

2024

ANNUAL REPORT

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MAKING AN IMPACT

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Project: SAFE remains committed to serving the most vulnerable among us: women and children who are fleeing abuse and violence from someone who they loved and trusted. They are survivors in the truest sense of the word. No one deserves to be treated this way. Our caring staff are here to listen, to offer options for personal safety, and to offer hope that it doesn't have to be this way.

We can do better as a community and as a state to elevate voices of victims of abuse and assault and hold perpetrators accountable. Oklahoma has the highest domestic violence rate in the entire United States. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health, 49% of women and 40% of men in Oklahoma have experienced domestic violence at some point. This is just heartbreaking.

Our advocates play a crucial role in supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault heal from their trauma and abuse. They coordinate services necessary to ensure that the physical and emotional needs of victims are met with compassion, confidentiality, and competency. Our advocates come alongside, helping to guide survivors through the healing process, informing them of their rights, and assisting as an agent of transformation in our communities. They listen, validate, support, and honor survivors as they travel the path of healing together.

We are grateful for the overwhelming support we receive in Pottawatomie and Lincoln counties to serve in these ways. We couldn't do this life-saving work without the relationships we have built with our law enforcement partners, our local tribes, businesses, churches, volunteers, and donors. Thank you from our hearts.

Most Sincerely,



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).

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Board members play a vital role at an organization, setting strategy, overseeing management, and protecting the interests of stakeholders and the community. Project Safe is honored to have effective board members who are thoughtful, logical, articulate, good listeners, and who provide guidance on how best to serve victims of abuse in our community. Their leadership inspires our staff to provide quality services to clients each day.

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



All persons have the right to live without fear, abuse, oppression and violence.



Services to victims/survivors shall be provided in a non-judgmental, non-coercive, trauma-informed environment.



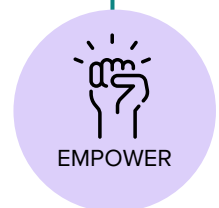
Effectively manage resources bequeathed to our agency.



Pursue honorable initiatives and conduct business in a way that is honest, transparent and ethical.



Embrace our community and collaborate with partners to accomplish our mission.



Empower clients to live a better life through intentional and client-directed advocacy.

OUR PROGRAMS

PROJECT: SAFE PROVIDES SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS IN FOUR 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 vary widely.



DATING VIOLENCE

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. It includes power and control dynamics similar to 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

Attended 66
outreach events in
2024!



OBU Title IX



Victory Back to School Bash



Touch a Truck



MMIW Walk



OBU Spotlight on Shawnee



We the Women



Cops and Kids



Gordon Cooper
Back to School Bash



CPN Color Run

Approximately 8,900
interactions with
community members
at events in 2024!

*Thank you to all of our community partners for
allowing us to attend your wonderful events and
share information about our services!*

VOLUNTEERS & MEDIA

Number of Volunteers - 203

- Groups
- Individuals
- Shelter Specific
- Women's Auxiliary
- Board of Directors

Total Number of
Reported
Volunteer Hours
1,892.82

2024 Oklahoma Value Hourly Rate for Volunteers = \$29.31

Our volunteers saved us \$104,919.25 in 2024!

**Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.
We couldn't do it without you!**

Our agency launched our Google Business Profile for our Chandler Office in February of 2024. Utilizing Google Business allows for increased visibility, improved client engagement, builds client and community trust, and provides valuable insights into our accessibility as a victims' services agency.

Google Performance - Shawnee:

- Calls - 1,333
- Directions - 809
- Website Visits - 1,124
- Profile Views - 9,825
- Searches - 818

Google Performance - Chandler:

- Calls - 120
- Directions - 483
- Website Visits - 69
- Profile Views - 386

Facebook and Instagram:

- Reach - 8,600
- Visits - 4,485
- Average Age Engagement/Followers: 35-54



facebook.com/ProjectSafe

instagram.com/projectsafeshawnee

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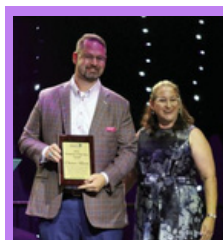
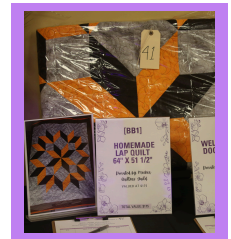
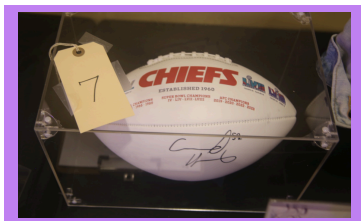
A very special thanks to...

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 2024 Honey Do Auction and Fundraiser raised
\$165,365
for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence!



LIVE UNITED AWARD

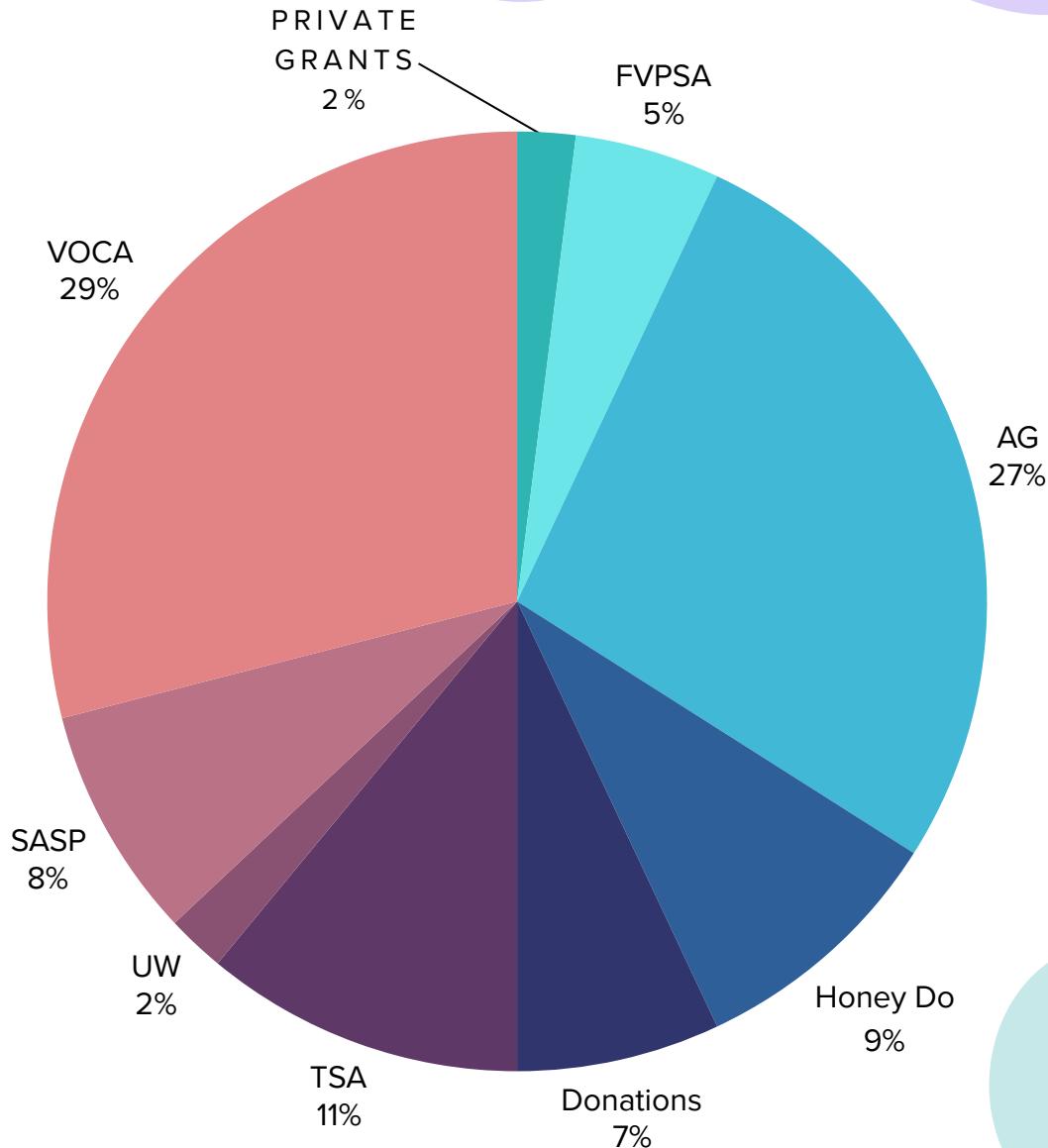
Congratulations to our Executive Director, Renée Clemmons on receiving the Live United Award from the United Way of Eastern Frontier Country in 2024.



Since starting in 2018, Renee has almost doubled the agency's capacity and funding to manage the continuous present issues of domestic violence and sexual assault within our community. Project Safe has been able to serve approximately 20% more victims due to an increased number of staff, expansion into Lincoln County with the Iowa Tribe, and opening our own Adult SANE office.

Renee has also actively advocated for legislative change that has trickled into laws around domestic violence and impacting the Attorney General's budget on victims' services in the state. Renee is a caring and compassionate director that puts forth an immense amount of effort for the betterment of her community – this award is well deserved.

PROJECT: SAFE FUNDING



How are we funded? Here is a snapshot of our 2024 funding streams:

- AG - Attorney General
- Donations - Unrestricted Donations
- FVPSA - Family Violence & Prevention Act
- Honey Do - Volunteer Auxiliary Fundraiser
- Private Grants - Arvest, Avedis, JSL, SSM Health, Love-Meyer
- SASP - Sexual Assault Services Program
- TSA - Tribal Set-Aside Grant
- UW - United Way of Pottawatomie County
- VOCA - Victims of Crime Act

OUR IMPACT

Project: SAFE served

1,511

NEW clients in 2024
and

1,737

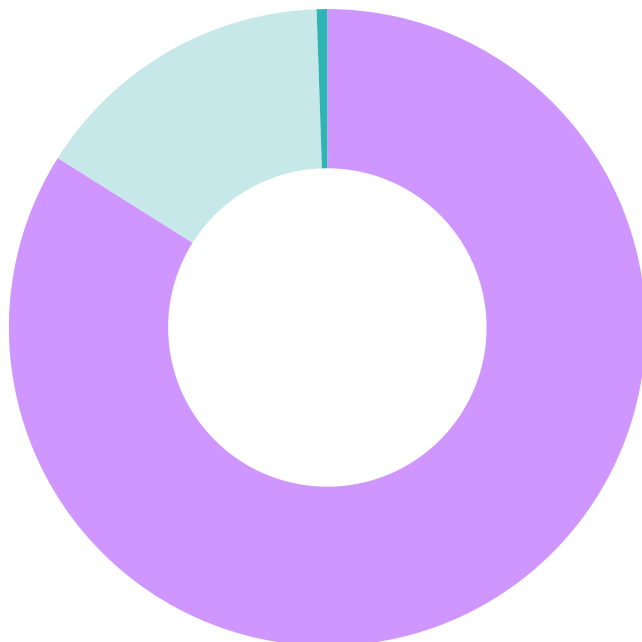
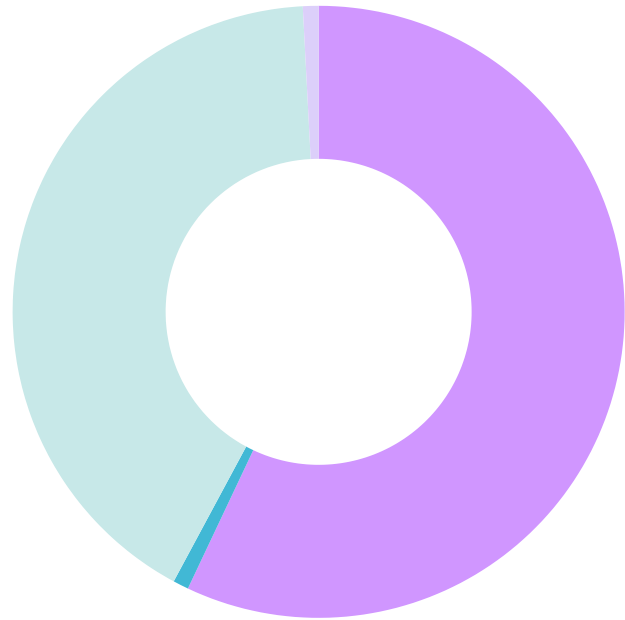
TOTAL clients were served
in Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties.

OUR IMPACT

Clients Served in Shelter - 121

- Women - 69 (57%)
- Men - 1 (0.8%)
- Children/Youth - 50 (41.3%)
- Not Specified/Other - 1 (0.8%)

Hotel accommodations are available as needed. (i.e., shelter is full, special circumstances, etc.)



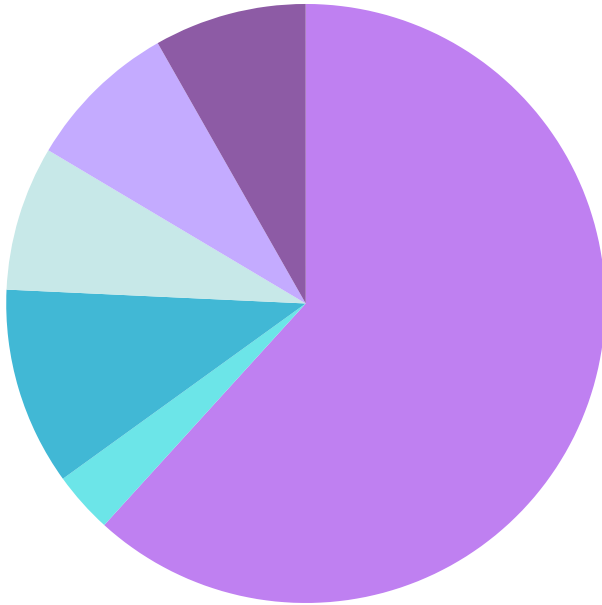
Clients Served with

Non-Residential Services - 1,301*

- Women - 1,092 (83.9%)
- Men - 202 (15.5%)
- Not Specified/Other - 7 (0.5%)

*excludes sexual assault victims' services, see page 19

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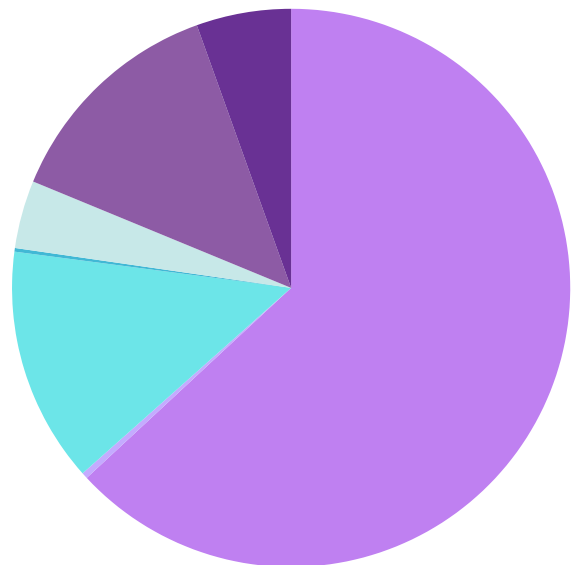


Age of Residential and Non-Residential Clients - 1,422*

- 0 to 12 Years - 111 (7.8%)
- 13 to 17 Years: - 47 (3.3%)
- 18 to 24 Years - 152 (10.7%)
- 25 to 59 Years - 878 (61.7%)
- 60+ Years - 117 (8.2%)
- Age Not Disclosed - 117 (8.2%)

Race/Ethnicity for Residential and Non-Residential Clients - 1,422*

- White - 897 (63.1%)
- Not Disclosed/Other - 189 (13.3%)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native - 194 (13.6%)
- Black/African American - 78 (5.5%)
- Hispanic/Latino - 56 (3.9%)
- Asian - 3 (0.2%)
- Native Hawaiian/
Pacific Islander - 5 (0.4%)

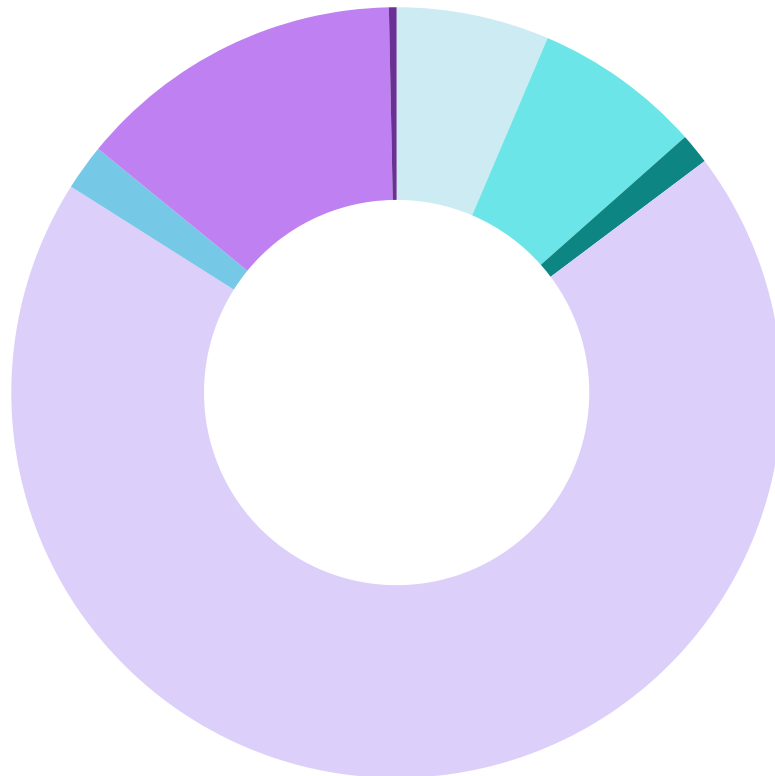


*excludes sexual assault victims' services, see page 19

OUR IMPACT

Special Classification of Individuals* - 312

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing - 6 **(1.9%)**
- Homeless - 43 **(13.8%)**
- Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers (I/R/AS) - 1 **(0.3%)**
- LGBTQ+ - 20 **(6.4%)**
- Veterans - 22 **(7.1%)**
- Victims with Disabilities (cognitive, physical, mental) - 216 **(69.2%)**
- Victims with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) - 4 **(1.3%)**



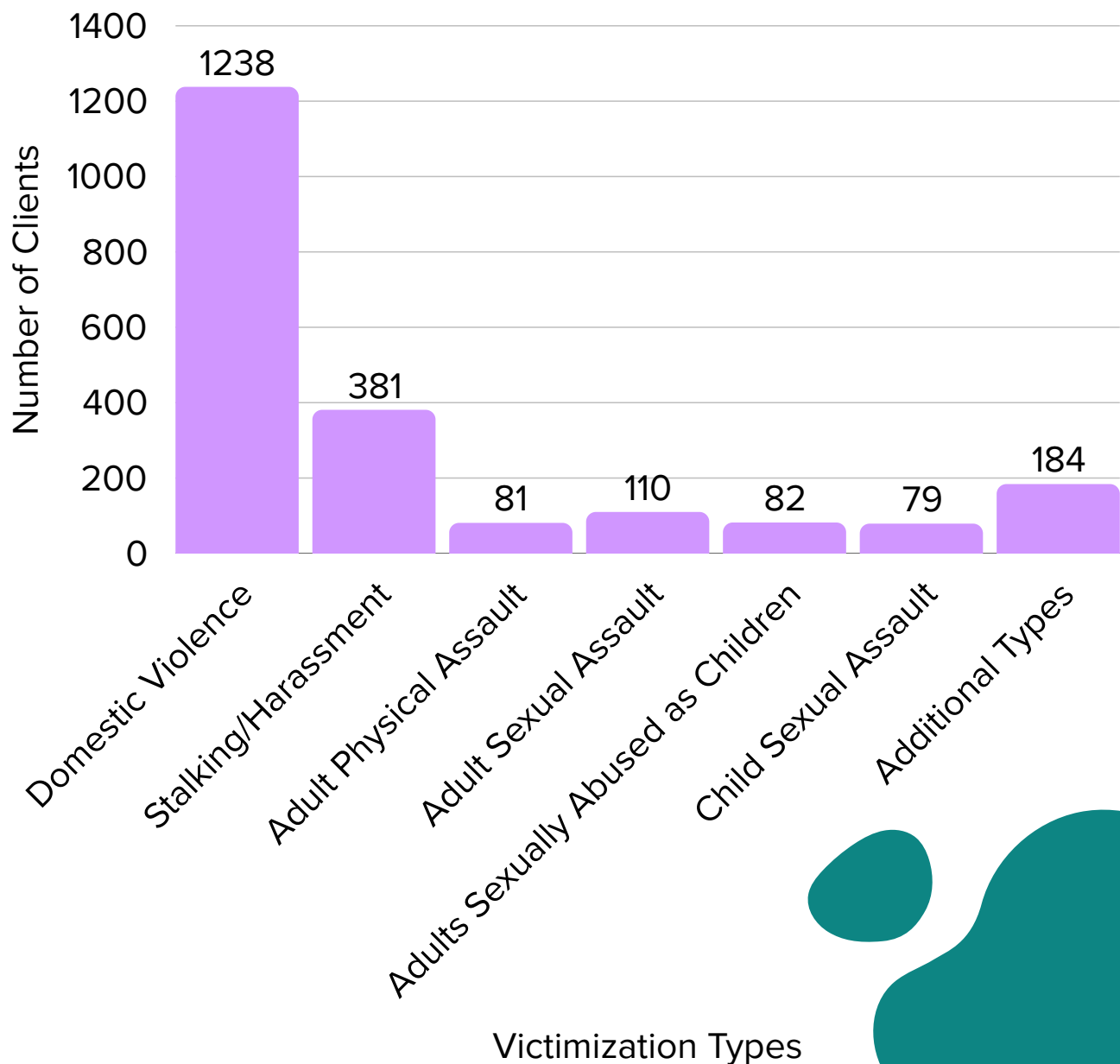
*self-reported

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Although the following chart reflects the top six victimization types that drive our services to victims, the total number of victimization type data is calculated based on individuals' responses during initial screening.

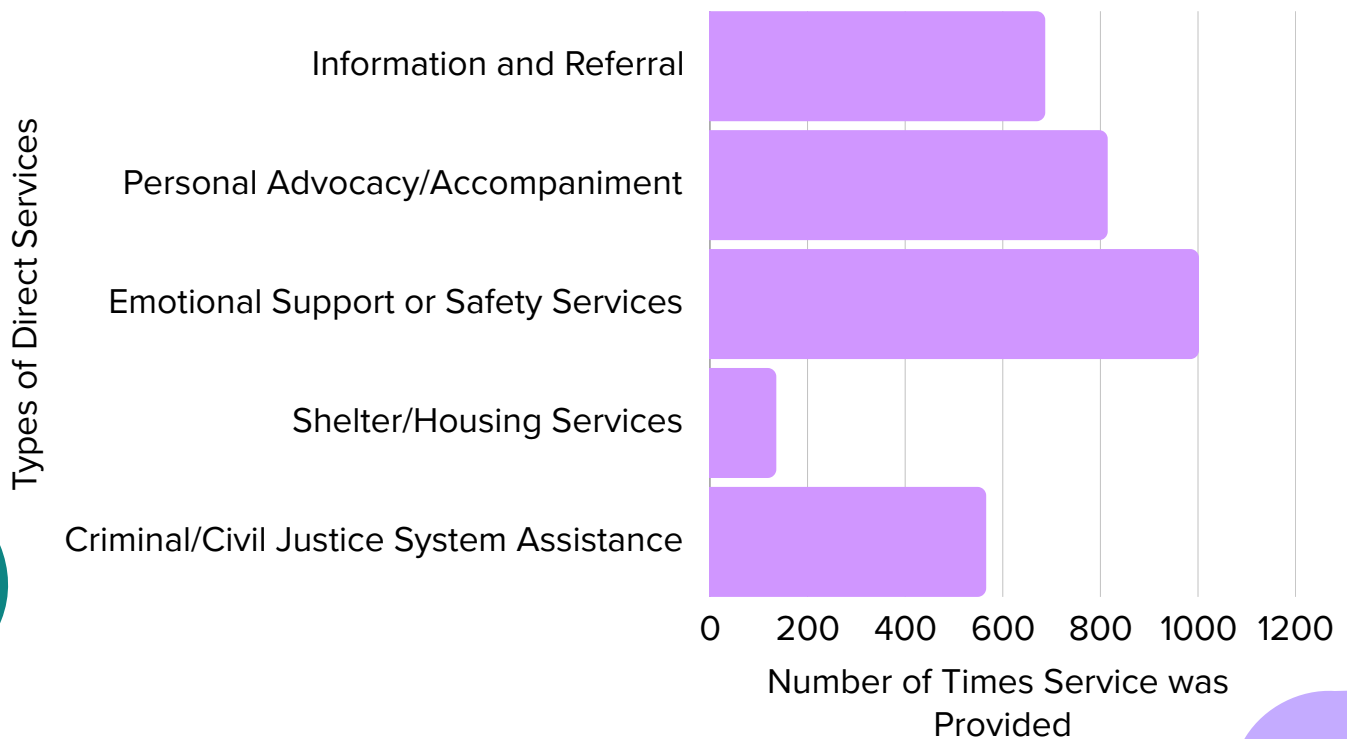
The "additional types" category encompasses the victimization types captured by our VOCA grant report but are not included in the six major categories. Types include: Arson, Bullying, Robbery, Mass Violence, Identity Fraud, Kidnapping, DUI/DWI Incidents, etc.



OUR IMPACT

Direct Services

The categories below list the types of direct services received by an individual through Project: SAFE. These numbers reflect the number of times the service was provided. This number does not equal the total number of clients served because clients can receive multiple types and occurrences of services from our agency.



OUR IMPACT

Advocates assisted victims in filing

393

Protective Orders between

Pottawatomie County - 292

Lincoln County - 101

Services to Adult Victims

Family Violence Prevention Services
Act Data (FVPSA)

- 915 Received Crisis Intervention
- 589 Received Victim Advocacy Services
- 107 Received Individual or Group Counseling/Support Group Services
- 444 Received Criminal/Civil Legal Advocacy
- 79 Received Medical Accompaniment
- 49 Received Transportation Services

Services to Child/Youth Victims

Family Violence Prevention Services
Act Data (FVPSA)

- 86 Received Crisis Intervention
- 93 Received Victim Advocacy Services
- 35 Received Individual or Group Counseling/Support Group Services

OUR IMPACT

Shelter Services

Total Number of Shelter Nights:

3,304

Average of 27 night length stay per resident.

Average nights have increased due to the complex nature of recent cases.

Law Enforcement Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP)

Number of LAP Calls
Received - 266

Crisis Hotline Calls

Total Number of
Calls Received - 570

Other Demographics

- Number Self-Identifying as LGBTQ+ - 8
- Number of Youth Age 13-17 Receiving Services Due to Being a Victim of Dating Violence - 5

Targeted Community Outreach

- Number of Adult and Youth Presentations - 66
- Total Number of Attendees - 8,844

OUR IMPACT

Sexual Assault Services

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAM (SANE) DATA

Adult Exams	41
Child Exams	35
Total Number of Exams	76

Out of the 35 child exams, 24 victims were under the age of 11 years old.

VICTIM SERVICES

New Primary Victims/Survivors	88
Secondary Victims*	49
Total Victims Served	137

Age

- 0 to 6 - 13
- 7 to 10 - 8
- 11 to 17 - 37
- 18 to 24 - 14
- 25 to 59 - 58
- 60 and Up - 7

Total = 137

Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian/Alaskan Native - 26
- Black or African American - 7
- Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish - 4
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander - 0
- White - 96
- Asian - 3
- Other - 1

Total = 137

*A secondary victim is someone who knows someone close to them that experienced sexual violence. This could be a child, sibling, spouse, significant other, parent, coworker, or friend.

OUR IMPACT

Sexual Assault Services

SURVIVORS' RELATIONSHIP TO OFFENDER

Current or former spouse or intimate partner	7
Other family or household member	23
Dating Relationship	15
Acquaintance (neighbor, employee, co-worker, student, schoolmate, etc.)	33
Stranger	8
Unknown	3
Total Number of Clients Served	89

TYPE OF SERVICE PROVIDED

Civil Legal Advocacy / Court Accompaniment	4
Criminal Justice Advocacy	2
Crisis Intervention	89
Transportation	8
Victim / Survivor Advocacy	89
Counseling/Support Group	52
Total Number of Services Provided	244

CONCLUSION

As we review our client data, it is becoming evident that the nature of violence has shifted. With the constant influence of media and increased access to personal information and devices, it is more difficult for victims to extract themselves from cycles of abuse, increasing their personal danger for violent episodes.

Additionally, our agency has seen an increase in the length of stay for residents because of the shortage of affordable housing as well as multifaceted individual circumstances. We are dedicated to providing the best services possible for victims of abuse. However, we know how integral it is to have the support of our community in holding abusers accountable. As we move forward, we plan on providing more targeted outreach to the communities we serve to shed light on the complex situations that plague our victims and how we all can work together to best support them.

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 marks our 40th anniversary as a victim services agency! Our Board of Directors, Executive Director and staff will be working together on developing an agency-wide strategic planning review that will provide us with a detailed roadmap to best to guide our agency in the next few years.

We want to be responsive to the changing landscape of victimization in our state and our region, providing the best possible services to survivors and their families for many more decades to come. We cannot say thank you enough to our volunteers, supporters, funders and community for championing our vision to eliminate family and intimate partner violence.

Project: Safe stands ready to assist victims with experienced, compassionate, and professional advocacy 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Thank you for your trust and support.



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