

PROJECT NAME:	BridgeSPAN
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TIMELINE:	2010 - 2011
CONTENT AREA:	Domestic Violence, Cultural Competency, System Reform
FUNDER:	Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
CLIENT:	Hope House on behalf of the Metropolitan Family Violence Coalition
AUDIENCE:	Hope House, Rosebrooks, Friends of Yate, Safe Home, Synergy Services, Metropolitan Family Violence Coalition, Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocates, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:	Quantitative Methods, Qualitative Methods
OVERVIEW:	<p>The BridgeSPAN (Safe Patient Advocacy Network) program has been actively functioning for the past six years in response to the documented need for domestic violence (DV) health care advocacy in Kansas City hospitals and clinics. Five DV shelters that serve the greater Kansas City area collaborate to provide on-call advocates in hospitals and clinics. The advocates support and train medical personnel in identifying victims of DV, provide on-site direct advocacy and referral services, and aid in policy/protocol maintenance and DV taskforce administration.</p> <p>RDI staff conducts the evaluation of the BridgeSPAN project through collecting data regarding On-site Direct Advocacy Support and Domestic Violence Training for Hospital/Clinic Personnel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities essential to initiating organizational capacity and improved services through the BridgeSPAN program (Safety First Initiative, Cultural Competency Training, and Lethality Assessment Protocol) ○ Assessment of Domestic Violence Hospital Advocacy protocol development and maintenance <p>Work with the individual BridgeSPAN Coordinators to determine an appropriate sample to conduct protocol development assessments;</p> <p>Submit 1, semi-annual written reports; and</p> <p>Submit a written final report comprising the outcome evaluation and recommendations for program enhancement for the BridgeSPAN agencies.</p>
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