

INTRODUCTION

Sexual Violence Law in Kentucky: A Handbook of Criminal, Civil, and Administrative Laws, Fourth Edition is designed as a reference tool for advocates and attorneys who work with individuals who were sexually harassed, abused, or assaulted. By assembling a comprehensive review of relevant laws, we hope to provide greater access to valuable information regarding legal remedies available to victims. To that end, the material is organized topically into seven (7) parts.

PART I.	VICTIMS' RIGHTS & PROTECTIONS IN LEGAL SETTINGS
PART II.	VICTIMS' SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS
PART III.	COMMITTEES, MEETINGS, AND RECORDS
PART IV.	MANDATORY REPORTING, INFORMATION, & SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS
PART V.	CRIMINAL LAW
PART VI.	CIVIL LAW
PART VII.	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND CHARTS

Due to the enormity of the topic, this handbook focuses on Kentucky law, including Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS), Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR), and Kentucky Rules of Evidence (KRE). Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a comprehensive review of relevant cases and federal law in these pages. Part VII - Supplemental Information provides helpful handouts. For information about federal law, contact KASAP.

- Laws are updated annually so please access the Legislative Research Commission, online at www.lrc.ky.gov/Law.htm for the most up-to-date information. You may also contact KASAP for updates.

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What Is The Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs?

We are the coalition of Kentucky's 13 regional programs that provide support, education, and counseling to individuals (and their families) who have been sexually harassed, abused, or assaulted. We are known as "KASAP" for short.

As a coalition, we do not provide direct services for clients but rather, we provide assistance to our regional programs and partners, advocate for improvements in public policy, foster coalition building in Kentucky, and promote prevention and public awareness.

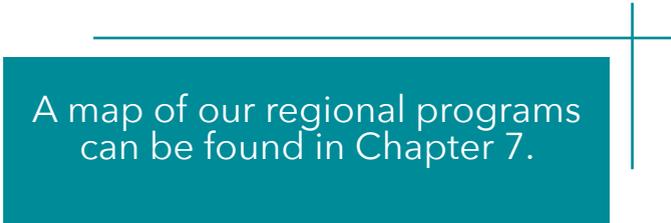
Mission

To speak with a unified voice against sexual victimization.

Values

We are committed to serving all survivors and working toward the prevention of sexual violence. KASAP and its regional programs do not discriminate against anyone on the basis of disability, sexual orientation, gender, sex, religion, race, color, national origin, immigration status, incarceration, age, socioeconomic status, level of education, language proficiency, veteran status, political affiliations, beliefs, or type of sexual victimization. Whether the violence occurred recently, years ago, or is still happening, we are here to help. All are welcome.

We acknowledge that sexual harm does not happen in a vacuum; it impacts different groups in different ways. We also recognize that each individual survivor and community member come to our programs with diverse backgrounds and multi-layered identities that affect their access to medical and sexual assault services, experience with the legal system, needs, and feelings of safety. We are committed to meeting people where they are and working to ensure that our services are inclusive and responsive to the real needs of survivors.



A map of our regional programs
can be found in Chapter 7.

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