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Dear Colleague,

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is pleased to support the Comprehensive Plan for Sexual Violence Prevention in Oklahoma. Sexual violence is a preventable injury and is being addressed as a part of efforts to improve the health and well-being of the state. Sexual violence has been associated with a number of negative health conditions including chronic pain, anxiety and depression, sexually transmitted infections, and unwanted pregnancy. It has also been linked to negative health behaviors including smoking, alcohol abuse, and drug use. In 2008, one in ten adult Oklahoma women surveyed in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System reported they had been raped in their lifetime.

The plan sets forth goals for the next five years for the OSDH Rape Prevention Education program, partners, and stakeholders to work together to reduce sexual violence and increase the number of healthy relationships and non-violent interactions in the state. The plan is a shared vision for all citizens of Oklahoma in alignment with the OSDH mission: *To protect and promote the health of the citizens of Oklahoma, to prevent disease and injury, and to assure the conditions by which our citizens can be healthy.*

Thank you to all who contributed time, ideas and technical skills to creating this framework to stop sexual violence.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner



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Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (OCADVSA), I am happy to support the State Assessment and Comprehensive Plan for Sexual Violence Prevention. As the membership organization representing domestic and sexual violence service providers in the state, our scope and mission includes and encourages collaborative efforts to provide community based sexual violence prevention programs.

The goals identified in the plan represent the consensus of a diverse group of experts and stakeholders. The focus on evidence-based and evidence-informed practice while maintaining the flexibility to respect community and cultural norms sends a powerful message that sexual violence can be prevented. Continuing to focus on reducing first time perpetration of sexual violence, increasing the number of non-violent interactions and healthy relationships, and reducing the cultural influences supporting sexual violence will empower people to live lives free from violence.

OCADVSA is proud to have participated in the process of creating the State Assessment and Comprehensive Plan for Sexual Violence Prevention and hopes that the plan can serve as a guide to anyone seeking to oppose the use of violence and support equality in relationships.

Sincerely,

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Family Crisis Center

**Altus**

ACMI House

**Ardmore**

Family Shelter of S. Oklahoma

**Bartlesville**

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Family Violence Program

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Crisis Control Center

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YWCA of Enid

**Idabel**

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Family Violence Prevention Program

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Call Rape

**Woodward**

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

March 29, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Victims Services Unit (VSU) of the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General provides administrative oversight, funding and certification of domestic and sexual violence programs across the state. Among our other duties, the unit also provides training on issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, advocates and other allied professionals. In doing this work, the terrible toll that sexual violence takes on the citizens of Oklahoma is very apparent. Funding for services and training for crisis-workers is always important, but those activities also highlight the need for prevention of sexual assault.

The VSU has long been supportive of efforts to prevent sexual violence and I have served on the Oklahoma Task Force to Stop Sexual Violence as well as participated on the Oklahoma Rape and Sexual Assault Strategic Convening. The State Assessment and Comprehensive Plan for Sexual Violence Prevention in Oklahoma is the culmination of the work started in 2006 by advocates and allies of sexual violence prevention. This document sets achievable goals and outcomes to direct coordinated efforts towards preventing sexual violence before it happens. On behalf of the Attorney General and the unit, I am pleased to support the goals of the comprehensive plan as part of a collaborative effort to address intimate partner and sexual violence in Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Krug".

Susan Damron Krug, Assistant Attorney General  
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## FOREWORD

Nationally, it is estimated that 17% of women and 3% of men have been victims of sexual violence in their lifetime. More than half of women reporting completed or attempted rape were less than 18 years of age when the rape occurred. In Oklahoma, for the past decade, the rate of rape and attempted rape among females reported to law enforcement has been 35-45% higher than the U.S. rate. Underreporting and secrecy make it difficult to estimate the true prevalence of sexual violence. Oklahoma's domestic violence and sexual assault service providers have been raising awareness and providing urgently needed services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and their friends and families for decades. However, providing sexual assault services is only part of the work that is needed to get ahead of the problem. Prevention is also needed.

In 2006, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to begin considering the problem of sexual violence in Oklahoma and addressing solutions. The Oklahoma Rape and Sexual Violence Strategic Planning Convening began the strategic planning process, which was continued with the creation of the Oklahoma Sexual Violence Prevention Planning Committee (OSVPPC) in 2007. The OSVPPC is pleased to present this report, *State Assessment and Comprehensive Plan for Sexual Violence in Oklahoma*, which is the culmination of this work.

The initial strategic planning process identified potential activities for primary prevention of sexual violence across the *Spectrum of Prevention* with a focus on K-12 schools, colleges and universities, faith communities, and the media. It also identified infrastructure, data and evaluation needs, and steps to complete strategic planning. Building on the initial work, with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, additional planning and assessment activities were undertaken including a demographic profile; cultural and economic factors; indicators of health and social conditions; sexual violence prevalence, risk and protective factors; and resources and opportunities for primary prevention of sexual violence. A comprehensive plan was formed with the goals of reducing first-time perpetration of sexual violence, increasing the number of non-violent interactions and healthy relationships, and reducing cultural influences supporting sexual violence. Specific strategies, activities, and outcomes are included to move towards the OSVPPC vision: *Oklahoma, a safe place without gender myths and stereotypes*.

It is our hope that this report, at a minimum, will be a useful document, and ideally serve as a roadmap for the many dedicated people in Oklahoma who see the suffering caused by sexual violence and whose work contributes to end it.