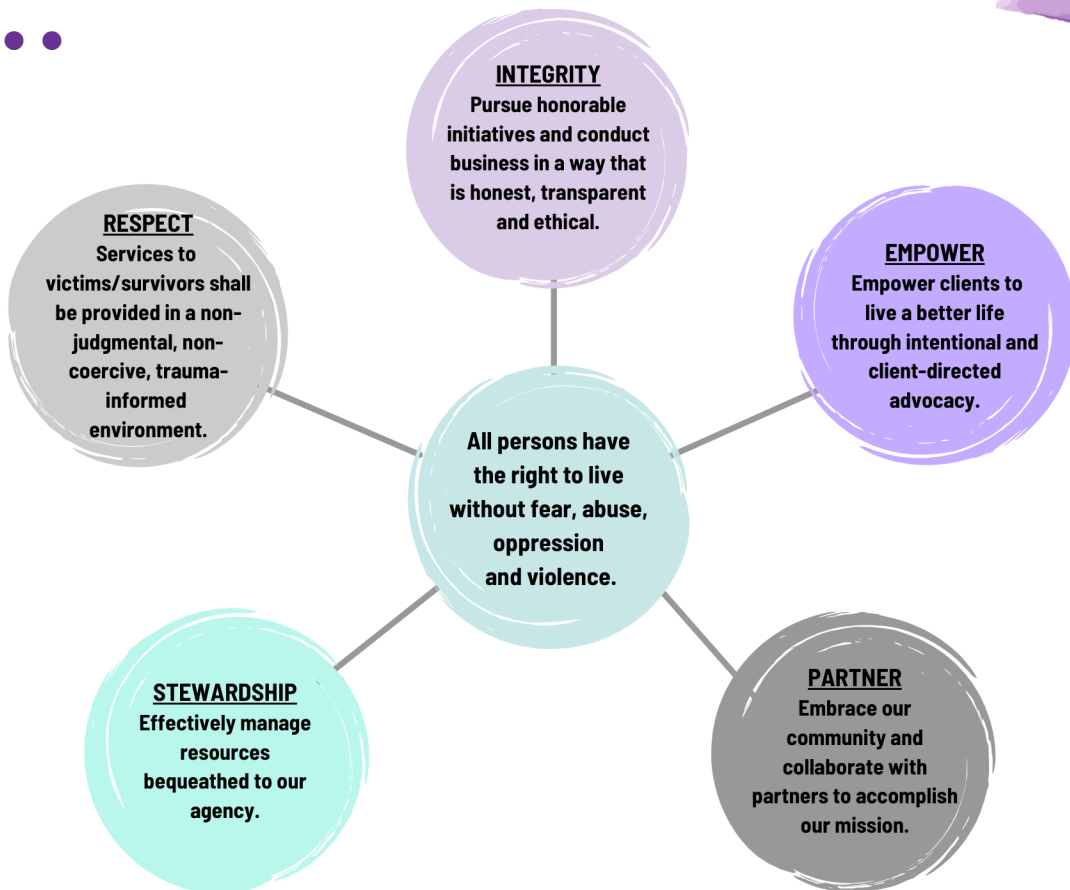
The mission of Project: SAFE is to provide advocacy for Safety, Empowerment, Healing and Freedom from abuse.

VISION



The vision of Project: SAFE is to advocate for victims of abuse, to raise awareness of violence, empower survivors, and create a community that stands against domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

CORE VALUES



OUR PROGRAMS

Project: SAFE provides services to victims and survivors in 4 key areas.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior used to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation, often including the threat or use of violence. Domestic violence happens when one person believes they are entitled to maintain coercive control over their partner.



SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is legally defined as "any physical act of a sexual nature that is accomplished toward another person without their consent."



STALKING

Stalking is a series of actions that make a person feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time. Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. Stalking situations can widely vary.



DATING VIOLENCE

Affects both adult and teens. Defined as any physical, sexually, or psychologically violent behavior, including stalking, directed towards a current or former dating partner. Includes similar power and control dynamics of domestic violence.

OUR SERVICES:

- 24/Hr. Crisis Hotline
- Emergency Shelter
- Safety Planning
- Protective Order Assistance
- DV Education
- DV Victims' Advocacy
- Court Advocacy
- Outreach/Volunteer Services
- Specialized Counseling
- Community Awareness
- SA Education
- SA Victims' Advocacy
- SANE Advocacy
- Dating Violence Victims' Advocacy
- Stalking Victims' Advocacy
- Emergency Transportation

OUTREACH

@Normalize.No
Event at OBU!



Participated in
41
outreach events.

Distributed
informational,
educational and
promotional items to
4,562 attendees!

Worth It!
Conference!



Mingle on
Main!



UMC
Block Party!

OBU
Spotlight!



CPN Baby
Shower!



R.A.W.
Luncheon!

VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

In 2022, Project: SAFE had a total of **99** volunteers having served a total of **777** hours and **3** interns having served a total of **367** hours totaling **1,144** hours!

Interns followed a 16-Week schedule and spent approximately 120 hours each shadowing advocates and learning about Project: SAFE.

Week 1: The Basics of Project: SAFE - Orientation

Week 2: Shelter - Introduction, Confidentiality and Safety

Week 3: Shelter - Crisis Calls, LAP Calls, Crisis Intervention, and Victim Advocacy

Week 4: Shelter - Resources/Referrals and Transportation

Week 5: Domestic Violence - Introduction

Week 6: Domestic Violence - DV Education

Week 7: Domestic Violence - DV Education and Partnerships

Week 8: Court Advocacy - Introduction

Week 9: Court Advocacy - Protective Orders

Week 10: Court Advocacy - Court and Legal Processes

Week 11: Sexual Assault - Introduction

Week 12: Sexual Assault - Sexual Assault Nurse Exams (SANE)

Week 13: Sexual Assault - SA Education

Week 14: Outreach - Introduction

Week 15: Management - Introduction

Week 16: Management - Wrap-up and Surveys



We are truly grateful to our volunteer Board of Directors. Thank you for your valuable time and commitment to this agency!

Carolyn Parks, President
Margaret Davis, Vice-President
Chance Allison, Treasurer
Dr. Tracy Trussell, Secretary
Dr. Sara Linneen
Kellie Clay
Robbie Foxx



Back Row (L to R): Chance Allison, Dr. Sara Linneen, Margaret Davis
Front Row (L to R): Kellie Clay, Robbie Foxx, Carolyn Parks, & E.D. Renee Clemmons

*Not pictured: Dr. Tracy Trussell

HONEY DO

A very special thanks to...

The Women's Volunteer Auxiliary

...for their dedication, time and efforts into hosting the annual
**Honey Do Auction & Fundraiser to support
victims of domestic violence, sexual assault,
stalking and dating violence!**



The 2022 Annual Honey Do
Auction & Fundraiser raised
\$70,000 for victims of
domestic and sexual violence!



GRANTS



With the assistance of the Community Grant Writer, Sara Dame, Project: SAFE was able to submit a total of 16 grants throughout the 2022 year. Although the agency was not awarded every grant, we were funded a total of \$1,151,816 in grant funds that span across 5 years.

Grants Received:

ARPA DOC Non-Profit Relief– Domestic violence services. Awarded \$38,477.

ARPA FVPSA Tier 1 – Office and shelter cleaner, hotel/motel vouchers and mental health assistance. Awarded \$11,754.88.

ARPA FVPSA Tier 2 – Mental health professional partnership, hotel/motel vouchers, and legal/interpretation assistance services. Awarded \$43,600.

Avedis Foundation – Year 2 of Critical Services grant. Awarded \$68,735.

FVPSA COVID Mitigation – COVID relief and prevention. Awarded \$10,000.

FVPSA Sexual Assault – Two- and half-year grant for sexual assault services. Awarded \$111,250.

Junior Service League, Spring – University outreach for resident assistants. Awarded \$500.

Love-Meyer Foundation – General operating expenses. Awarded \$10,000.

Paul Milburn Foundation – Match for client assistance funds. Awarded \$12,500.

Pottawatomie County ARPA – Domestic violence services. Awarded \$100,000.

SSM Health – Mental Health Professional partnership. Awarded \$10,000.

Tribal Set-Aside – Five-year partnership with Iowa Tribe to provide services in Lincoln County. Awarded \$710,000.

United Way of Pottawatomie County – Sexual Assault Victims' Services, on-call services and resources. \$25,000.

Total: \$1,151,816



DATA COLLECTION

Project: SAFE collects data utilizing tools administered by VOCA, VAWA and OAG (FVPSA). The Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) from VOCA gathers quarterly data specific to victim types and total number of victims served. The data provides demographic information, victimization type, special classification of individuals and type of direct service. This snapshot data gives the agency a well-rounded picture of the clientele served, as well as areas where outreach can be improved.

The OAG/FVPSA quarterly reports target shelter data as well as demographic information of total clients served in the agency. The FVPSA report tracks specific numbers related to number of clients served in shelter, outreach events, types of services to adult clients, etc.

The Muskie report for VAWA is done every six months. The data represented in the Muskie is specific to programs funded by VAWA. For Project Safe, VAWA funds our sexual assault advocacy program. Our program assists victims of assault, both primary and secondary, and also includes advocacy for victims who undergo a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exam. The Sexual Assault Advocate also facilitates groups for victims.

Project: SAFE constantly evaluates the measurement tools utilized to track valuable data. In future reports, the agency intends to incorporate more comparative data as well as surveys by both staff, partners and clients. We are striving to be responsive to the needs in our community and intend to utilize qualitative and quantitative data to stay connected to how to best serve Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties.

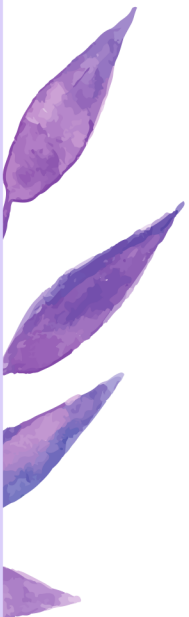
OUR IMPACT



Project: SAFE served

1,575

new, unduplicated clients in 2022.

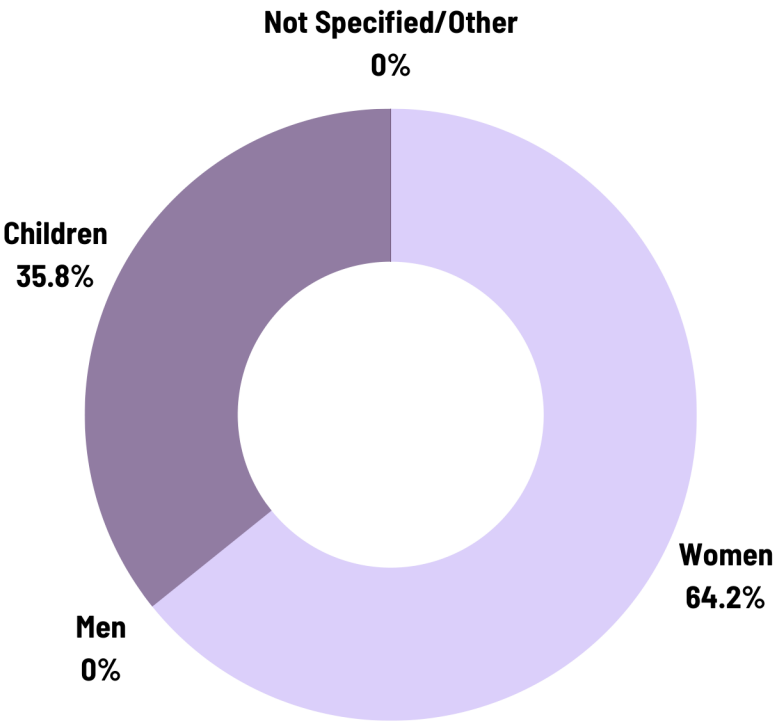


OUR IMPACT



Total Clients Served in Shelter: 109

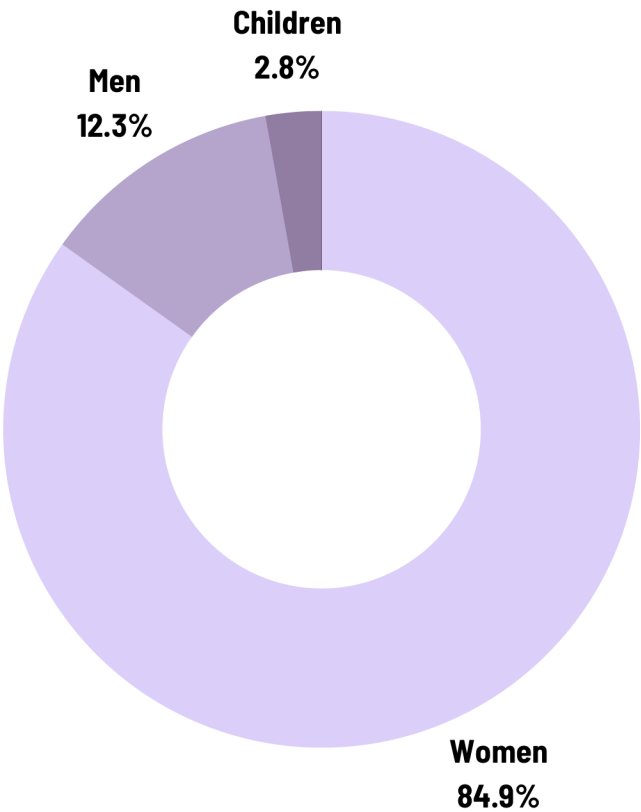
- Women - 70
- Men - *0
- Children/Youth - 39
- Not Specified/Other - *0



*Hotel accommodations are available for any victim



**excludes sexual assault victims' services and mental health services



Total Clients Served with Non-Shelter Services: 1,025**

- Women - 841
- Men - 122
- Children/Youth - 28
- Not Specified/Other - 0

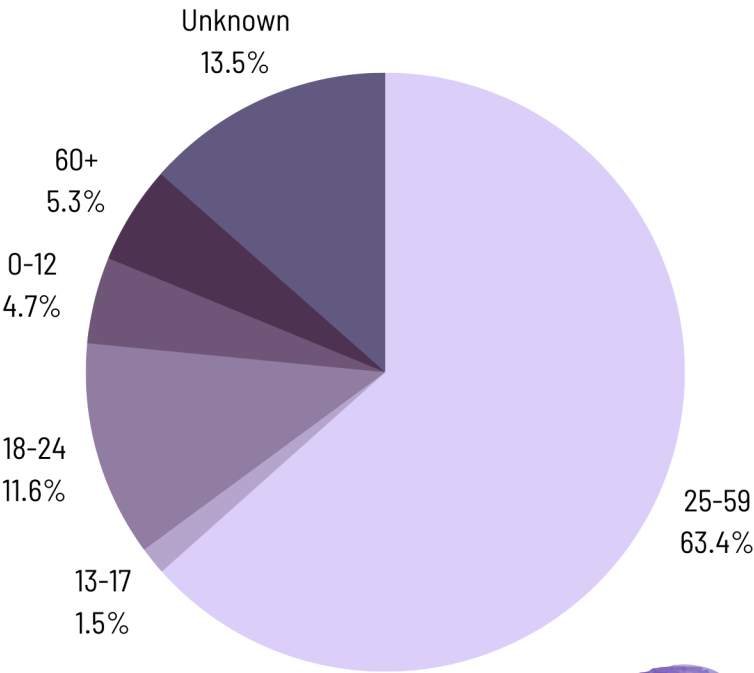


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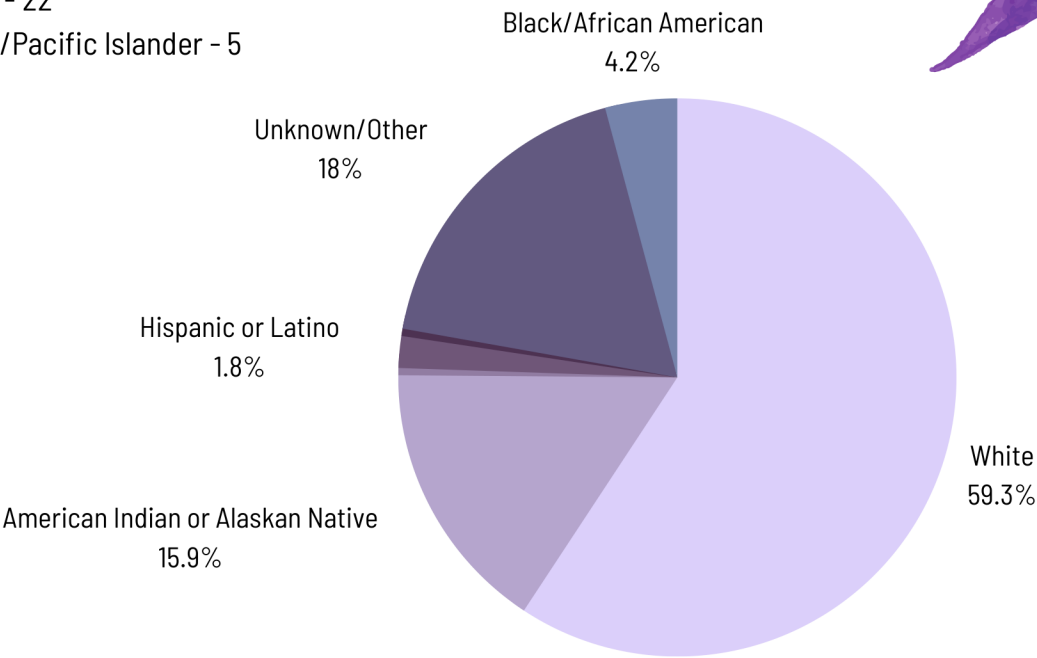
Age for Shelter and Non-Shelter Clients - 1,134

- 0-12 Years: 53
- 13-17 Years: 17
- 18-24 Years: 132
- 25-59 Years: 719
- 60+ Years: 60
- Unknown Child Age: 0
- Unknown Adult Age: 153



Race/Ethnicity for Shelter and Non-Shelter Clients - 1,134

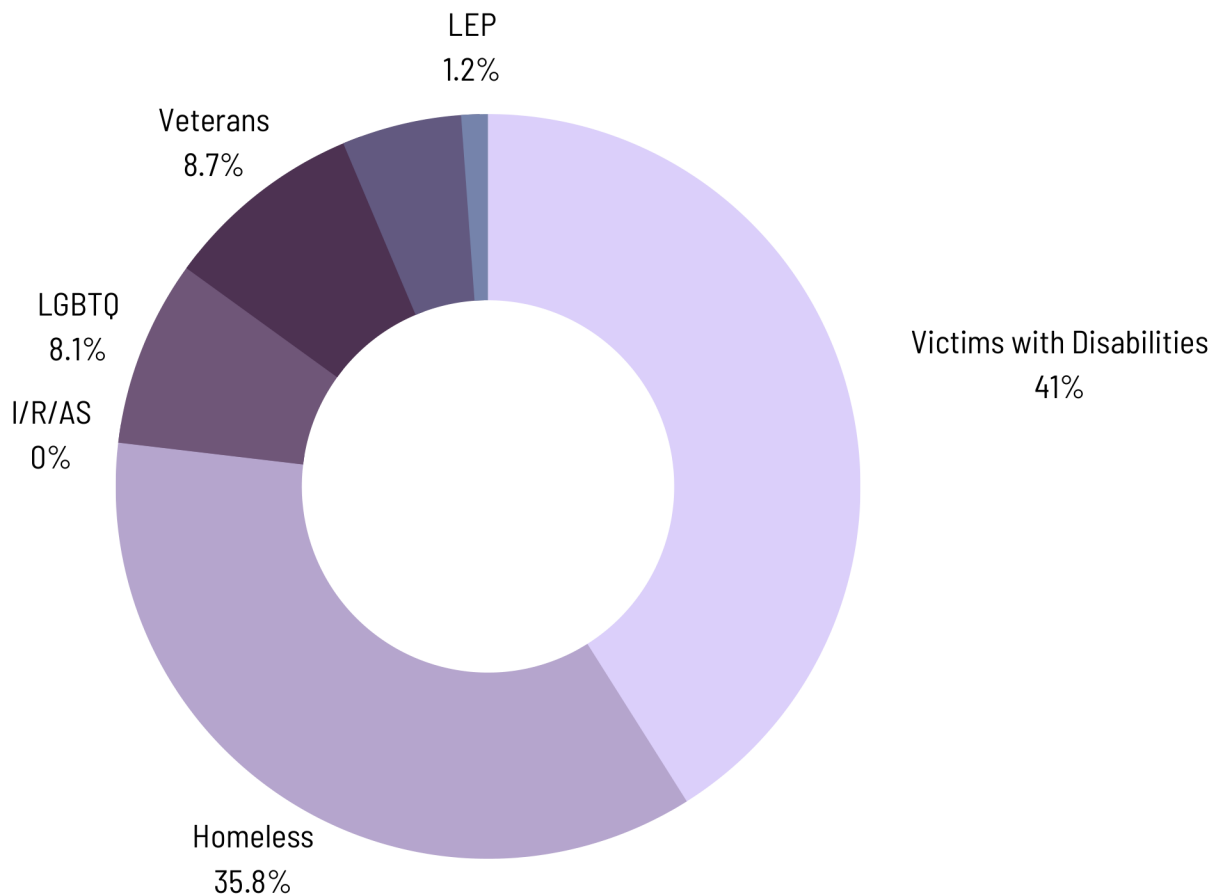
- White - 710
- Unknown/Other - 216
- American Indian/Alaskan Native - 190
- Black/African American - 50
- Hispanic/Latino - 22
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander - 5
- Asian - 5



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Special Classification of Individuals (self-reported) - 168

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing - 9
- Homeless - 62
- Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers - 0
- LGBTQ - 14
- Veterans - 15
- Victims with Disabilities (cognitive, physical, mental) - 71
- Victims with Limited English Proficiency - 2

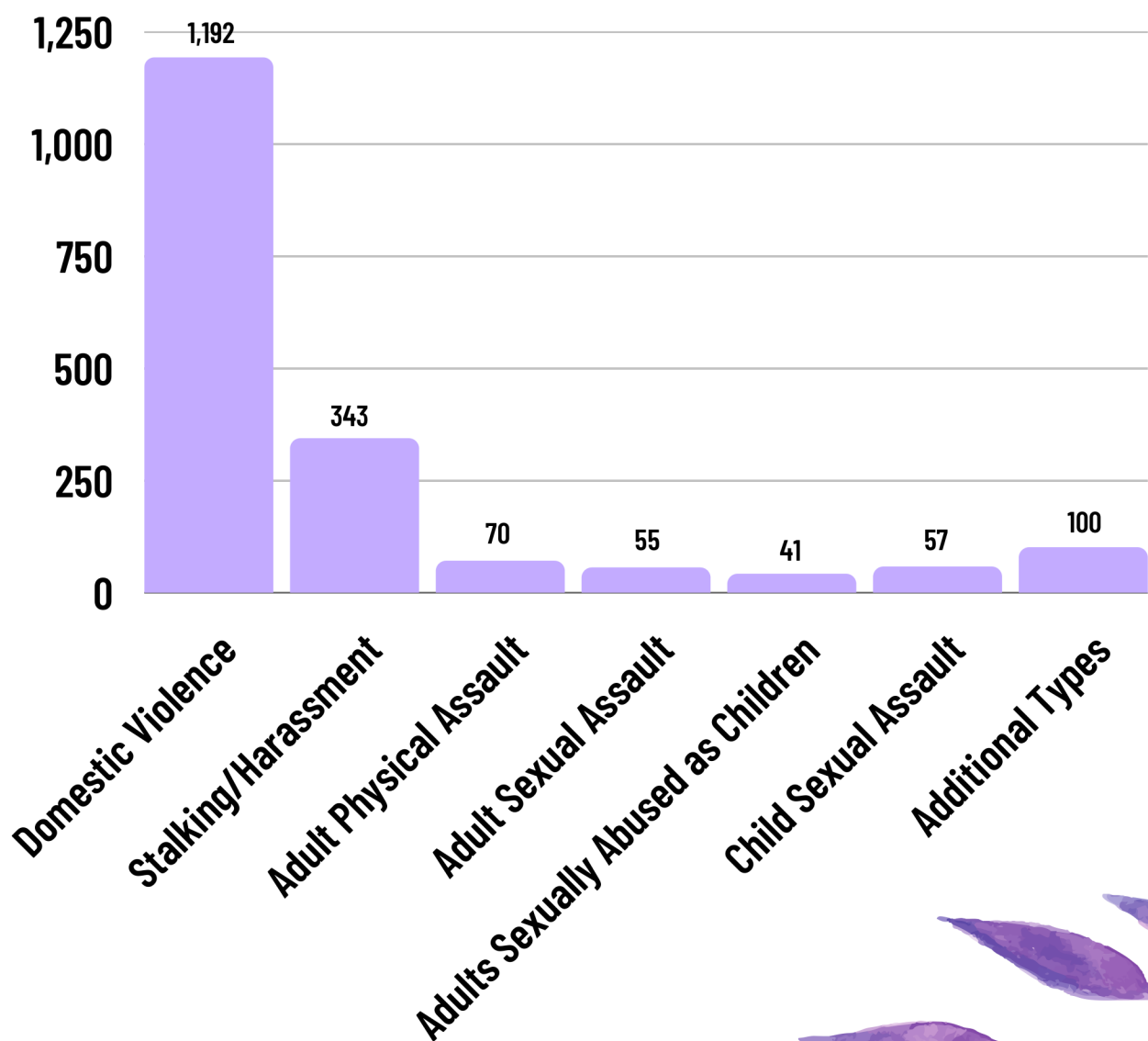


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While we serve victims of crime, these top 6 victimization types drive our services to victims. The total number of victimization types are calculated based on individual's responses when screening in.

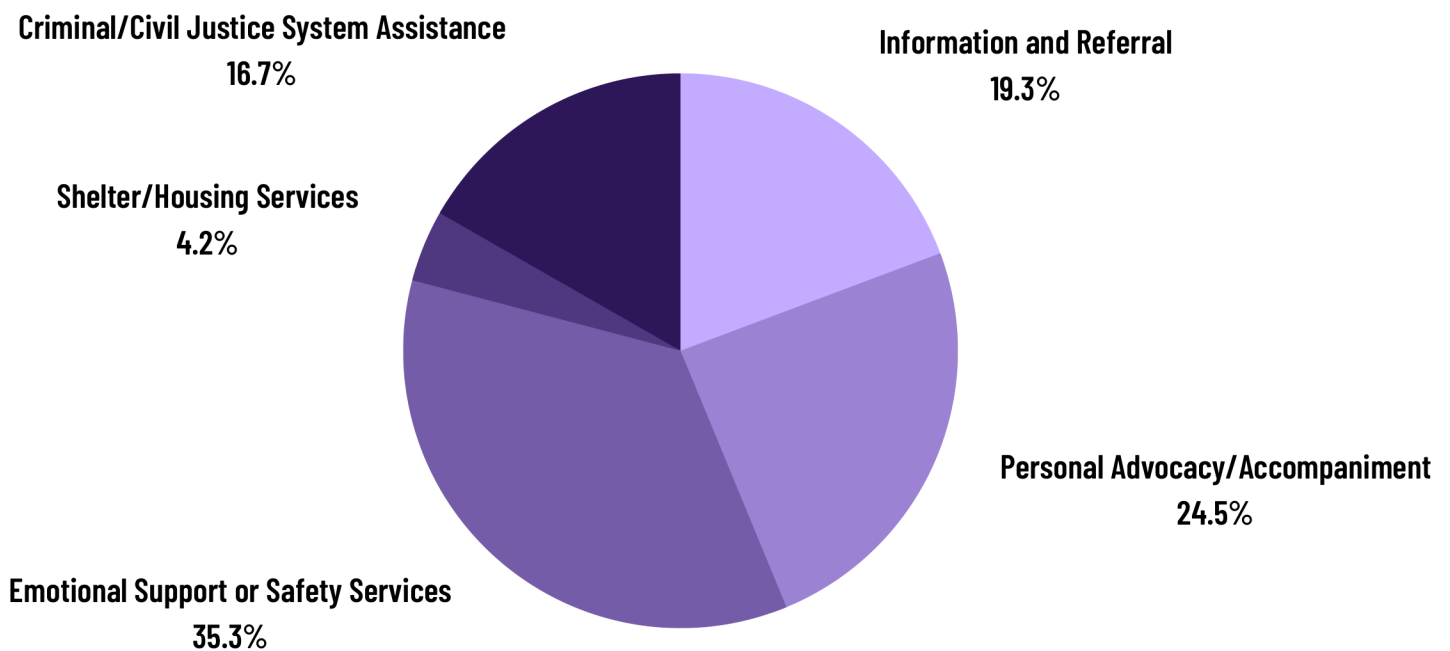
Note: The "additional types" category encompasses the victimization types captured by the VOCA PMT but are not included in the 6 major categories. Types include: Arson, Bullying, Robbery, etc.



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Direct Services -

The categories below list the types of direct services received by an individual through Project: SAFE. These numbers do not include the number of times the service was provided - only the number of individuals who were provided the service itself. This number does not equal the total number of clients served because clients can receive multiple types of services from our agency.



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A total of 492 protective orders were assisted with by an Advocate from Project: SAFE in 2022.

Pottawatomie County - 343

Lincoln County - 149



Services to Adult Victims (FVPSA Data)

- 997 Received Crisis Intervention
- 815 Received Victim Advocacy Services
- 241 Received Individual or Group Counseling/Support Group Services
- 557 Received Criminal/Civil Legal Advocacy
- 45 Received Medical Accompaniment
- 73 received Transportation Services

Services to Child/Youth Victims (FVPSA Data)

- 63 Received Crisis Intervention
- 63 Received Victim Advocacy Services
- 20 Received Individual or Group Counseling/Support Group Services

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FVPSA REPORT

Shelter Services

Total Number of Shelter Nights - 2,729

Total Number of Unmet Requests for Shelter - 173
(Adults Only)

Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP)

Number of LAP Calls
Received - 223

Crisis Hotline Calls

Total Number of
Crisis Hotline Calls
Received - 911

Other Demographics

Number Self-Identifying
as LGBTQ - 11

Number of Youth Age 13-17
Receiving Services Due to
Being a Victim of Dating
Violence - 15

Targeted Education

Number of Adult and Youth
Presentations - 47

Total Number of Participants -
8,008

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Sexual Assault Services

VICTIM SERVICES

New Primary Victims/Survivors	53
Ongoing Primary Victims/Survivors	23
<i>Total Primary Victims Served</i>	76
Secondary Victims	9
Total Victims Served	85

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAM (SANE) DATA

Adult Exams	22
Child Exams	25
Total Number of Exams	47

**Out of the 25 child exams, 12 were
under the age of 11 years old.**

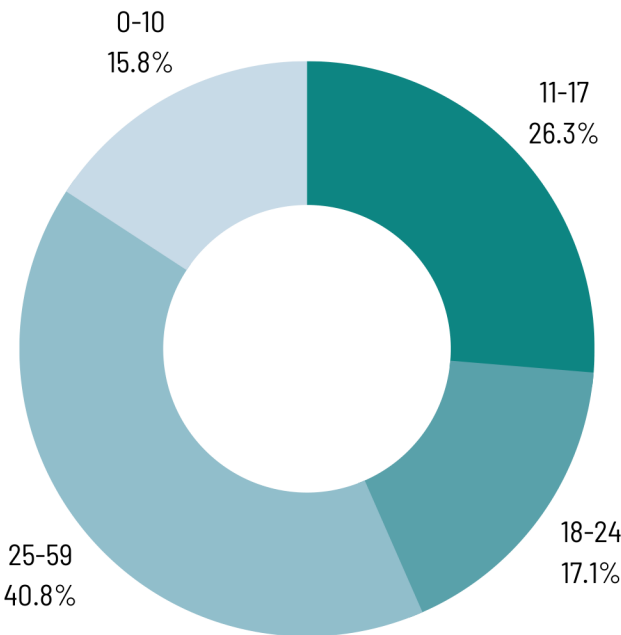
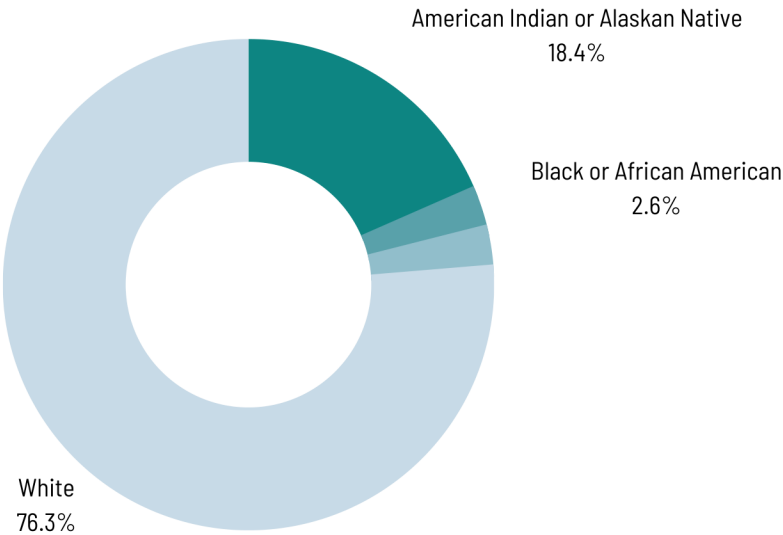
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Sexual Assault Services

Demographics of the 76 Primary Victims Served

Race/Ethnicity - 76

- American Indian/Alaskan Native - 14
- Black or African American - 2
- White - 58
- Mixed - 2



Age - 76

- 0-10: 12
- 11-17: 20
- 18-24: 13
- 25-59: 31

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Sexual Assault Services

VICTIMS/SURVIVORS RELATIONSHIP TO OFFENDER

Current or former spouse or intimate partner	8
Other family or household member	12
Dating Relationship	11
Acquaintance (neighbor, employee, co-worker, student, schoolmate, etc.)	31
Stranger	4
Relationship unknown	10
	76

TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED

Civil Legal Advocacy / Court Accompaniment	10
Criminal Justice Advocacy	20
Crisis Intervention	75
Forensic Exam	47
Transportation	15
Victim / Survivor Advocacy	76
Counseling/Support Group	9

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Mental Health Partnership

Project: SAFE and Youth & Family Resource Center

During the pandemic, Project: SAFE was presented with an opportunity to launch a partnership initiative with Youth & Family Resource Center that focused on specialized mental health services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our Mental Health Professional provides specialized counseling along with education and consultation around domestic violence and sexual assault clients.

NEW & CONTINUOUS CLIENTS

196 New, Unduplicated Individuals
- An 80% increase from 2021!
38 Continuing Individuals
234 Total Number Who Received Services
- A 73% increase from 2021!

GENDER REPORTED

- 67% Female
- 33% Male

SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing: 1
- LGBTQ+: 29
- Cognitive, Physical, Mental Disabilities: 99
- Homeless: 2

TYPES/# OF SERVICES OFFERED

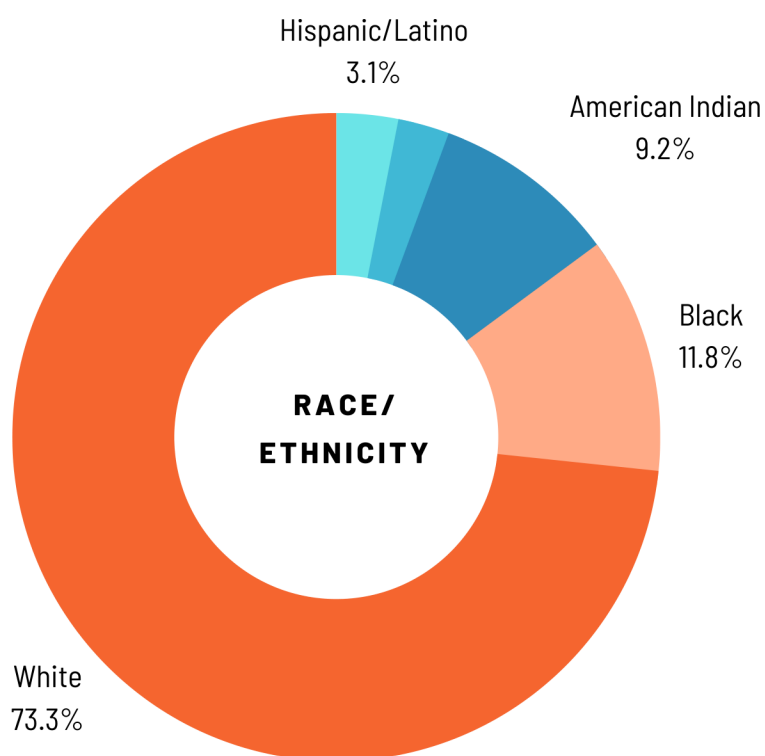
- Information & Referral: 51
- Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment: 3,418
- Emotional Support & Safety Services: 701



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Mental Health Partnership

Project: SAFE and Youth & Family Resource Center

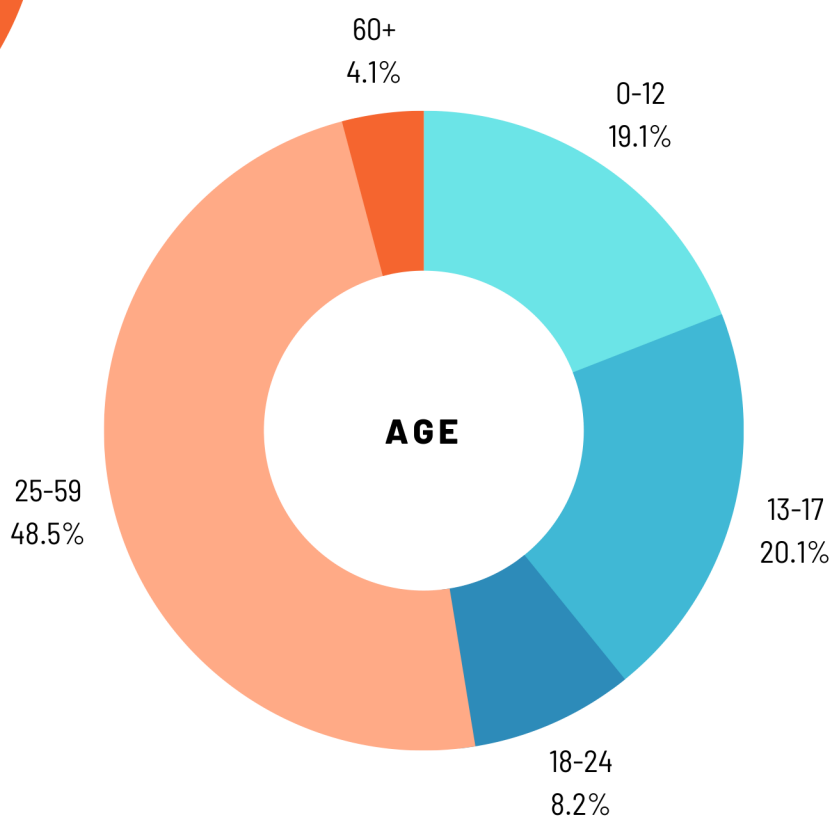


RACE/ETHNICITY - 196

- American Indian: 18
- Black: 23
- Hispanic/Latino: 6
- White: 143
- Multiple Races: 5

AGE - 196

- 0-12: 37
- 13-17: 39
- 18-24: 16
- 25-59: 94
- 60+: 8



CONCLUSION

MOVING FORWARD

2022 was a year of rebuilding after the affects of the pandemic. We are grateful for ongoing support of our community and friends. With the development of new grant partners, we look to continue to expand services in order to better serve the victims in both Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties.

LOOKING AHEAD

The future of Project: SAFE relies on the generous support of our donors, volunteers, funders, and most importantly, our staff. We are beyond grateful for the continued passion and dedication of our supporters and look forward to 2023!



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