

GRANT APPLICATION

Project Abstract

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is the grantee and administrator of the Kansas Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Sheriff's Office uses ICAC Continuation program proceeds to fund one Sheriff Detective and one Wichita Police Detective dedicated to ICAC investigative duties. The Sheriff's Office and the Wichita Police Department supplement ICAC staffing with a Police Sergeant dedicated to ICAC supervision, four Detectives for ICAC investigations, and four forensic Detectives who support ICAC investigators. The Kansas ICAC also works directly with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Exploited and Missing Child Unit. Together, these units investigate all exploitation, missing, human trafficking, physical and sexual abuse cases involving child victims.

Kansas ICAC and thirty-nine (39) task force affiliate agencies serve 511,574 residents of Sedgwick County and 2,913,021 residents of Kansas which is an approximate increase of 1.1% over the last census. ICAC affiliate agencies include city, county, and tribal law enforcement. Additionally, Kansas has 8,093 registered sex offenders with 15% of those residing in Sedgwick County. Kansas ICAC is partnered with state and federal prosecutors and enforcement agencies. The State of Kansas has seen an increase in the number of identified domestic minor sex trafficking cases. Specifically, Wichita-Sedgwick County EMCU identified 25 victims and 21 suspects involved in domestic minor sex trafficking in 2017. The majority of these cases involved technology facilitated prostitution. Additionally, we have seen not only the advertisement of these crimes on the internet but the perpetrators utilizing social media to recruit victims. Kansas ICAC will continue to build relationships and enlist new task force affiliates and partners to combat the issue of child exploitation.

The short term goal is to maintain the competencies and capabilities of the Kansas ICAC unit. The successive goal is to enhance communication and increase training provided to current and future affiliate agencies. Kansas ICAC strives to increase investigative and forensic capacity and increase the number of child predators identified and prosecuted. The progress of attaining the goals will be measured through accountability data reported periodically, per OJJDP requirements.