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Kearney Intervention Team (KIT)

The Kearney Intervention Team (KIT) is a one of a kind organization utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach to help reduce and/or attempt to prevent violence in the City of Kearney and Buffalo County. The team is comprised of members from various Law Enforcement, Academic, Service, and Advocacy organizations throughout the area to include the SAFE Center, Area Agency on Aging, Central Community College, CHI Good Samaritan Hospital, Health and Human Services, Two Rivers Public Health Department, University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), UNK Police, The Buffalo County Sheriff's Office and the Kearney Police Department.

KIT utilizes the threat assessment and threat management model to attempt to identify those with the propensity for violence. Using these techniques, various options are given to those who are threatened or are endangered, as well as those who would do them harm, in an attempt to prevent violence from happening. Interventions may include counseling referrals, housing options, access to basic necessities, and other needs as they are presented.

Citizens are encouraged to reach out to any of the listed agencies with any concerns about people in their lives that they feel present a danger either to themselves or others. While the circumstances of the incident of concern are discussed, the identity of the reporter and the subject of concern are kept confidential within the team. Our goal is the prevention of violence within our community through early intervention. KIT can also be contacted via our Facebook page or through the See it, Say it, Send it app. While we strive to assist those in need, if an emergency exists, please call 911.

We are sending this News Release as a service to the news media and citizens of Kearney.

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