



Quasi Pensions are the issue

Lotus is Kentucky's regional Children's Advocacy and Sexual Violence Resource Center for the Purchase Area. Our mission is to support survivors, strengthen families, and empower communities to end child abuse and sexual violence. Child abuse and sexual violence are the costliest of all crimes for victims as well as our society. This is why our specialized intervention services are so critical! This year, Lotus will foster safety, healing, and justice outcomes for over 1,500 victims and families. Our services are not only lessening the impact of trauma to ensure the health and well-being of survivors and families but are also making our Purchase Area communities safer for everyone.

SERVICES FOR VICTIMS ARE AT RISK

Unfortunately, our services, and, therefore, victims and communities are at risk. Lotus is currently paying \$443,196 of debt which is not ours. If the current legislation goes into effect on July 1st, we will be paying \$944,151 of debt for staffing of other agencies. The increased employer contribution rate of 85.03% will cost us an additional \$500,955 each year forcing us to cut staffing and programming.

WHAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE

WITHOUT A DISRUPTION IN CRITICAL SERVICES

The time is now for Kentucky legislators to fix the pension crisis by supporting **House Bill 8** - a real solution for our quasi agencies and the pension system. This emergency legislation will:

- amend current legislation to change the KERS unfunded liability payment that is payable by employers
- allow Lotus and every quasi agency to pay what is actually owed by the agency
- help to fix Kentucky's pension system by incentivizing employers to stay in

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