



Presentation to Joint Corrections and  
Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

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## KDOC | Mission

The Department of Corrections, as part of the criminal justice system, contributes to the public safety and **supports victims of crime** by exercising safe and effective containment and supervision of inmates, by managing offenders in the community and by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to become law-abiding citizens.

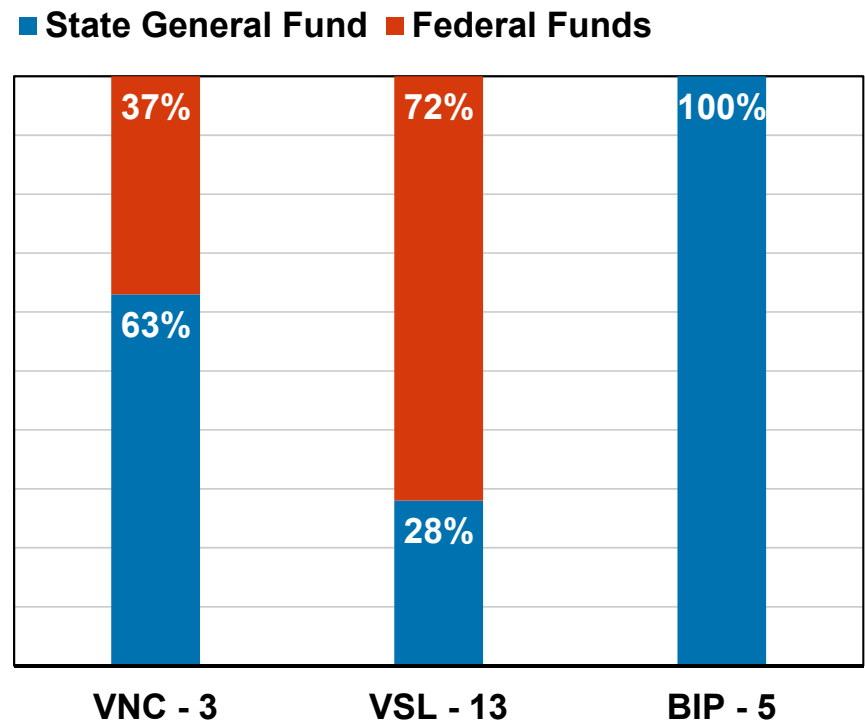
# VICTIM SERVICES | Overview

“Giving Kansas crime victims a voice in corrections by providing information, services and support with compassion and respect.”

- Office of Victim Services staff
  - 2 Victim Notification Coordinators
  - 5 Facility Victim Services Liaisons
  - 6 Parole Victim Services Liaisons
  - **5 Batterer Intervention Program staff**
  - **2 Batterer Intervention Program Victim Liaisons**
  - 1 Restorative Justice Program Coordinator
  - **1 Domestic Violence Program Coordinator**
  - 1 Director of Victim Services

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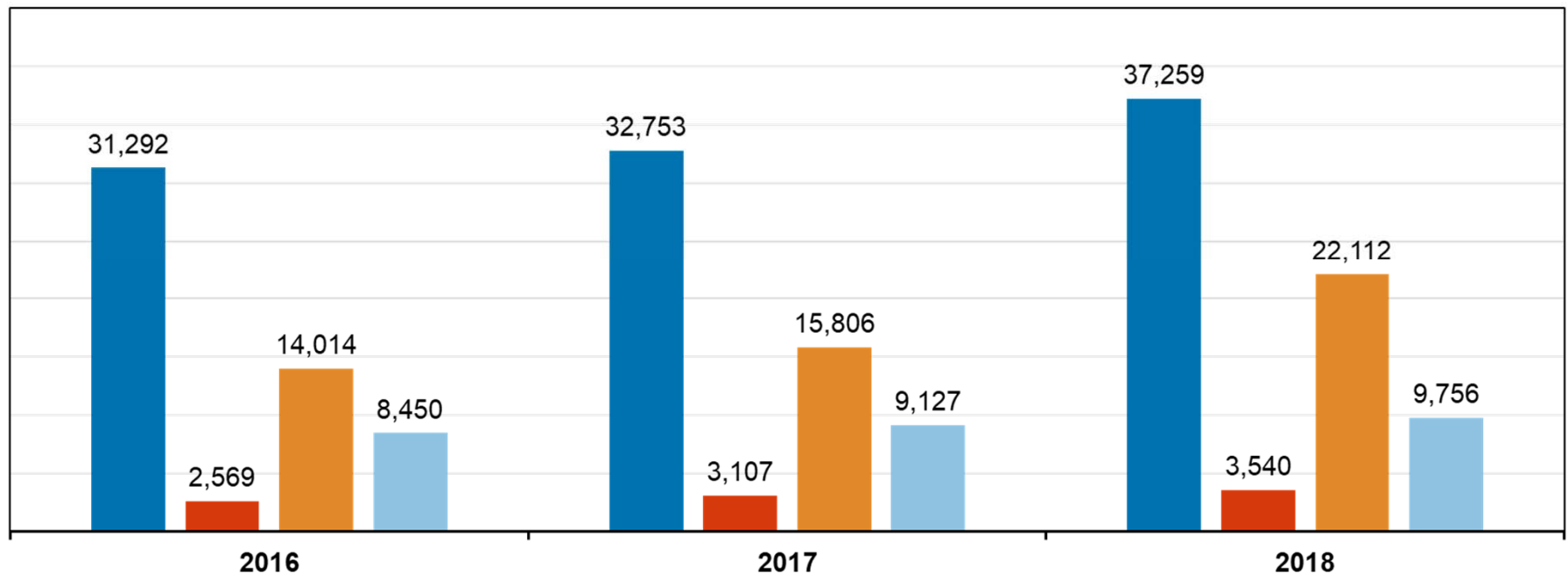
- Annual budget: \$1,512,373
- 57% SGF, 43% Federal funds
- BIP makes up 36% of SGF budget



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## FY 2018 Statistics

■ Total victims registered ■ New registrations ■ Notification letters ■ Victims served



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## Statewide Notification Services

- Inmate releases\*
- Absconder status\*
- Expiration of sentence\*
- Death\*
- Escape\*
- Interstate Compact\*
- Clemency application\*
- Public Comment Session\*\*
- Assignment to work release\*\*
- Minimum custody/Community service work assignment
- Registration
- Early discharge
- Return to custody
- Sexually Violent Predator process
- Media contact

\* Statutory requirement

\*\* Internal policy requirement

# **VICTIM SERVICES | Domestic Violence**

## Prevalence

- Domestic violence related parole revocations
- 90% of OVS liaison time is spent responding to victims of domestic violence.
- KSA 22-4616 – DV designation
- As of 10/15/18, 431 male offenders have a DV tag
  - Of the 14,011 under supervision of the SOC = 3%
- Identification and tracking of domestic violence offenders

# VICTIM SERVICES | Domestic Violence

## Screening Tool

- Have the police ever been called **for something that happened between you and a sexual partner, an ex-partner or someone you were living with, married to or dating?**
- Have you ever been arrested for, charged with or convicted?
- Are you currently serving time or ever served time?
- Do you currently have or have you ever had a protection order, restraining order or cease correspondence filed against you?
- Have you ever attended or participated in programs?
- Have you ever been sanctioned on parole/probation or been revoked?

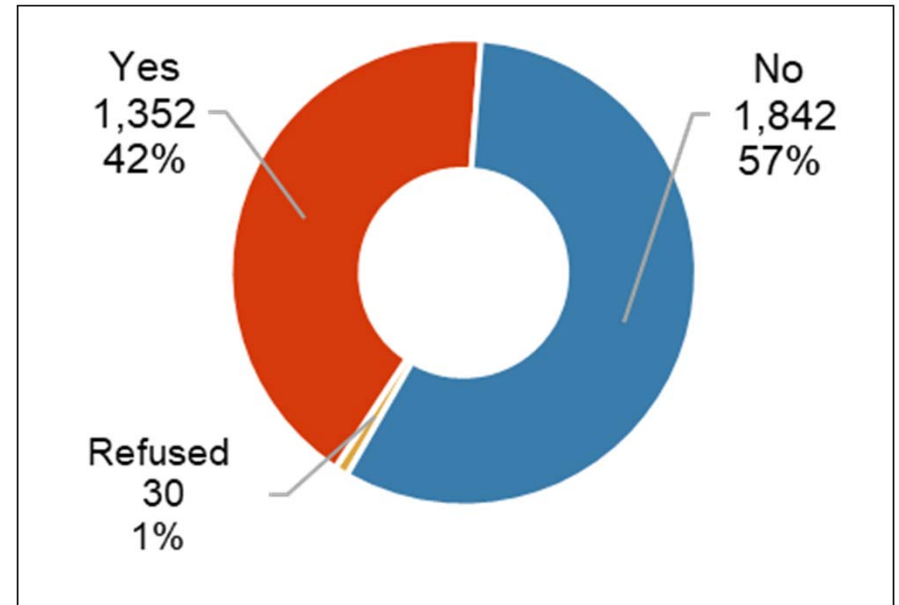


**First full year of data based on 3,224 offenders screened:**

- **42% self-disclosed history of DV**
- 57% self-disclosed no history of DV
- 1% refused to complete the screening
- 2% were incomplete
- 4% received an override
- 4% DV Designation

## VICTIM SERVICES | DV Screening Tool Data

### Self-Disclosed DV History



# VICTIM SERVICES | Domestic Violence

## Screening Tool Comments

"...had a PFA from a messy divorce & agg battery - she was scared of me. I violated it because I wanted to see my kids at Christmas."

"...got an agg battery and went to DV counseling because community corrections ordered it..."

"...I broke her jaw in a fight while drinking..."

"... had a fight and killed her..."

"...put a loaded gun to her head and told her she had 30 seconds to get out before I blew her head off..."

# **VICTIM SERVICES | Domestic Violence**

## Batterer Intervention Programming (BIP)

- Training for KDOC staff regarding domestic violence
- Barriers for recently released offenders
  - Determinate sentences
  - Cost of programming – especially assessment
  - Criminogenic risk
  - Geography
  - Recidivism
- Collaboration
  - Supervision
  - BIP staff
  - Victim services

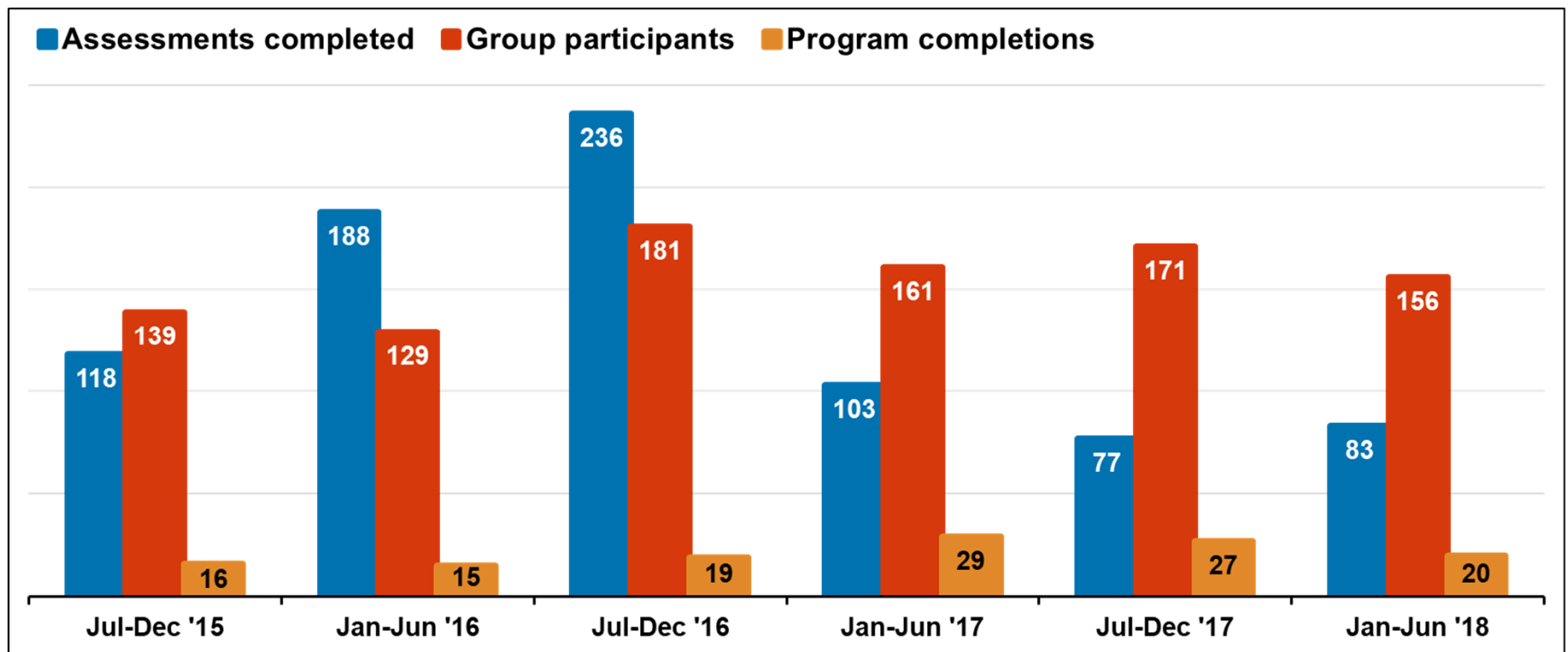
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## KDOC Batterer Intervention Programming (BIP)

- Began in 2012, expanded in 2014
- Addition of BIP Victim Services Liaisons in 2015 and 2017
- Current KDOC BIP sites:
  - Lansing Correctional Facility – 1 group
  - Olathe Parole Office – 1 group
  - Kansas City Parole Office – 2 groups
  - Wichita Parole Office – 4 groups
  - Hutchinson Parole Office – 2 groups (including Reno County Community Corrections)

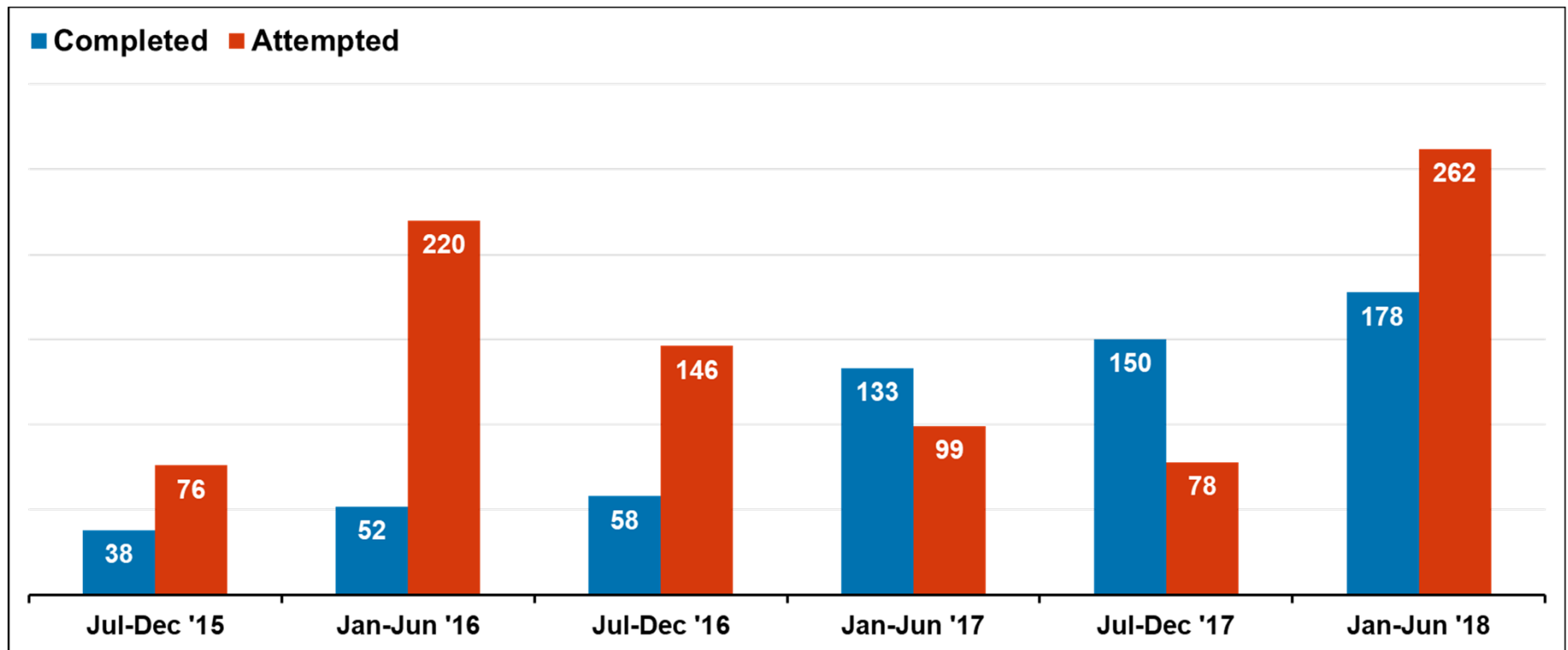
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## KDOC Batterer Intervention Programming (BIP)



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## KDOC BIP Victims Served



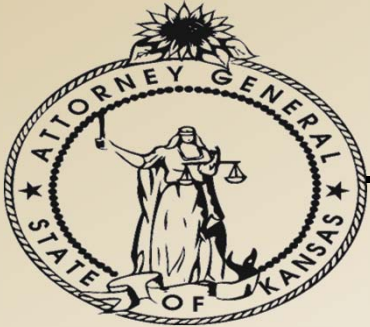


# Does Batterer Intervention Work?

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- Yes!
- They are most effective with important elements in place: coordinated criminal justice response, well-trained facilitators, and in a model which focuses on changing beliefs, attitudes, and behavior through empathy building and education.





**Nationally, research repeatedly indicates that recidivism rates are reduced for those who complete a batterer intervention program (BIP).**





- **Multi-state study:** Abusers who completed their program reduced their risk of reassault in a range of 46-66%.
- (Gondolf, E. *Batterer Intervention Systems*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2002.)



- **Florida study:** The odds that completers would be rearrested were half those of a control group that were not assigned to a program.
- (Feder, L., and L. Dugan. "Testing a Court-Mandated Treatment Program for Domestic Violence Offenders: The Broward Experiment." Final report for National Institute of Justice, 2004.)



- **Topeka study:** A review by court services found that 81% of those who completed the Family Peace Initiative Program in a five year time frame were not charged with another crime and did not have another protection order placed against them in that county.

(Shawnee Co. Court Services and The Family Peace Initiative, 2014).

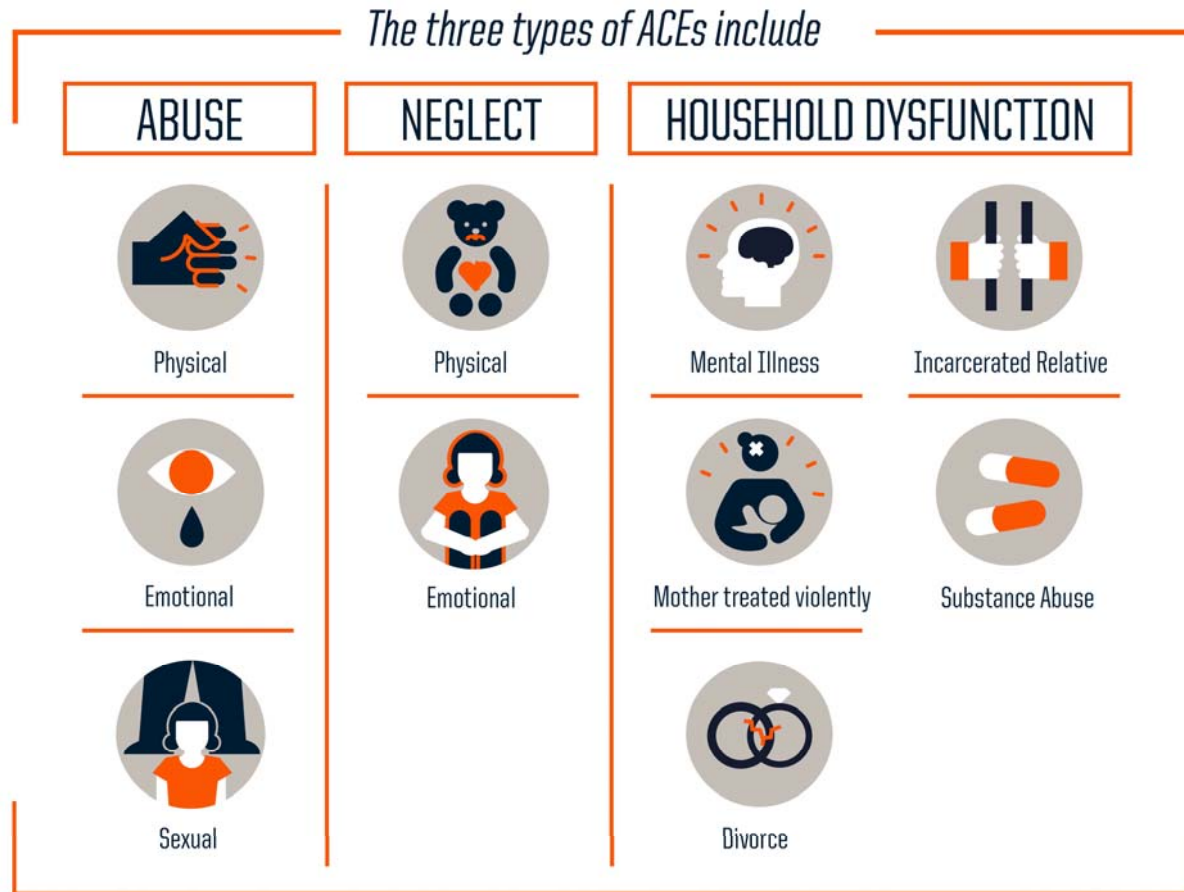
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## KDOC BIP Outcomes 2016-2017

In a review of those offenders who completed the KDOC Batterer Intervention Program, as of 9/1/18:

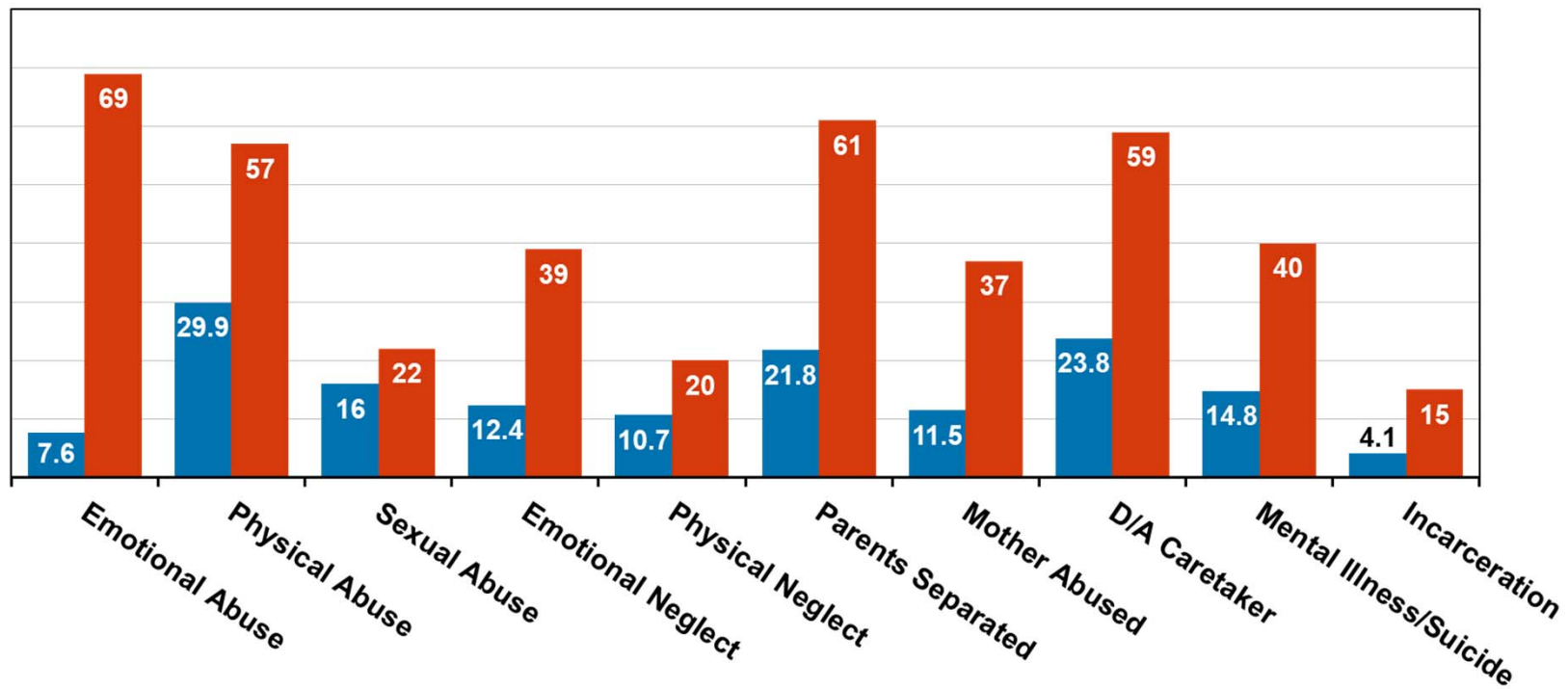
- 76% have not been charged with another person crime since their date of completion.
- 93% have not had another protection from abuse/stalking order filed against them.
- 81% have not been charged with a new domestic violence offense.

# VICTIM SERVICES | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

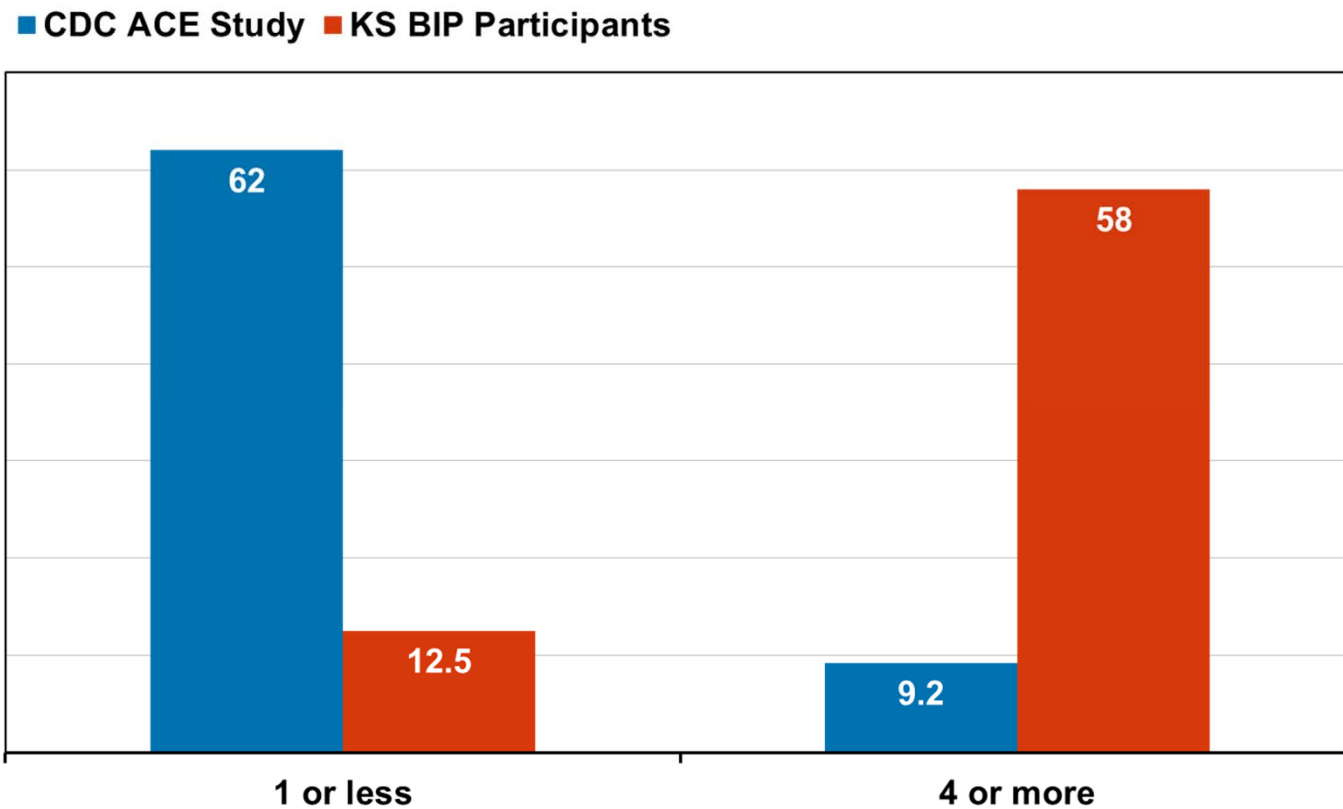


# VICTIM SERVICES | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Male Participants

■ CDC ACE Study ■ KS BIP Participants



# VICTIM SERVICES | Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Male Participants



“The Crime Victims Compensation Board was established by the Kansas Legislature in 1978... to provide monetary compensation for out-of-pocket medical expenses, loss of earnings or support, burial expenses, and other costs associated with the treatment of injuries sustained as a result of being a victim of a violent crime.”

## VICTIM SERVICES | Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) \*not a division of KDOC

### Application Summary

Fiscal Years 2014 - 2017				
	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014
*New Applications Received	1,390	1,243	1,113	1,282
Total Number of Applications Approved	744	794	636	696
Total Number of Applications Denied/Closed	546	468	411	380
Total Amount Awarded	\$3,197,062	\$3,881,203	\$3,043,630	\$2,914,510

\*Applications neither approved nor denied are still in the processing phase

[https://ag.ks.gov/docs/default-source/reports/cvcb/2017-crime-victims-compensation-board-annual-report.pdf?sfvrsn=8e53d61a\\_6](https://ag.ks.gov/docs/default-source/reports/cvcb/2017-crime-victims-compensation-board-annual-report.pdf?sfvrsn=8e53d61a_6)



# VICTIM SERVICES | CVC Barriers

Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (DVFRB) \*not a division of KDOC

- Created by Executive Order 04-11 on Oct 11, 2004
- Fourteen members appointed by the Governor representing law enforcement, victim services, corrections, health/mental health, child welfare, education, and faith communities.

## DVFRB 2018 Recommendations:

- The DVFRB recommends the CVCB complete a needs assessment by January 2020 to identify gaps in knowledge of access and Crime Victim Compensation funds by survivors of childhood intimate partner homicide.
- The DVFRB recommends Department for Children and Families workers and child welfare contractors in Kansas receive a minimum of six hours of mandatory annual training regarding domestic violence and CVC eligibility in partnership with community and state domestic violence organizations.

## **VICTIM SERVICES** | CVC Barriers

- Many victims working with KDOC OVS have missed the 2-year filing deadline
- KDOC OVS recently received grant funding for a new position to address this issue, ensuring victims are notified of CVC at registration and assisted with applications

# **VICTIM SERVICES |** Wrap Up

## Core Takeaways

1. Liaison services are crucial to helping victims navigate the criminal justice system and increasing awareness of available resources
2. Domestic violence offenders hurt people and create generational patterns of trauma
3. There is a lack of access to batterer intervention programming across the state and many barriers for domestic violence offenders to meaningfully engage in programming



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