

IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023



FROM THE AGENCY:

Oklahoma is facing a 20-year high for rates of domestic violence. This year we saw an increased need for our services and resources as we served the most clients our agency has ever seen in a year. 784 local individuals accessed our shelter, crisis services, sexual assault exam program, and court advocacy.

We had a record year for growth and expansion of services. I am excited for you to read about all the agency has accomplished this year through this report.

I am so grateful to work alongside our many brave and compassionate staff, board members, and volunteers. I am inspired daily by the strength and resilience of our clients. Their lives and stories matter and the agency does not take for granted the privilege to serve those who need us most.

We will continue the work until every person feels safe in their home and relationship, the community embraces and believes survivors, offenders are held accountable, and we see Oklahoma fall in the ranks for being one of the worst states for rates of violence and the murder of women.

Thank you for joining us in creating a safer community.

Kelsey Samuels
Executive Director



We believe transparency matters. You can view our Annual Report, 990 and full audit on the "Accountability" tab on our website each year. Visit [getmeout.org](https://www.getmeout.org).

I was first asked to serve on the Community Crisis Center board four years ago. At the time, I knew enough about the organization to know that I wanted to be involved but I did not understand the depth of what the agency does for our community. Our board is so proud of all that CCC has accomplished this year and the increase in services that we have been able to provide those who need us most. As a board, we are more committed than ever to meeting the needs of survivors in the community.

My favorite thing I've been involved with since coming on the board was setting up my workplace to do a volunteer day at Shelter. You can know that services are available, but to see the Shelter and the children running around brings new understanding to how impactful that service is for local families in crisis.

Thank you for the support you have shown our agency. We are better because you are a part of our mission.

Pam Lawson
Board President
2023-2024



OUR STORY

Founded in 1981 by a dedicated group of women with a hotline: now a three-county organization with five locations, serving over 750 victims each year.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking by enhancing safety, healing and education.

OUR VISION

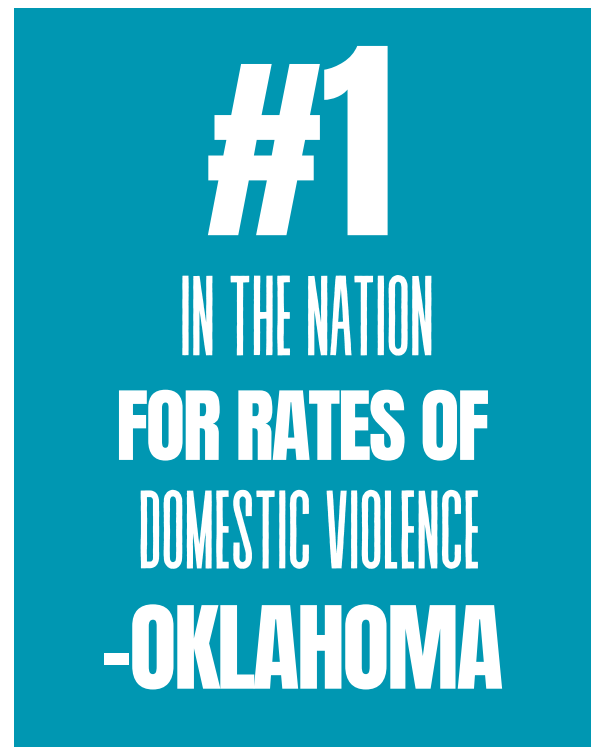
Communities where ALL relationships are free from violence and abuse.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

The statistics for Oklahoma are at a record high. According to World Health Population Review, Oklahoma is currently #1 in the nation for domestic violence. Oklahoma is #2 in the nation for the rate that women are murdered by men. This is the highest our state has ever been on this report. In 2021, there were a record number of domestic-related police reports filed across the state.

Rates of violence are at crisis level. We are more committed than ever to continue our no-cost services to the community.

If you or anyone you know needs help, you can call our 24/7 hotline at 1-800-400-0883.



THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

This year our goal has been simple- more clients and higher quality services. The increased need for our services has caused our agency to look for innovative ways to support and reach local survivors. Our desire to offer high-quality advocacy that meets the needs of the whole person led our staff to develop new classes, partnerships and client opportunities. You can read more about a few of this year's highlights below.

1 Court Expansion

Court accompaniment and services are a cornerstone of our services. This year we were able to add an additional full-time attorney providing pro-bono legal services to our clients, a Court Advocate, and expand the tribal and local court dockets we are attending. This was through an innovative partnership with Legal Aid. Our advocates are currently supporting community members at:

- Protective Order Dockets
- Miami Nation Court
- Cherokee Nation Court
- Mental Health Dockets
- Community Sentencing

3 Transportation

Transportation continues to be a barrier in rural areas. Thanks to an ESG COVID Grant, we were able to purchase our first agency-owned van. This allows us to be able to provide expanded transportation to our clients in need of going to court, attending appointments, looking for housing, getting back and forth from a job or signing up for local resources. Thanks to Grove Rotary and other federal grant sources, we were also able to purchase Pelivan tickets for clients at our Miami, Vinita, Grove and Jay offices.

2 Shelter Empowerment

This year we grew our empowerment classes and client opportunities. In addition to our traditional advocacy and services, we offered:

- Job and Interview Skills Classes
- Cooking Classes
- Financial Empowerment Classes
- Parenting Support Groups
- Sexual Assault Support Groups
- Trauma-Informed Yoga
- Coping and Self-Care Skills Classes
- Field Trips and Children's Activities
- Welcome Home Basket Project
- Basic Health and First Aid Class for Parents

4 Volunteer Program

Our volunteer program has had a year of growth! Volunteers gave over 9,600 hours to support our mission. We were able to host multiple "Volunteer Day Off" projects where businesses helped paint, put together furniture, organize and clean up our grounds at Shelter. Volunteers taught classes, answered phones, provided office administrative support, assisted with advocacy, supported our fundraising efforts and helped raise awareness and grow partnerships throughout our three-county service area.

BY THE NUMBERS:



Served 784 total clients



Responded to 1,594 24/7 crisis hotline calls and chats



Provided safe housing to 219 individuals and their children at our 24/7 Shelter

Volunteers gave 9,604 hours to support local survivors and services



Served 25,171 meals

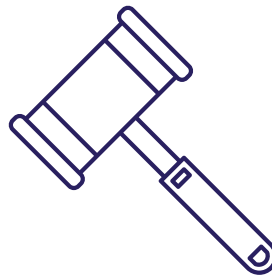
Assisted in filling out 113 Protective Orders



Held 67 support groups and empowerment classes at Shelter



Served 77 children through our Child Advocacy Program at our Shelter



Provided 212 clients with court-related services and support

Provided 149 counseling sessions



Attended 764 court dockets



Gave 38 community presentations



THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY!



BUILDING HOPE CAMPAIGN

For over 42 years, Community Crisis Center has been providing no-cost services to local survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. What started as a hotline and dedicated group of volunteers has grown into a three-county regional operation with five locations. Our Miami Office not only oversees all of our agency operations- including Craig, Delaware, and Ottawa Counties but also currently sees more walk-in clients than any other center. Last year our Ottawa County Non-Residential Advocate worked with 125 unduplicated clients. Our current space is almost 100 years old. We office out of a two story building with one upstairs restroom for all of our staff and clients. We do not have the necessary ADA accommodations in place for the client-base that we serve and we have outgrown our space. Getting by is no longer an option when we serve clients in crisis. We have continued to grow our locations, operations and staffing while maintaining the same space.

We have a community solution and we need your help! We are building a new Miami office that not only meets our current needs but also gives our agency room to grow into the future. Our new location will match the high-quality service and support our agency provides the community. We have been gifted land by the Ottawa County Child Advocacy Center and Ottawa County to build. The Ottawa County Commissioners have given us almost \$90,000 in ARPA Funds to pour the slab and build the frame so that we can begin our project. We have also been able to set back a reserve fund to help with finish out. We have a goal of \$296,000 to raise through community support to finish out our space.



WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Empower Now! Monthly Giving Program

The greatest need our agency has is more monthly supporters. Two years ago our Board created our Empower Now! Monthly Giving Program. This program is a recurring monthly donation that helps meet the local support needs for our organization. By being an Empower Now! supporter, you can help ensure that our hotline is answered day and night, each family that comes into our Shelter has access to a warm meal three times a day, and community members obtaining a Protective Order are greeted by an Advocate each day in court. Empower Now! supporters help keep our no-cost services available 24/7 to families in crisis.

- \$5 a month provides food, door alarms, clothing for sexual assault exams, and other needs for clients
- \$12 a month provides safe housing for one local victim for one week
- \$25 a month provides 20 hours of court advocacy for victims in need of court accompaniment or Protective Order Assistance
- \$50 a month provides 60 hours of 24/7 hotline services for local victims in crisis
- \$100 month provides operational support for our Miami, Jay, Grove or Vinita walk-in offices for one month

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"THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE AMAZING MEN AND WOMEN WHO PROVIDED FOR THE SERVICES THAT PROTECTED ME DURING MY LOWEST TIME. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT."

-CCC CLIENT