Kentucky's Anti-Rape Movement 1986-1995

1986

Kentucky Legislature enacts the Crime Victim Bill of Rights.

1986

Rape Crisis Centers are established in Ashland, Paducah, Hazard, Corbin, Prestonsburg, and Hopkinsville.

1990

The Kentucky Rape Crisis Centers, Inc was established. Later, it was renamed the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs.

1993

Rape crisis center is established in Somerset.

1994

Kentucky Multidisciplinary Commission on Child Sexual Abuse established.

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The Counselor-Client Privilege law is passed, ensuring victim-counselor confidentiality.

1986

Kentucky's Legislature provides a line- item appropriation in the state budget for "Program Development" of Rape Crisis Centers. Kentucky is on the forefront of funding services for victims.

1988

The "Earnest Resistance" requirement is removed from the law, eliminating the need to prove that the victim "fought back" in order to demonstrate lack of consent.

1990

The marital exemption to rape is repealed.

Marital rape can be prosecuted under Kentucky law for the first time.

1992

The rape law is amended to include penetration by foreign objects.

1994

Sex Offender Registration is established by law in Kentucky.

1994

Kentucky appropriates funds for the treatment of victims of child sexual abuse across Kentucky.