Our Mission
We give voice to victims, their families and the community.

We create change in beliefs, attitudes and behaviors about violence.

We instill courage for people to speak out about sexual assault.

Our Vision
Our purpose is to alleviate, as much as possible, the trauma of sexual assault for victims and their families. As an agency, we ultimately want to eliminate sexual assault, and ensure the freedom for people to live without fear.

Our Values
KCSARC operates from the following beliefs:

- Services are focused to meet the victim’s needs;
- Services are provided in a confidential manner, free of charge;
- The agency maintains a balance of services to victims and prevention education to the community;
- Sexual assault is a problem that impacts everyone, having roots in large social issues of sexism, racism, and homophobia.

The prevention of sexual abuse and assault is as important to the health of an individual and our communities as are immunization and medical screenings.

- Michael Erikson, Group Health Cooperative, KCSARC Board President

Services (available in Spanish through the Dando Voz Program)
- 24-Hour toll-free resource and information line (1.888.99.VOICE) with trained counselors to provide crisis intervention and referrals
- Website with resources
- Legal advocacy for victims and their family
- Medical advocacy
- Individual and group therapy
- Parent education
- Prevention education with communities and schools
- Training for educators, counselors and other professionals
- Advocacy for communities dealing with returning sex offenders
- Youth cybersafety

I appreciate what KCSARC has done for us. For Latin people the family is very important. So now, KCSARC is part of our family and we are a part of the KCSARC family.

-KCSARC Client

Children of parents who participated in the Dando Voz parent education program for the prevention of sexual abuse.

For over 34 years, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) has made a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of people - children, women, men, parents, families - who had nowhere to turn when their lives were affected by sexual assault. KCSARC is leading the conversation about sexual assault for victims and the community. Until we can put an end to sexual abuse, KCSARC is there to help people through the legal process, listen to their stories, help them put their lives together, and educate the community.

Founded in 1976, KCSARC is the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit, sexual assault victim’s service organization in Washington State. A 23-member Board of Directors serves as the governing body for KCSARC, representing the business, legal, medical, government, and religious communities in King County.

24-Hour Sexual Assault Resource Line
888.99.VOICE (888.998.6423)

www.kcsarc.org
end the silence

KCSARC 2009 Service Outcomes

- 2,828 total primary clients served in 2009
- Legal Advocacy for over 1,255 children, teens and adults
- Therapy with 179 children, teens and adults
- Prevention Education and Training reached over 3,000 people through information and awareness, skill-building and social change programming

KCSARC 2009 Client Demographics

Residence
62% South King County
20% East/North King County
18% Seattle

Age of Victim
52% Children and Teens
48% Adult

Gender of Victim
80% Female
20% Male

Race & Ethnicity
12% African-American
8% Asian/Pacific Islander
59% Caucasian
14% Hispanic/Latino
5% Multi-Racial
2% Native American/Alaskan Native

Relationship of Victim to Offender
10% Stranger
55% Family Member
35% Acquaintance

They helped me know that what happened wasn’t my fault and helped me to not be afraid anymore. -KCSARC Client

KCSARC was there when I needed someone to talk to who understood what I was going through. I felt the advocate really cared about me, and she helped me realize that I could get support from the justice system. Thank you for making such a horrific situation bearable. -KCSARC Client

Sexual Assault Statistics

The median age for reported sexual abuse is 9 years old.

Under 39% of all rapes and sexual assaults are reported to the police.

Of female sexual assault victims, 73% knew their attacker.

1 in 5 children ages 10-17 years report receiving a sexual solicitation or approach on the Internet; only 25% told a parent.

Almost 1/3 of all rape survivors develop rape-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder sometime during their lives.

15% percent of rape victims are under 12 years old.
- Department of Justice

Recent research has found that rape survivors who had the assistance of an advocate were significantly more likely to have police reports taken and were less likely to be treated negatively by police officers. These women also reported that they experienced less distress after their contact with the legal system.

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