**Planning for a SART**

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| **PART ONE**  **Assessing Your Readiness for a Sexual Assault Response Team** |

Developed by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center

1. Define the geographic area that the team will cover (local, regional, state, etc.):
2. What is the total population of your jurisdiction?
3. How many hospitals serve your jurisdiction?
4. How many rape crisis/recovery agencies are in your jurisdiction?
5. How many law enforcement agencies are in your jurisdiction?
6. Describe the populations within your jurisdiction:

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| **Group** | **Percent** |
| Caucasian |  |
| African American |  |
| American Indian |  |
| Hispanic |  |
| Pacific Islander |  |
| Asian |  |
| Individuals With Disabilities |  |
| Lesbian |  |
| Gay |  |
| Transgendered |  |
| Rural Residents |  |
| Immigrants/Refugees |  |
| Other |  |

1. How many sexual assault cases were received in the past year?

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| **Agency** | **Number** |
| Law Enforcement |  |
| Prosecution |  |
| Victim Advocacy |  |
| Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Projects |  |
| Crime Lab |  |

1. Who perpetrated the sexual assaults that occurred in the past year?

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| **Perpetrator** | **Number** |
| Stranger |  |
| Non-stranger |  |
| Spousal |  |
| Intimate Partner |  |
| Juvenile |  |
| Teacher |  |
| Medical Personnel |  |
| Law Enforcement Officer |  |
| Clergy |  |
| Caretaker |  |
| Other |  |

1. What types of sexual assault occurred in the past year?

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| **Type of Sexual Assault** | **Number** |
| Attempted Rape |  |
| Rape |  |
| Sexual Battery |  |
| Indecent Contact |  |
| Forced Oral or Anal Contact |  |
| Other |  |

1. What have victims identified as needs or unmet needs?
2. What is the benefit of forming a SART?
3. What is the community’s perception of sexual violence?
4. What additional information do you have about sexual assault cases and trends in your jurisdiction?

1. What agencies collect data on sexual assault?

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| **Agency** | **Type of Data** | |
| Domestic Violence Shelters |  | |
| Substance Abuse Treatment Centers |  | |
| Mental Health Centers |  |
| Correctional Facilities |  |
| Sex Offender Treatment |  |
| Higher Education |  |
| Public Health |  |
| Social Services |  |
| Prosecutor |  |
| Law Enforcement |  |
| Courts |  |
| Community Advocate Groups |  |
| High Schools |  |
| Other |  |

1. How will SART meet the needs of participating agencies and organizations?
2. Are there specific guidelines, procedures, or protocols in place for responding to sexual assault?

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| **Protocol** | **Yes or No** | |
| Law Enforcement Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Reporting Protocols or Statutes | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Forensic Exam Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Prosecution Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| SART Activation Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Dispatch Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Emergency Medical Services Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Victim Advocacy Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Crime Lab Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Campus Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Military Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Tribal Nation Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |
| Territory Protocols | ⁪ ⁪ |

1. Which law enforcement agencies operate in this jurisdiction?

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| **Agency** | **Contact Name** |
| State Police |  |
| Sheriff |  |
| Police |  |
| College/University Police |  |
| School Police |  |
| Military Police |  |
| Tribal Police |  |
| Federal Bureau of Investigation |  |
| Other |  |

1. Which agencies are primary responders to sexual assault?

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| **Agency** | **Contact Name** |
| Victim Advocacy |  |
| Emergency Medical Services (EMS) |  |
| Law Enforcement (police, sheriff, state patrol) |  |
| Crime Lab |  |
| Prosecution |  |
| Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner |  |
| Public Health |  |
| Mental Health |  |
| Other |  |

1. What other agencies/individuals need to be considered for SART?

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| **Agency/Individual** | **Contact Name** |
| Civil Legal Attorneys |  |
| Domestic Violence Program Experts |  |
| Education Representatives |  |
| Juvenile Justice Program Staff |  |
| Hospital Staff |  |
| Disabilities Specialist |  |
| Substance Abuse Providers |  |
| Research Community |  |
| Hospital/Facility Administration |  |
| Health Care |  |
| Courts |  |
| Probation/Parole/Correctional |  |
| Crime Victim Compensation Agencies |  |
| Governmental Agencies |  |
| Educational Institutions |  |
| Public Institutions (including libraries, Chamber of Commerce, etc.) |  |
| Media |  |
| Victims/Survivors |  |
| Elected Officials |  |
| Faith Based |  |
| Culturally Specific Organizations |  |
| Other |  |

1. What procedures do victim advocates follow when responding to sexual assault?
2. What procedures does law enforcement follow when responding to sexual assault? Consider protocols and state statutes.
3. What procedures do forensic examiners follow when responding to sexual assault?
4. What procedures do prosecutors follow when responding to sexual assault?
5. How are agencies coordinated after a disclosure of sexual assault?
6. How can a SART connect to the diversity within the community?
7. What interagency collaborations currently exist in your community? How does SART fit into those efforts (e.g., domestic violence task forces, child abuse response teams)?
8. On a scale of 1–10 (poor–excellent), how would you describe multidisciplinary, interagency cooperation in your community?
9. Do law enforcement and health care officials have procedures for working with victim advocacy agencies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, briefly describe the processes:
10. What challenges or barriers may exist in forming a SART?

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| **Challenges** | **Describe** |
| Victim Advocacy |  |
| Law Enforcement |  |
| Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners |  |
| Prosecution |  |
| Public Health |  |
| Mental Health |  |
| Crime Lab |  |
| Obtaining Core Team Membership |  |
| Confidentiality Issues |  |
| Developing Sexual Assault Response Team Protocols |  |
| Political Climate |  |
| Community History of Collaboration |  |
| Signing an Interagency Agreement |  |
| Other |  |

**Notes**