Kentucky's Anti-Rape Movement 1995-Present

1996
Definition of "Forcible Compulsion" is clarified, establishing that "force" includes both physical force and threats of force.

1996
VINE Victim Notification system begins in Kentucky- the first state to implement this service to victims of crime.

1998
Kentucky Legislature extends the statute of limitations for civil sexual abuse cases.

2000
Legislation is enacted to create Rape Crisis Centers in statute.

2000
Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is established.

2002
The DNA database for sex offenders is established.

2005
Kentucky Legislature enacts a new statute addressing online solicitation of minors for sexual activity.

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1996
Legislation is enacted to make Victim Advocates available in offices of all Commonwealth Attorneys.

1996
Legislation enacted to make Kentucky the first state in the nation to establish a statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) credentialing.

1998
The Crime Victim Bill of Rights is expanded, increasing rights of victims to notification and expanding types of criminal offenses addressed.

2000
Additional barriers to prosecution of "marital rape" are removed. Penalties for drug-facilitated rape are increased and civil and criminal remedies for stalking are created. Access to rape exams and victim compensation expanded.

2002
Voyeurism and video voyeurism laws are established. Foster parent sex offenses and drug-facilitated rape are further defined.

2003
Kentucky Legislature establishes mandatory background checks for foster and adoptive parents, as well as those providing relative care.

2006
Kentucky Legislature strengthens sex offender residence restrictions and the sex offender registry. It also increases penalties for juvenile offenders and expands access to information about juvenile offenders .