

PROJECT NAME: Lafayette County Domestic Violence Court Evaluation
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TIMELINE: 2008- 2011

CONTENT AREA: Mental Health
Criminal Justice
Domestic Violence
Technical Assistance

FUNDER: Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City

CLIENT: Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City

AUDIENCE: Reports shared with the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City and the partners of the Lafayette County S.T.O.P. DV Court Program (15th Judicial Circuit, Court personnel, batterers treatment provider, domestic violence victim provider, probation and parole staff)

**RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY:** Qualitative
Quantitative
Technical Assistance

In June 2008, the 15th Circuit Court of Missouri established a domestic violence court to address the legal response to intimate partner violence and its related impact on the mental health of victims in Lafayette County. With funding from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the multi-disciplinary Sanction Treatment Opportunity Progress (S.T.O.P.) DV program, a criminal court model, would implement changes in: the identification, prosecution, and supervision of intimate partner-related offenders; judicial processing; service delivery to victims; and treatment intervention to batterers. The stated outcomes of the program include; improved knowledge of domestic violence by participants and community members; reduced recidivism; client satisfaction; and community satisfaction.

The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (HCF) contracted with the RDI to provide program evaluation and evaluation technical assistance to the Lafayette County STOP Domestic Violence Court. RDI activities include:

OVERVIEW:

- The development of record keeping forms and Excel database templates
- Supporting program administrators and service providers in the collection and management of outcome data systems and tools
- Training in both individual and group settings through manuals and other instructional materials that promote hands-on practice.
- Technical assistance through evaluation consultation with organizations, on-going telephone support or site visits.
- Facilitating partner discussions to prioritize issues that served as the focus of the program evaluation
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- Generating a reports - products used to share information and insights gained through the program evaluation back with funder and other agencies/organizations

Such information will be used to foster ongoing system dialogue about issues impacting domestic violence victims and offenders in the county and inform program planning to address these concerns.

Lafayette County Entreats Holistic Approach to Combating Domestic Violence

LINKS: <http://www.hccnetwork.org/documents/DomesticViolence.pdf>