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NEBRASKA RESOURCE GUIDE

COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

Bright Horizons

P.O. Box 1904
Norfolk, NE 68702
Office: (402) 379-2026
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CST
Hotline: (402) 379-3798
Toll-free Hotline: (877) 379-3798
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.brighthorizonsne.org
Email: brighthorizons@telebeep.com

Bright Horizons is dedicated to the elimination of violence against women, men, and children through empowerment, education, social action, and support services.

Service area: Antelope, Boyd, Holt, Knox, Madison, Pierce, and Stanton Counties

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline, by mail or by email; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; counseling in-person or by mail; court advocacy and accompaniment; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline; individual advocacy; emergency shelter; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; information; and referrals.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional information: Bilingual translation and services are available for Spanish-speaking clients. *Se ofrece traducción y servicios en español para los clientes hispanohablantes.*

Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors

P.O. Box 42
Columbus, NE 68601

Office: (402) 564-2155
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST
Hotline: (800) 658-4482
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: No
Website: www.centerforsurvivors.net
Email: centerforsurvivors@citlink.net

The Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors, Inc. provides comprehensive services for adult and child survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families.

Service area: Boone, Butler, Colfax, Nance, Platte, and Polk Counties

Work with: Adult and child survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; legal advocacy and court accompaniment for sexual assault cases; information; and referrals. In-person advocacy may also be available at the Platte County Correctional Facility, by arrangement.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; advocacy; information; and referrals

Fees: Free

Additional Information: The Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors also offers a group for men who batter. The Group is educational and open to any male who is at least 18 years of age. Enrollment is on a voluntary basis or through a court order. The Center for Survivors also offers batterer intervention classes for \$15 a class.

Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

P.O. Box 1565
Sioux City, IA 51102
Office: (712) 277-0131
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5pm CST
Hotline: (712) 258-7233
Toll-free Hotline: (800) 982-7233
Hotline Hours: 24 hours
Accept Collect Calls: Yes
Website: www.csadv.org
Email: Margaret@csadv.org

The Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence is a private, non profit organization that is dedicated to helping survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence become empowered in their quest for dignity and self-respect.

Service area: Dakota and Thurston Counties in Nebraska

Work with: Survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, their friends, and family

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment and medical advocacy during forensic exams; legal

advocacy and court accompaniment; in-person follow-up counseling, where available; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; individual and group counseling for teen and adult survivors of sexual assault; and emergency shelter.

Services for loved ones include: Support groups for survivors' family and friends.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: All services are available in English and Spanish. *Se ofrece los servicios en español e ingles.*

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services

P.O. Box 714

McCook, NE 69001

Office: (308) 345-1612

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CST

Hotline: (308) 345-5534

Toll-free Hotline: (877) 345-5534

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Email: das@dasas.net

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services provides comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Southwest Nebraska.

Service area: Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow Counties

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault as well as their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention, information, and support via the 24-hour hotline and by mail. Survivors of sexual abuse behind bars in need of a forensic exam are taken to hospitals in Kearney or North Platte and provided with accompaniment services by the local rape crisis agency.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above and individual counseling. Support groups may also be available, depending on interest.

Services for loved ones include: Education; crisis intervention; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

DOVES Program

P.O. Box 98

Gering, NE 69341

Office: (308) 436-2787

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm MST

Hotline: (308) 436-4357

Toll-free Hotline: (866) 953-6837

Línea de Crisis en español: (877) 215-0167

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Website: www.dovesprogram.com

Email: doves@dovesprogram.com

The DOVES Program provides free and confidential domestic, dating, and sexual violence services and prevention.

Service area: Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Kimball, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties with additional offices in Sidney and Kimball

Work with: Survivors of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and their loved ones.

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; information; and referrals. DOVES advocates will meet with survivors wherever it is safe to respond, including at local jails, by arrangement. DOVES is also working on setting up a support group for survivors of sexual assault at the Scotts Bluff County Adult Detention Center. Please contact DOVES directly for more information.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; walk-in services, such as one-on-one support; and referrals and financial assistance for long-term counseling. Support groups may also be available, depending on interest.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; one-on-one support; education; information; referrals and financial assistance for long-term counseling; and referrals for other needed services.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Survivors can also visit the DOVES office at 2035 10th St., Gering, NE 69341. All services are available in English and Spanish. *Se habla español.*

Hope Crisis Center

P.O. Box 365

Fairbury, NE 68352

Office: (402) 729-2570

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm CST

Toll-free Hotline: (877) 388-4673

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.hopecrisiscenter.org

Hope Crisis Center is a non-profit organization committed to empowering survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and the community through advocacy, education, and confidential emergency services. Hope Crisis Center works out of its main office in Fairbury and two satellite offices throughout its service area.

Service area: Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York Counties

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones.

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; one-on-one advocacy; and emergency shelter.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; one-on-one advocacy; education; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Hope Crisis Center will provide immediate crisis intervention to any survivor who contacts them. For survivors under the age of 18, Hope Crisis Center will provide appropriate referrals for ongoing support services.

Nebraska AIDS Project

250 S. 77th St

Omaha, NE 68114

Office: (402) 552-9260

Toll-free Office: (800) 782-2437

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CST

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.nap.org

Email: info@nap.org

Nebraska AIDS Project serves the entire region and acts to eliminate the spread of HIV and provides comprehensive services to all people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Service area: Nebraska, Southwest Iowa, and Eastern Wyoming

Work with: Any and all persons living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, including families, friends, and others

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Currently, NAP provides educational courses on HIV and STDs to incarcerated populations. Additionally, upon request, a NAP case manager may be able to meet with an incarcerated client should that client be awaiting release and seeking services. NAP currently cannot provide HIV testing in correctional facilities.

Services for survivors after release include: HIV testing; HIV education; safe sex education and materials; and a range of services for people living with HIV, including case management, which provides assistance with obtaining medical care, financial assistance, support groups, food pantries, clothing, and other needed services. NAP is not a medical clinic and cannot dispense medical advice or medication of any kind.

Services for loved ones include: HIV education that can be tailored for anyone. NAP will work with you or your family to determine what information or materials are needed.

Fees: Free

Additional information: A Spanish speaking case manager is available. *Se habla español.*

Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

1000 "O" Street, Suite 102

Lincoln, NE 68508

Office: (402) 476-6256

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Website: www.ndvsac.org

E-mail: help@ndvsac.org

The Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (NDVSAC) is a statewide advocacy organization committed to the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence. NDVSAC works to enhance safety and justice for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by supporting and building upon the services provided by the network of local programs. Its broader mission is to increase public awareness and community involvement and to encourage local community leaders and other key service providers to support efforts to change the institutional policies and cultural practices that perpetuate violence against women and children.

Service area: Nebraska

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones, member programs, and allied professional groups

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Information and referrals to the nearest rape crisis center via phone and by mail and a directory of affiliated rape crisis centers on the NDVSAC website.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above.

Services for loved ones include: All of the above.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Other NDVSAC services include: membership services and outreach; training on the local and statewide level; dissemination of a variety of education materials; and advocacy to ensure laws and public policy initiatives support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Project RESPONSE

P.O. Box 213

Auburn, NE 68305

Office: (402) 274-5092

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm CST

Toll-free Hotline: (800) 456-5764

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Email: projectresponse@hotmail.org

Project Response provides services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Southeastern Nebraska.

Service area: Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties

Work with: Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; legal advocacy and court accompaniment with protection and harassment orders; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; individual short-term counseling; financial assistance; emergency shelter; and transportation assistance.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; short-term counseling; information; and referrals.

Fees: Free

Rainbow Outreach Metro Omaha GLBT Center

P.O. Box 8583

Omaha, NE 68108

Office: (402) 341-0330

Office Hours: Thursday 7:30-9pm, Friday 6-11pm, Saturday afternoon, Sunday 4-6pm CST

Helpline: (402) 341-0330

Helpline Hours: Office Hours (Callers can leave messages outside office hours)

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.rainbowoutreach.org

Email: gltbcenter@rainbowoutreach.org

Since 1997, the GLBT Center has served as a sanctuary and haven for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities, providing helpful programs, services, resources, and outreach, as well as meeting space to individuals and organizations.

Service area: Eastern Nebraska and western Iowa, including the communities of Council Bluffs and Carter Lake

Work with: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Affirmation, information, support, and referrals via the Helpline. Outside Center hours, callers can leave voicemail messages requesting information such as legal, medical, and other resources. Volunteers research the answer and call back discreetly when a phone number is left.

Services for survivors after release include: Affirmation, information, support, and referrals via the Helpline; the Drop-in Center, a safe, neutral meeting location, support base, and educational resource for the GLBT community and allies; a lending library with a collection of GLBT-related books, magazines, and other materials; a meeting space for GLBT-related organizations and gatherings; computers with high speed Internet access; an information exchange with numerous GLBT publications; Center Team Omaha, which connects GLBT and allied people with sports and cultural opportunities; organized excursions and other social activities; a Welcome Bureau for out-of-town GLBT visitors and guests; information on health and wellness, including referrals to GLBT-inclusive therapists; and the Youth Program, which provides a safe, supportive space for GLBT youth and allies, ages 13-23, every Friday night from 6-9pm.

Services for loved ones include: Affirmation, information, support, and referrals via the Helpline.

Fees: Free

S.A.F.E. Center

3710 Central Ave., Suite 10

Kearney, NE 68847

Office: (308) 237-2599

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm CST

Hotline: (308) 237-2599

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: Yes

Website: www.safecenter.org
Email: safecenter@safecenter.org

S.A.F.E. Center is a non-profit organization established in 1978 that provides secure and confidential services, programs, and advocacy for individuals and families who have experienced dating, domestic or sexual violence.

Service area: Buffalo, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties

Work with: Survivors of dating, domestic, and sexual violence and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis intervention via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; hospital accompaniment during forensic exams; court accompaniment and referrals to attorneys; information; and referrals. In-person services in local correctional facilities may also be available, by arrangement.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; crisis counseling; emergency shelter; and referrals for individual, family, and group counseling.

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; support; information and referrals.

Fees: Free

Additional Information: Services are available in English and Spanish. *Se habla español.*

YWCA Omaha

222 S 29th St.

Omaha, NE 68131

Office: (402) 345-6555

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-8pm and Friday, 8am-4pm CST

Hotline: (402) 345-7273

Hotline Hours: 24 hours

Accept Collect Calls: No

Website: www.ywcaomaha.org

Email: info@ywcaomaha.org

Since 1893, YWCA Omaha has been dedicated to helping empower women toward personal, social, and economic success, and to help women and their families build lives of strength, growth, and stability. The YWCA Omaha provides services to female and male survivors of violence, sexual assault, and abuse.

Service area: Omaha metropolitan area

Work with: Survivors of violence, sexual assault, and abuse, and their loved ones

Services for survivors during incarceration include: Crisis counseling via the 24-hour hotline and by mail; information; and referrals.

Services for survivors after release include: All of the above; individual counseling and group therapy for adult, adolescent, and child survivors; art therapy; and trauma therapy, including Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), one the most effective and rapid methods for healing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Services for loved ones include: Crisis intervention; counseling for couples and families of survivors; information; and referrals.

Fees: All victim advocacy services are free. Payment is requested for the following services: counseling, women's non-violence program, women's empowerment class, women's domestic violence support group; women's self-defense; parenting classes, and the batterers' intervention program. DHHS vouchers and insurance are accepted from several companies. A sliding fee scale may be available if insurance payments or vouchers do not cover services.

Additional Information: Victim advocacy services are offered in Spanish through the Latina Resource Center (LRC) at 402-898-6760. YWCA Omaha offers additional services for women, teens, and children, including legal advocacy; medical advocacy; education programs; family violence services; non-violence intervention for people who batter; career and economic advancement programs; and the Empower Clinic, which provides education and basic health screenings for women.

LEGAL RESOURCES

ACLU Nebraska

941 "O" Street, Suite 706

Lincoln, NE 68508

Office: (402) 476-8091

Website: www.aclunebraska.org

Complaint Form: www.aclunebraska.org/Complaint_Form.pdf

Email: info@aclunebraska.org

ACLU Nebraska is a nonprofit, non-partisan, privately funded organization devoted exclusively to the defense and promotion of the individual rights secured by the U.S. and Nebraska constitutions. ACLU Nebraska carries out its mission through litigation, negotiation, lobbying, and education. ACLU Nebraska is one of the smaller ACLU affiliates, but it has gained a reputation for having a very aggressive legal advocacy program for its size. The ACLU of Nebraska protects individual civil liberties by providing legal counseling, representation in court or before administrative law judges, and by filing friend of the court briefs when civil liberties issues arise in cases where the ACLU is not directly involved.

Each year, ACLU Nebraska receives and responds to approximately 600 requests for assistance. ACLU Nebraska has always provided advice and referral information for those individuals it is unable to assist directly. The ACLU also resolves some complaints through informal intervention and is also able to provide personal legal representation on cases selected for the impact they are likely to have on the civil liberties of all Nebraskans.

Prisoners who believe their rights have been violated can submit a complaint by printing out and mailing in a completed Complaint Form (link above) or by writing to the ACLU of Nebraska.

Nebraska State Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project

P.O. Box 81809

Lincoln, NE 68501-1809

Office: (402) 475-7091

Toll-free Client Line: (800) 742-3005

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4pm CST

Website: www.nebar.com

Email: jmcneil@nebar.com

The Volunteer Lawyers Project (VLP) is a statewide volunteer legal services project and referral network founded on the belief that all citizens should have access to the legal system, regardless of ability to pay. Established in 1982 as a project of the Nebraska State Bar Association, VLP seeks to match people who have civil legal problems with attorneys who are willing to provide legal assistance on a pro bono, reduced fee, contingency fee, or full fee basis.

Any individual with a civil legal problem may apply for assistance from the VLP. (The program is not able to assist with any criminal matters, including misdemeanors and traffic violations.) Because there are usually more requests for assistance than there are attorneys to accept cases,

civil legal problems are ranked by priority, with the most urgent needs receiving attention first. Referrals depend on availability of attorneys in a geographic area and the areas in which those attorneys practice. Contact VLP for more information on eligibility and available services.

Lambda Legal: Southern Regional Office

730 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1070
Atlanta, GA 30308-1210
Office: (404) 897-1880
Website: www.lambdalegal.org
E-mail: legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education, and public policy work. Southern Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Help Desk Hours (Central Standard Time):
Tuesdays: 10am-12pm
Wednesdays (Spanish/español): 10am-12pm
Thursdays: 2-4pm

If Help Desk staff are busy helping other callers, your call will be routed to the Legal Help Desk voicemail. Please leave the following information: name, state, contact info, best time to reach you, and a brief message outlining your legal inquiry. A Help Desk staff person will return your call.

It is usually most efficient for Help Desk callers to contact Lambda Legal by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, Lambda can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call, you may e-mail Lambda Legal at legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org or write to the addresses above.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Legal Division

P.O. Box 94661
Lincoln, NE 68509-4661
General Counsel: (402) 479-5735
Associate Legal Counsel: (402) 479-5901/(402) 479-5952
Administrative Assistant/Appeals Board Coordinator: (402) 479-5772

The Legal Division supports all Department of Correctional Services programs and institutions by giving legal advice and representation regarding labor relations, inmate rights, contracts, legislative issues, inmate grievances, transportation orders, or matters involving litigation and the Courts. Among its duties, the Legal Division investigates inmate grievances appealed to the Director.

Nebraska Office of the Public Counsel, Deputy Public Counsel for Corrections

Ombudsman's Office

Room 807, State Capitol

P.O. Box 94604

Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

Office: (402) 471-2035

Toll Free Office: (800) 742-7690

TDD: (402) 471-5087

Website: www.nebraskalegislature.gov/contact/ombud.php

Email: ombud@leg.ne.gov

The Office of the Public Counsel (also known as the State Ombudsman's Office) is an independent office based in the legislature that handles citizen complaints regarding the actions of state administrative agencies.

The Deputy Public Counsel for Corrections has jurisdiction over all facilities and parts of facilities, houses of confinement, and institutions that are operated by the Department of Correctional Services and all county or municipal correctional or jail facilities.

The Ombudsman's Office seeks to provide administrative justice to all citizens as well as to promote accountability in public administration. The Ombudsman makes specific recommendations for corrective action whenever the investigation of a complaint reveals a mistaken, unfair, or arbitrary state action; develops general recommendations to promote continuing improvement in the state agencies' policies and procedures, and issues annual reports.

Inmates who have been sexually assaulted in a detention facility, including facilities operated by the Department of Correctional Services and county or municipal correctional or jail facilities, can contact the Deputy Public Counsel for Corrections to report the assault and any concerns regarding the handling of investigations into such abuse.

JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.