

Supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, teen dating violence, elder abuse and human trafficking

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month



We Can Build Safe Online Spaces

### Sexual Violence

is an umbrella term that includes any type of unwanted sexual contact either in person or online — including sexual assault, harassment, and abuse

#### Online Sexual Abuse

can be any type of sexual harassment, exploitation, or abuse that takes place through screens.

#### Forms of Online Sexual Harassment or Abuse:

- Sending someone hateful or unwelcome comments based on sex.
- Sending unwanted requests to partners or strangers to send nude photos or videos or livestream sexual acts.
- Performing sexual acts on webcam without the consent of everyone involved or in inappropriate settings (like during an online work meeting).
- Sharing private images or videos without the consent of everyone involved, also known as revenge porn, which is illegal.
- Sharing porn in spaces where everyone has not consented to view it (like in Zoom meetings or other inappropriate places, also called Zoom bombing).
- Grooming children to enable their sexual abuse either online or offline.

The internet has become the new public square where we connect with romantic partners, friends and family, co-workers, and strangers alike. From dating apps, virtual meetings, chats, video calls, and interactions on social media, most communication now takes place through screens.

As technology has evolved to become a part of our everyday lives, our awareness of ways it can be used to bully, threaten, and commit abuse has grown as well. Just over the past few decades, terms such as "sextortion," "revenge porn," and "doxxing" have been added to the public lexicon. These examples represent just a fraction of the ways that consent and boundaries can be violated online. Even though the abuse occurs behind a screen, the impact on the victim, their loved ones, and the community can be just as harmful as sexual violence committed in-person.

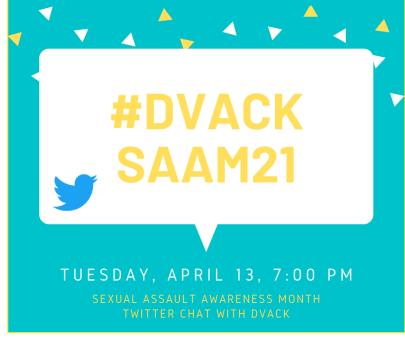
This April, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month, learn how you can practice consent online, keep the kids in your life safe from abuse, facilitate and participate in respectful online communities. In addition, explore the impact that trauma from online abuse can have and the options available for survivors looking for support. As new platforms emerge and technology expands, by leading with these foundational principles we can build safe online spaces now and into the future.

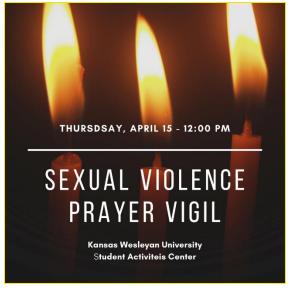
To learn more, visit the <u>National Sexual</u>
<u>Violence Resource Center's</u> We Can Build
Campaign page!

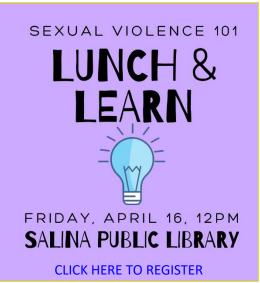


















Friday, April 30, 7 PM

Sexual Assault
Awareness Open Mic
Night @ Ad Astra
Books & Coffeehouse





#### Meet DVACK's Volunteer Coordinator, Karady Taylor!

As DVACK's Volunteer Coordinator since September 1, 2020, Karady recruits, trains, and manages DVACK volunteers. Karady has a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management and is currently working on her master's in Business Administration. In addition to recruiting volunteers, Karady oversees donations, organizes and maintains storage areas, and manages DVACK's Bargain Basket Thrift Store. Located adjacent to the DVACK business office on the corner of Ash and Oakdale in Salina, the Bargain Basket sells new and gently used clothing for the whole family, from newborn to adult, including a wide range of women's and men's clothing, professional attire, accessories, seasonal items and more. The Bargain Basket is open to the public and all proceeds directly benefit DVACK and those we serve. Additionally, vouchers are available for DVACK clientele to receive needed items free of charge. Volunteers at the Bargain Basket gain pertinent retail and customer service skills. Other volunteering opportunities at DVACK include answering DVACK's hotline, assisting with donations, providing childcare, internships, and much more. To apply, stop by DVACK and pick up an application or download the application from our website and fax or email it to us. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in your community. Volunteers are vital to our organization. Each year, volunteers make a difference in our agency and the lives of the individuals we serve. Thank you to our volunteers!

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