

# **SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) RESOURCES**

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# DIRECTORIES

## **Crime Victim Compensation Directory, National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/help/progdir.htm>

Provides detailed descriptions of each state's requirements, benefits, and procedures.

## **Directory of International Crime Victim Compensation Programs**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/intdir2005/welcome.html>

Find countries that have compensation programs and what types of compensation they offer (medical treatment, mental health counseling, lost wages, and funeral and burial expenses).

## **Official Directory of State Patrol and State Police**

<http://www.statetroopersdirectory.com/>

## **OVC Directory of Crime Victim Services**

<http://ovc.ncjrs.org/findvictimservices>

An Online Directory of Crime Victim Services, designed to help service providers and individuals locate non-emergency crime victim services in the United States and abroad. Service Providers can search by location, type of victimization, service needed or agency type.

## **National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) Resource Directory.**

[www.ncall.us](http://www.ncall.us)

This directory provides contact information for direct service programs that have designed and developed specialized services for survivors of abuse in later life including, therapeutic and peer counseling; emergency and transitional housing; support groups; and legal, system and individual advocacy. The directory also includes statewide and national resources that address the issue of abuse in later life, domestic and sexual abuse, and elder abuse.

## **Rural Health Information Network Directory 2003, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

<http://www.raconline.org/pdf/RHINdirectory.pdf>

This Directory was designed to facilitate information sharing and networking among individuals and organizations with interests in rural health care in America. The directory lists 600 organizations, businesses and offices, largely in the Nation's capital area, with members who are interested in rural health issues. These include associations, foundations, and Federal offices.

## **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Grants.Gov**

[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email\\_subscription.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp)

Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and access to approximately \$400 billion in annual awards. Subscribe to receive email notification of new grant postings.

### **It Happened To Alexa Foundation**

<http://www.ithappenedtoalexa.org>

This foundation was established to assist family members or close friends in attending court trials with sexual assault victims when the victim testifies in a criminal trial. The trial must be in the United States and be over 60 miles from the residence of the support person to be eligible.

### **Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance**

[www.ovcttac.gov](http://www.ovcttac.gov)

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) offers various programs for eligible agencies and organizations, including the OVC State Conference Support Program, the State Crime Victim/Survivor Scholarship Program, Professional Development Scholarships, and a training calendar for victim service providers.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **ASISTA**

[www.asistahelp.org](http://www.asistahelp.org)

ASISTA's purpose is to centralize assistance for advocates and attorneys facing complex legal problems in advocating for immigrant survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. ASISTA consultants provide technical assistance within one week through online requests.

### **National Center for Rural Law Enforcement**

<http://www.cji.edu/ncrle.html>

The National Center for Rural Law Enforcement (NCRLE), a division of the Criminal Justice Institute, University of Arkansas System, is a university-based organization committed to helping rural law enforcement agencies meet the challenges in their communities. The Center develops curriculum and provides educational and training opportunities to meet the needs of rural law enforcement agencies across the country.

### **National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)**

<http://www.nsvrc.org>

Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Violence Prevention and coordinated by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, the NSVRC provides a variety of services including program information, research, and a directory of the state sexual assault coalitions. Customized technical assistance is provided, as well as access to an extensive online library.

## **National Stalking Resource Center**

<http://www.ncvc.org/src>

The Stalking Resource Center staff is available to participate in training events as well as provide technical assistance for practitioners on the local, state and national levels. The Stalking Resource Center serves an information clearinghouse on stalking and maintains a comprehensive informational website.

## **Praxis International**

<http://www.praxisinternational.org/>

Praxis is a non-profit research and training organization. The federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funds nearly 300 organizations working to stop violence against women in rural areas. The OVW funds Praxis to help grantees of OVW's Rural grants and Supervised Visitation grants reach their goals by providing resources and training opportunities.

## **PREVENT**

<http://www.prevent.unc.edu>

PREVENT provides short-term and ongoing technical assistance from experienced advisors to help individuals and teams improve both their on-the-job skills and their organizations' capacities to prevent violence.

## **Rural Assistance Center (RAC)**

<http://www.raconline.org/>

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) was established in December 2002 as a rural health and human services "information portal." RAC helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

## **SAFE Technical Assistance**

<http://www.safeta.org/>

The SAFE TA project is funded through a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women. It is designed to provide technical guidance in utilizing the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults and Adolescents of 2004.

Project objectives include:

- To disseminate the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults and Adolescents of September 2004, the National Training Standards for SAFE (2006), and the Virtual Training tool: Sexual Assault: Clinical and Forensic Management (2008). This interactive training dvd is available for \$25.
- To maintain a National Toll Free Help line for technical assistance.
- To provide on-line technical assistance through the web site for the SAFE Protocol.
- To provide regional trainings on Creating a Community Protocol for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations.

Technical assistance is available for sexual assault service providers M-F 9:00-5:00 EST at 877-819-SART.

### **Training Self Assessment Tool**

[www.ovcttac.gov/assessment](http://www.ovcttac.gov/assessment)

The Office for Victims of Crime developed this free, online tool to assist organizations in assessing their training and technical assistance needs. Upon the completion of the self-assessment users receive a printable summary of their responses and a list of available resources.

### **Women's Law Project**

<http://www.WomensLaw.org>

This website provides state-specific information (as well as information for Washington DC and the US territories) on laws, resources and safety planning for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. The website includes an Email Legal Hotline that can be accessed anonymously, with responses given within three days. Although they cannot give legal advice, they can give useful information and suggest local resources.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **LISTSERVS/DISCUSSION GROUPS/ELECTRONIC MAILINGS**

#### **Security on Campus**

<http://www.securityoncampus.org>

This website provides information about college and university campus crime safety and security issues. An electronic newsletter is available.

### **ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS/TRAININGS**

#### **Crime and Policing in Rural and Small-Town America: An Overview of the Issues** NIJ Research Report, September 1995

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/txtfiles/crimepol.txt>

This report examines what is known about crime and policing in rural areas and small towns and how they are shaped by the rural environment.

#### **Crime Scene and DNA Basics: Online Training Course**

[www.dna.gov/training](http://www.dna.gov/training)

Provided through the government's DNA Initiative, this free online course provides information in two lessons, including: Evidence at the Crime Scene (the importance of documenting, protecting, and preserving the scene; what types of evidence can be found there methods for collecting and preserving the evidence).

### **Investigating Sexual Assaults: Model Policy**

International Association of Chiefs of Police

<http://www.theiacp.org>

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers and investigators with guidelines for responding to reports of sexual assault, assisting victims, collaborating with local health and service agencies, and conducting interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects. A copy of the policy can be ordered under the *Publications and Guides*, Model Policy sections of the website for \$9.25.

### **Investigating Sexual Assaults: Concepts and Issues Paper**

International Association of Chiefs of Police

<http://www.theiacp.org>

This policy addresses field investigative procedures and best practices for working with victims of criminal sexual violence. A copy of the policy can be ordered under the *Publications and Guides*, Model Policy sections of the website for \$9.25.

### **National Center on Rural Justice and Crime Prevention**

[http://virtual.clemson.edu/groups/ncrj/rural\\_crime\\_facts.htm](http://virtual.clemson.edu/groups/ncrj/rural_crime_facts.htm)

Provides information on rural crime facts.

### **Successfully Investigating Acquaintance Sexual Assault: A National Training Manual for Law Enforcement**

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/documents/acquaintsa/acquaintsa.html>

A curriculum developed by the *National Center for Women & Policing* designed to train police to identify and collect the kind of evidence that is appropriate for cases involving known offenders. This curriculum focuses on the investigation of nonstranger sexual assaults and emphasizes investigative tools and techniques for cases in which a consent, rather than identity, defense is raised. These training materials include 12 content modules, 12 trainer's curriculum units, classroom overheads, and supplemental materials that include sample affidavits and search warrants. It is available on CD for \$10 in the publications section at [www.womenandpolicing.org](http://www.womenandpolicing.org)

## **DVD**

### **First Response to Victims of Crime (April 2008)**

[www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov)

This educational multimedia package, produced by the National Sheriffs' Association, examines the impact of crime on victims and describes steps that law enforcement can take, as first responders, to meet victims' needs. Sexual assault is among several types of victimization covered in the 30 minute video and companion guidebook. The special needs of older victims, child victims, immigrants, and victims with disabilities are also addressed. It can be ordered for shipping and handling costs only through the publications/other products section of the website.

## **TOOLKITS**

### **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Online Toolkit on Trafficking in Persons**

[www.unodc.org](http://www.unodc.org)

The comprehensive Toolkit is designed to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information among policymakers, law enforcers, judges, prosecutors, victim service providers and members of civil society who are working at different levels towards these same objectives. Specifically, the Toolkit is intended to provide guidance, showcase promising practices and recommend resources.

## **WEBSITES**

### **National Institute of Corrections**

<http://www.nicic.org/>

Provides federal, state, and local corrections agencies with training, technical assistance, information services, and policy/program development assistance.

### **National Sheriff's Association**

<http://www.sheriffs.org>

NSA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of criminal justice and public safety so that they may perform their jobs in the best possible manner, in service to the people of their communities.

### **SATI Sexual Assault Training & Investigations**

<http://www.mysati.com>

Sexual Assault Training & Investigations (SATI) provides effective, victim centered, multi-disciplinary training and expert consultation regarding crimes of sexual assault.

## **MEDICAL/FORENSIC**

### **ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Clinical Management of Rape Survivors: Developing protocols for use with refugees and internally displaced persons**

[http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib\\_pub\\_file/373\\_filename\\_clinical-mgt-2005rev1.pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/373_filename_clinical-mgt-2005rev1.pdf)

This guide is intended for use by health care professionals who are working in emergency situations (with refugees or internally displaced persons – IDPs), or in other similar settings, and who wish to develop specific protocols for medical care of rape survivors.

### **Evaluation and Management of the Sexually Assaulted or Sexually Abused Patient**

[http://www.acep.org/NR/rdonlyres/11E6C08D-6EE7-4EE2-8E59-5E8E6E684E43/0/sxa\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.acep.org/NR/rdonlyres/11E6C08D-6EE7-4EE2-8E59-5E8E6E684E43/0/sxa_handbook.pdf)

This document was created under the leadership of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The intent was to prepare a set of useful and practical recommendations that will standardize the evaluation and management of sexual assault patients.

### **Guidelines for Medico-Legal Care for Victims of Sexual Violence**

<http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2004/924154628X.pdf>

These guidelines will be of interest to a wide range of health care professionals who come into contact with victims of sexual violence or have the opportunity to train health care providers that will attend victims of sexual violence. Health care professionals who come into these categories may include health service facility managers, medico-legal specialists, doctors and nurses with forensic training, district medical officers, police surgeons, gynecologists, emergency room physicians and nurses, general practitioners, and mental health professionals. Health professionals can use the guidelines as a day-to-day service document and/or as a tool to guide the development of health services for victims of sexual violence.

### **Improved Method to Recover Saliva From Human Skin: The Double Swab Technique**

[http://www.astm.org/DIGITAL\\_LIBRARY/JOURNALS/FORENSIC/PAGES/JFS14120J.htm](http://www.astm.org/DIGITAL_LIBRARY/JOURNALS/FORENSIC/PAGES/JFS14120J.htm)

Human bite mark evidence is often found in violent crimes. Due to the difficulties of physically comparing an injury site on elastic and curved skin surfaces to the teeth of a suspect, the authors have considered using salivary DNA evidence to identify the bite perpetrator. Several techniques were evaluated to determine the best method of recovering saliva from human skin. \$25 Download.

### **Implementing SANE Programs in Rural Communities: The West Virginia Regional Mobile SANE Project**

[http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/WVA\\_Mobile\\_SANE\\_guide/welcome.html](http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/WVA_Mobile_SANE_guide/welcome.html) or [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/WVA\\_Mobile\\_SANE\\_guide/welcome.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/WVA_Mobile_SANE_guide/welcome.html)

This Bulletin features a regional SANE project coordinated by the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services. The project partnered four independently owned hospitals in four different counties and created a shared 24/7 network of SANEs. The Bulletin provides extensive detail in how the project was created, how it can be replicated, and how it can be financially sustained.

### **Medical Screening in Rural Areas**

By Elizabeth C. McCord, MS, MD East Tennessee State University

<http://www.nsvrc.org>

The 2004 Spring/Summer newsletter, *The Resource*, includes an article that discusses sexual assault and intimate partner violence in rural areas. It can be accessed in the 'Publications' section of this website.

### **Online Medical Forensic Exam Forms**

[http://www.sdfi.com/sdfi\\_telemedicine\\_esignature\\_solutions.html](http://www.sdfi.com/sdfi_telemedicine_esignature_solutions.html)

SDFI®-TeleMedicine provides SART, SANE & SAFE e-forms. There is no charge for the forms and the forms are generic; not state specific.

### **SANE Development and Operational Guide**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/sane/saneguide.pdf>

The goal of the Guide is to provide the necessary information to develop and operate a SANE by incorporating forms, policies, procedures, protocols, training options, and program evaluation tools. Standards of Practice are provided when there is a recognized standard. When program options are a choice, advantages and disadvantages for each option are discussed.

### **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs: Improving the Community Response to Sexual Assault Victims (April 2001)**

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/sane\\_4\\_2001/welcome.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/sane_4_2001/welcome.html)

This OVC bulletin (NCJ 186366) provides an overview of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs and their contributions to improving community response to sexual assault victims, identifies promising practices in such programs, and provides practical guidelines for establishing a SANE program.

## **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS/DVD**

Butler, Forensic DNA Typing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Academic Press (2005).

Crowley, Sexual Assault: The Medical-Legal Examination, Appleton & Lange (1999).

Girardin, Faugno, Seneski, Slaughter, Whelan, Color Atlas of Sexual Assault, Mosby (1997).

Giardino, Datner, Asher, Sexual Assault: Victimization Across the Life Span – A Clinical Guide, 2 Vol., G.W. Medical (2003).

LeBeau, Mozayani, Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault: A Forensic Handbook, Academic Press (2001).

**DVD** (March 2008): “**Sexual Assault – Forensic and Clinical Management**” was created by the Dartmouth Medical School’s Interactive Media Laboratory. This Virtual Clinic Program is based on the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations and provides 12 hours of training on how to conduct sexual assault medical forensic examinations, preparation for testifying in court, allows the viewing of evidence being analyzed in a forensic laboratory, and even has a SART team discussion. It includes interviews with actual assault survivors, and through the development support of the U.S. Department of Justice only costs \$25 plus shipping and handling through the [www.iafn.org](http://www.iafn.org) website.

## **PROTOCOLS**

### **California: Medical Protocol for Examination of Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Abuse Victims.2001**

[http://cmtc.tv/pdf/oes\\_forms/oes\\_923-950\\_Protocol.pdf](http://cmtc.tv/pdf/oes_forms/oes_923-950_Protocol.pdf)

### **Kentucky Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Protocol**

[www.kasap.org](http://www.kasap.org)

### **National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations**

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ovw/206554.pdf>

The Office on Violence Against Women developed this protocol in 2004 to help health care providers, law enforcement officers, advocates, and others address the health needs of and minimize the trauma suffered by victims of sexual assault.

### **New Hampshire: Sexual Assault: An Acute Care Protocol For Medical/Forensic Evaluation, Fourth Edition, 2005**

<http://www.nhcadsv.org/SANE/Trainings/2005NHSAForenExamPro.pdf>

### **New York: Protocol for the Acute Care of the Adult Patient Reporting Sexual Assault. 2004**

[http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/protocols\\_and\\_guidelines/sexual\\_assault/docs/adult\\_protocol.pdf](http://www.health.state.ny.us/professionals/protocols_and_guidelines/sexual_assault/docs/adult_protocol.pdf)

### **Ohio: Protocol for Sexual Assault Forensic and Medical Exams**

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/hpr/sadv/sadvprot.aspx>

### **Texas: Texas Evidence Collection Protocol**

[http://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG\\_Publications/pdfs/evidence\\_collection.pdf](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/pdfs/evidence_collection.pdf)

## **MULTIDISCIPLINARY/SART**

### **LISTSERVS/DISCUSSION GROUPS/ELECTRONIC MAILINGS**

#### **EndVAW**

<http://www.endvaw.org>

EndVAW offers a monthly e-newsletter that provides regular updates on the newest information and materials added to the website as well as up to date information on upcoming events and new publications.

#### **HELP for Victim Service Providers -- an OVC online resource**

<http://ovc.ncjrs.org/ovcproviderforum/asp/about.asp>

The HELP for Victim Service Providers message board is hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), which provides leadership and funding on behalf of crime victims. OVC developed this resource as a tool for victim service providers and allied professionals to share ideas, suggestions, and recommendations concerning promising practices, best practices, and victim issues.

### **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Weekly Accessions List (WAL)**

<http://www.ncjrs.gov>

Register and receive biweekly electronic newsletters, email notifications about new publications and resources and listserv invitations based on your areas of interest. The NCJRS Abstracts Database (<http://www.ncjrs.gov/abstractdb>) provides summaries of more than 180,000 criminal justice publications, including Federal, State and local government reports, books, research reports, journal articles, documents and unpublished research which are housed in the NCJRS Research and Information Center.

[https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/Subscribe\\_wal.asp](https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/Subscribe_wal.asp)

You will receive a weekly e-mail letting you know about new materials added to the NCJRS Abstracts Database.

### **Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership**

[Prevent-connect-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Prevent-connect-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Prevent (<http://www.prevent.unc.edu>) provides the Prevention Connection where local, state, national and tribal agencies and organizations discuss how to develop, implement and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives.

### **RAINNet**

[RAINNet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:RAINNet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

A private discussion group for rape crisis, medical and legal professionals who provide services to rape and sexual assault victims. Sponsored by RAINN, the national sexual assault hotline.

### **SART Listserv**

To help support the work of SARTs nationally, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center created a listserv to promote peer to peer technical assistance among community and professional organizations/agencies that respond to sexual violence. For additional information or to subscribe, check out the SART link of the projects section of their website at [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

## **ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS**

### **Alaska Statewide Protocol for Developing Sexual Assault Response Teams**

<http://www.dps.state.ak.us/ast/images/SARTProtocols.pdf#search='Alaska%20statewide%20protocol%20SART'>

These protocols are provide standardized structure for the development, training, and implementation of sexual assault response teams throughout the state of Alaska.

### **Building Stronger Sexual Assault Survivor Services Through Collaboration.**

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

<http://www.taasa.org/member/pdfs/bssasstc-eng.pdf>

Describes key roles for community sexual assault coalitions (or task forces). The manual is useful for communities starting SARTs or expanding collaborative partnerships. Provides samples and checklists for Needs Assessments, Memorandums of Understanding, community resources, mission statements, and self-evaluation tools.

### **Collaboration Framework- Addressing Community Capacity**

<http://crs.uvm.edu/nnco/collab/framework.html>

The Collaboration Framework is designed to help individuals and practitioners who are either starting collaborations, or need help in strengthening an existing collaboration. The Framework can be used as a tool while developing and sustaining collaborations. For individuals starting a collaborative journey, the Framework can serve as a guide. Once collaboration has been established, the Framework may be used as a diagnostic tool to evaluate the continued development and expansion of the group.

### **Collaboration Math**

[http://www.preventioninstitute.org/pdf/collab\\_math\\_1S\\_012004.pdf](http://www.preventioninstitute.org/pdf/collab_math_1S_012004.pdf)

This tool was created to help organizations from diverse disciplines work together. It enables them to better understand each other's perspectives and to identify both strengths and gaps in their partnership. This tool is designed to eliminate misconceptions, clarify the benefits of collaborative participation, determine what needs to be better understood, and identify key players that may be missing.

### **Kentucky- Developing A Sexual Assault Response Team: A Resource Guide For Kentucky Communities**

[www.kasap.org](http://www.kasap.org)

The guide (found in the SANE/SART section of the website) is designed for rape crisis centers, health care providers, and other community agencies in Kentucky that are interested in starting SART programs. This resource guide discusses an Eight Step Model Process for developing a SART, SART program models, and many other issues each community must explore when implementing a program for victims age 14 and older. Additional resources on this website include *Responding to Sexual Violence: A Guide for Professionals in the Commonwealth* and *Looking Back, Moving Forward: A Program For Communities Responding to Sexual Assault*.

### **Making Collaboration Work: The Experiences of Denver Victim Services 2000 (December 2002)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/mcwedvs2000/welcome.html>

This bulletin (NCJ 194177) documents the Victim Services 2000 collaborative model in Denver, which allied community and criminal justice-based victim services providers to provide comprehensive services to victims of crime. The bulletin discusses leadership, the use of technology for case management, community advocacy, and lessons learned from this effort.

### **National Judicial Education Program**

[www.njep-ipsacourse.org](http://www.njep-ipsacourse.org)

This free Web Course is available as a resource for judge and multidisciplinary groups. The twelve modules include self-tests and answers and civil and criminal case scenarios.

### **Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape: SART Guidelines**

[http://pcar.org/med\\_adv/guidelines\\_final.pdf](http://pcar.org/med_adv/guidelines_final.pdf)

The SART guidelines were created to assist communities in developing multidisciplinary coordinated responses to sexual assault. Members of a team would include, at a minimum, a medical director, a sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE), a sexual assault counselor/advocate, a law enforcement representative, and a Commonwealth's attorney.

### **Using Technology To Enable Collaboration (August 2001)**

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/ut\\_8\\_2001/187528.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/ut_8_2001/187528.pdf)

Following the OVC bulletin *Denver Victim Services 2000 Needs Assessment*, this bulletin (NCJ 187528) continues to document VS2000 initiatives by describing the VS2000 automated information system, its implementation, and suggestions for developing and maintaining technology-based solutions to serve crime victims. It discusses the technology initiative that needs assessments revealed as critical for achieving the goals of establishing a seamless, accessible system of services. This information will help victim service providers and agencies determine the best technology for enhancing interagency collaboration to support victims in the community.

## **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

### **Collaboration: What Makes It Work, Second Edition (New in 2nd Edition)**

Paul Mattessich, Marta Murray-Close, and Barbara Monsey

A practical look at the latest collaboration research, this resource provides a working definition of collaboration; details of the 20 factors influencing successful collaborations; a chart that compares the elements of cooperation, coordination, and collaboration; and an expanded collaboration bibliography and list of contacts. This book also offers several tools such as the Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory, which is an assessment instrument to determine how well your collaboration incorporates the 20 success factors. The three goals of the book are (1) to review and summarize existing research literature on factors influencing collaboration, (2) to report those results so that new collaborations can benefit from the experiences of others, and (3) to make available practical tools, such as the inventory, that bridge the gap between research and practice. (Book: 104 pages, Inventory: 16 pages) To order: <http://www.sedl.org/pubs/fam95/143.html>

## **PUBLICATIONS: GUIDES AND MANUALS**

### **Confronting Violence Against Women- A Community Action Approach**

**Order online (no charge)**

<http://www.ndaa.org/apri>

This manual is designed to provide criminal justice professionals and community activists a hands-on, step-by-step guide to forming a coordinating council and to describe several innovative councils that are successfully countering violence against women in their communities. You can request a pdf version through the publications section of the website, Violence Against Women subsection.

### **Electronic Crime Scene Investigation: A Guide for First Responders (April 2008)**

[www.ncjrs.gov](http://www.ncjrs.gov)

This 76 page guide (found in the publications section of the website) is designed to assist state and local law enforcement and other first responders who may be responsible for preserving an electronic crime scene and for recognizing, collecting and safeguarding digital evidence.

## **DVDs**

**DNA: Critical Issues for Those Who Work with Victims (April 2007)** The Office For Victims of Crime provided funding for this 23 ½ minute video that addresses multidisciplinary issues regarding the impact of crime on a victim, the collection and preservation of evidence, and victim notification and participation throughout the criminal justice process. The video is available at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc) for a nominal shipping and handling fee.

### **Responding to Victims of Human Trafficking: A Training Video for Victim Service Providers (June 2008)**

[www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov)

The Office for Victims of Crime has available a 20 minute DVD and an accompanying guide on the collaborative efforts needed between the victim services field and other community groups and organizations that serve trafficking victims. It can be accessed through the publications section of the website.

### **Sexual Assault Response Teams: Partnering for Success (April 2006)**

This 7 ½-minute DVD (NCJ 209842) provides a history and context of the multidisciplinary response to sexual assault. Developed by the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation, the DVD describes the positive benefits of a collaborative response to victims of sexual violence, highlights the progress the field has made in serving victims, and addresses several emerging issues facing first responders and the ways in which those challenges continue to shape the response of sexual assault response teams. The DVD features interviews with survivors, victim advocates, forensic medical professionals, law enforcement officers, and prosecutors. It describes the benefits of the SART's multidisciplinary response to victims of sexual violence and highlights the progress made in serving victims and enhancing prosecution of sexual assault cases. The DVD also addresses emerging issues faced by first responders and challenges that continue to shape the response of SARTs.

To order: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/other.htm>

## **TOOLKITS**

### **SART Toolkit (2009)**

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)

With funding from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and assistance from a national advisory committee, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center created this multidisciplinary toolkit that includes an overview of SARTs, multicultural responses, information in creating and sustaining SARTs, evaluating effectiveness, innovative practices, and sample standards and protocols. The toolkit is available on cd at no cost through the OVC.

### **Toolkit to end Violence against Women - from the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women**

<http://toolkit.ncjrs.gov>

To provide concrete guidance to communities, policy leaders, and individuals engaged in activities to end violence against women. The recommendations contained in the Toolkit were reviewed by experts in the fields of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. Each Toolkit chapter focuses on a particular audience or environment and includes recommendations for strengthening prevention efforts and improving victim services.

## **PROTOCOLS**

### **NJ Attorney General's Standards for Providing Services to Victims of Sexual Assault**

<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/agguide/standards/standardssartsane.pdf>

### **Oregon SART Handbook, version II, June 2006**

<http://www.oregonsatf.org/documents/ORSARTHandbookVersionII.pdf>

**San Diego County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)**

[http://www.mysati.com/Downloads/SART\\_Standards.pdf](http://www.mysati.com/Downloads/SART_Standards.pdf)

**Texas Model Protocol for Responding to Sexual Assault - 2005**

<http://www.taasa.org/publications/pdfs/TAASAModelProtocol.pdf>

**West Virginia Protocol for Responding to Victims of Sexual Assault**

<http://www.fris.org/Sections/07-Publications/PDFs/Books/WVProtocol.pdf>

## **WEBSITES**

**EndVAW**

<http://www.endvaw.org>

**National Sexual Violence Resource Center**

<http://www.nsvrc.org>

**President's DNA Initiative**

<http://www.dna.gov/info/>

The Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology initiative provides increased funding, resources, online training, and assistance to forensic labs; medical professionals; victim service providers; prosecutors; defense lawyers; and judges.

## **PROSECUTORS**

### **LISTSERVS/DISCUSSION GROUPS/ELECTRONIC MAILINGS**

**APRI Listserv**

[APRI-VAWP-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:APRI-VAWP-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

The mission of the American Prosecution Research Institute's National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women (NCPVAW) is to improve the quality of justice in violence against women prosecutions by increasing awareness of the victim dynamics and legal issues involved by providing training and reference services to prosecutors, police, and others in the justice system.

### **ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS**

**Rural Victim Assistance: A Victim/Witness Guide for Rural Prosecutors**

Office for Victims of Crime

[http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/rural\\_victim\\_assistance/pfv.html](http://www.ovc.gov/publications/infores/rural_victim_assistance/pfv.html)

Designed to help prosecutors, victim advocates, and policymakers understand the state of victim/witness assistance in rural communities, including staffing limitations, the roles and responsibilities of advocates, and the challenges that rural prosecutors' offices face in providing assistance to crime victims and effectively prosecuting the perpetrators of crime.

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[www.ndaa.org/apri](http://www.ndaa.org/apri)

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### **National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse**

[www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/ncpca/ncpca\\_home.html](http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/ncpca/ncpca_home.html)

Aimed at responding to an increasing volume of reported child abuse, the National Center provides training, technical assistance and publications to prosecutors, investigators and allied criminal justice professionals on all aspects of criminal child abuse and exploitation. Includes electronic access to newsletter *Update* and other monographs and materials.

### **National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women**

[http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/vawa/vaw\\_home.html](http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/vawa/vaw_home.html)

The mission of the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women at the American Prosecutors Research Institute is to improve the quality of justice in violence against women prosecutions by increasing awareness of the dynamics of victimization, identifying best prosecution practices, developing research and reference resources and providing training and technical assistance at the national, regional and local levels for prosecutors, law enforcement and other allied professionals. Includes electronic access to newsletter *The Voice*.

### **National District Attorneys Association DNA Forensics Program**

[http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/dna/dna\\_home.html](http://www.ndaa.org/apri/programs/dna/dna_home.html)

The American Prosecutors Research Institute's (APRI) DNA Forensics Program is committed to meeting the needs of prosecutors and investigators. APRI furnishes written materials on scientific advancements, case law, and legislation; consultation and advice on methods for effectively presenting DNA in court; and national training conferences taught by scientific and legal experts in their fields. Includes electronic access to newsletter *The Silent Witness* and other monographs and materials.

### **The President's DNA Initiative: Advancing Justice through DNA Technology**

<http://www.dna.gov>

The President's DNA Initiative provides funding, training, and assistance to ensure that forensic DNA reaches its full potential to solve crimes, protect the innocent, and identify missing persons.

## **SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

### **LISTSERVS/DISCUSSION GROUPS/ELECTRONIC MAILINGS**

#### **CANdo -- The Abuse and Disability Outreach Forum**

<http://disability-abuse.com/mailman/listinfo/cando>

CAN Do! - the Child Abuse and Neglect Disability Outreach Project - organizes resources on behalf of professionals concerned about the abuse of children and adults with disabilities.

#### **CAVNET-IW (Indigenous Women)**

[CAVNET\\_IW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CAVNET_IW-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

This is a group of professionals and volunteer advocates addressing intimate violence, including domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking against American Indian, Alaska Native, First Nations and other indigenous women.

### **Elder Abuse Listserv**

[www.ncea.aoa.gov](http://www.ncea.aoa.gov)

Sponsored by the National Center on Elder Abuse, the listserv provides a free forum for raising questions, discussing issues, and sharing information and best practices. This site also provides a directory of resources for each state and links to state laws regarding adult protective services and elder abuse.

### **Victims of Crime with Disabilities Resource Guide**

<http://windweb.uwyo.edu/wind/resourceguide>

Comprehensive collection of information and resources focused on ending crimes against people with disabilities. Includes an extensive resources database, current news and updates, a searchable calendar of events, and information on funding opportunities.

## **ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS/TRAININGS**

### **Assisting Utah Women with Disabilities Who are Victims of Violence Training Curriculum: January 2006**

<http://www.stopabuse-disabled.org/curriculum.htm>

This comprehensive crosstraining curriculum has two tracks: one for disabilities program staff and one for sexual assault/domestic violence personnel. The curriculum addresses a variety of topics ranging from basic information on abuse and disabilities to barriers to reporting and prevention suggestions. The cost is \$25 per track, which includes the curriculum in printed and cd format.

### **Balancing Acts: Keeping Children Safe In Congregations**

<http://courses.neari.com/index.cfm>

This free, 3-4 hour on-line course was developed in a collaboration of the New England Adolescent Research Institute and the Unitarian Universalist Association. It provides information, policies, and procedural suggestions to create a congregation where children and youth will be safe from sexual abuse. It is designed to assist faith communities in planning to address the issue of sexual abuse through a comprehensive approach to safety and prevention.

### **Working with Victims of Crime with Disabilities (September 1998)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/factshts/disable.htm>

This bulletin (NCJ 172838) presents recommendations on improving services to crime victims with disabilities, based on discussion at an OVC-funded 2-day symposium of victim assistance providers and related professionals. The bulletin identifies issues, service gaps, and barriers to access; recommends needed changes; and spotlights successful programs and promising practices that reach and serve crime victims with disabling conditions.

## DVD

### **Victims with Disabilities: The Forensic Interview—Techniques for Interviewing Victims with Communication and/or Cognitive Disabilities (April 2007)**

This 57-minute DVD through the Office of Victims of Crime is available for a nominal shipping/handling cost and provides a specific set of guidelines for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocates, forensic interviewers, and others for interviewing adults and children with communication and/or cognitive disabilities. Also available are an interactive discussion guide, glossary of terms, and complete transcript of the DVD. It can be ordered at: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)

## VICTIM SERVICES

### LISTSERVS/DISCUSSION GROUPS/ELECTRONIC MAILINGS

#### **HELP for Victim Service Providers -- an OVC online resource**

<http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/asp/about.asp>

The HELP for Victim Service Providers message board is hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), which provides leadership and funding on behalf of crime victims. OVC developed this resource as a tool for victim service providers and allied professionals to share ideas, suggestions, and recommendations concerning promising practices, best practices, and victim issues.

#### **Rural Assistance Center (RAC)**

<http://www.raconline.org/updates/>

The RAC provides regular updates on rural news, funding opportunities, publications and events. The RAC Health update is sent out with links to resources on rural health issues. The Human Services update provides links to resources focused on rural human services. The Rural Monitor update is the latest issue of the Rural Monitor newsletter.

#### **SAPC**

<http://www.sexualassault.virginia.edu/sapc-introduction.htm>

The Sexual Assault Program Coordinators Listserv is a discussion list for university/college staff or faculty who have primary responsibility for handling issues of sexual assault and/or domestic violence. Non-university individuals may subscribe if their jobs entail working directly with college/university campuses.

#### **Sexual Violence Legal News Online**

[http://www.nesl.edu/centers/clsr\\_svl\\_n.cfm](http://www.nesl.edu/centers/clsr_svl_n.cfm)

Sexual Violence Legal News is a free online subscription service that keeps service providers like hotlines and shelters aware of the latest changes in relevant law as a result of court decisions. Students of the Center for Law and Social Responsibility of the New England School of Law involved in this project summarize new cases. The summaries are then sent to subscribers across the country as email alerts. They are also kept on-line in a searchable database. Most of the cases currently in the database involve issues of criminal law and procedure or of evidence.

## ONLINE DOCUMENTS/FACT SHEETS/PUBLICATIONS

**A Survivor's Guide to Filing a Civil Lawsuit** - Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault programs (2004).

<http://www.wcsap.org/legal/PDF/AGuidetoCivilLawSuits.pdf>

Adapted from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault guide, this guide for survivors includes definitions related to civil lawsuits, information on the advantages and disadvantages of filing a civil suit, personal, financial and legal factors. The guide also discusses the role of an attorney and how to select an attorney. Civil lawsuit procedures are outlined and explained.

**Addressing America's Forgotten Crime Victims: Model Strategies and Practices for Rural Victim Assistance**

[http://www.washburn.edu/ce/jcvvs/research/rural\\_crime\\_victimization/full.shtml](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/jcvvs/research/rural_crime_victimization/full.shtml)

Discusses survey results of rural programs.

**Beyond the Criminal Justice System: Using the Law to Help Restore the Lives of Sexual Assault Victims** *A Practical Guide for Attorneys and Advocates*

<http://www.victimrights.org/html/manualpdf.htm>

The Victim Rights Law Center created this extensive 467 page resource to assist in meeting the legal needs of sexual assault victims. It is comprehensive, covering issues from basic advocacy to rape shield laws, HIPAA, evidence to corroborate lack of consent, protection orders, Title IX issues, the Clery Act, employment and housing rights, victims with disabilities, and numerous other areas in working with victims.

**Bridging the Systems to Empower Victims: Mental Health and Victim Services Training Guide** (May 2000 reprint)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications>

This OVC resource manual has two parts. The instructor resource manual (NCJ 179217) for curricula on victim empowerment (with attention to rape victims) contains articles and information written from either a mental health or a victim services perspective. The student resource manual (NCJ 163173) presents workshop materials and training tips for a 2-day training program designed to foster cooperation and collaboration between victim service and mental health providers.

**Civil Justice for Victims of Crime** (2001)

<http://www.victimbar.org/vb/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspxnz?DocumentID=33494>

The National Crime Victim Bar Association created this easy-to-read booklet to give crime victims and those who work with them a basic understanding of the civil justice system and to make them aware of the civil justice option.

**Financial Assistance for Victims of Crime: Civil Remedies, National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA) Text (2002)**

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter5\\_1.html#1](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter5_1.html#1)

The NVAA text emphasizes foundations in victimology and victims' rights and services, as well as new developments in the field of victim assistance and a chapter on civil remedies.

**Leadership in Victim Services (June 2002)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/leadership/files/leadership.pdf>

This NVAA workbook (NCJ 197343) focuses on the differences between management and leadership and explores the principles of leadership and the qualities of exceptional leaders. It focuses upon leadership and the ways that leaders develop their own capacity from within; it does not focus upon day-to-day management of organizations and resources. Also concentrates on ethics, resiliency, ownership, problem solving, team building, and facilitating change.

**Mental Health Needs: Trauma Assessment and Intervention, National Victim Assistance Academy Text (2002)**

[http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter6\\_1.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/chapter6_1.html)

The NVAA text emphasizes foundations in victimology and victims' rights and services, as well as new developments in the field of victim assistance, and contains a chapter mental health needs.

**Minority Community Victim Assistance (1990)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/minor/welcome.html>

This OVC handbook (NCJ 170148) is designed to give minority community residents a practical approach to assisting crime victims in their communities and neighborhoods; for law enforcement agencies, the handbook describes victim services that are both cost effective and feasible for community-based programs.

**2002 National Victim Assistance Academy Textbook**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2002/toc.html>

The National Victim Assistance Academy is a university-based foundation level course of study in victim assistance and victimology that was developed through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime to a coordinated team of co-sponsors. The 40-hour academic-based, rigorous course curriculum emphasizes foundations in victimology and victims' rights and services, as well as new developments in the field of victim assistance. A comprehensive text covering 38 different subject areas has been developed to serve as the course curriculum. Academy students are expected to attend the entire program and to participate in laboratory, mentoring, and working group sessions.

**National Victim Assistance Academy on Rural Victims**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/assist/nvaa2000/academy/chap22-6.htm>

This section of the report examines the unique challenges to providing basic victim services in rural-remote regions and promising practices that seek to improve victims' rights and services.

### **Privacy of Victims' Counseling Communications (November 2002)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/legalseries/bulletin8/welcome.html>  
Eighth in the OVC Legal Series, this bulletin (NCJ 192264) provides an overview of state laws and issues related to the privacy of communications between victims and their counselors.

### **Rural America at a Glance**

Economic Research Service

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/rdr94-1/rdr94-1.pdf>

Provides the most current indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas, for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural people and their communities.

### **The Victim Assistance Field and the Profession of Social Work (April 2006)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/NASWvictimassistance/ncj210592.pdf> This OVC Bulletin (NCJ 210592) focuses on responses to adult victims of violent crime, giving attention to replicable training for social workers and programs.

### **Unspoken Crimes: Sexual Assault in Rural America**

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications>

This 2003 booklet considers sexual assault from a rural perspective including data on the prevalence of rural sexual assault, rural characteristics that deter reporting, and difficulties encountered by advocates. It also offers insight and best practices of rural advocates. It can be accessed through the website's 'Publications' then 'Booklets' links.

## **ONLINE TRAININGS**

### **Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault On-line Training**

[www.acasa.ws](http://www.acasa.ws)

This free online training consists of several modules: The History of the Anti-Rape Movement; Supporting Survivors (support groups); Sexual Assault Investigations and Report-Writing; and Stalking and Sexual Violence.

### **Effective Victim Advocacy in the Criminal Justice System: A Training Course for Victim Advocates.**

[http://www.evawintl.org/evaw\\_courseware/](http://www.evawintl.org/evaw_courseware/)

End Violence Against Women International developed this module as part of their On-Line Training Institute. The cost of the 4-10 hour, self-paced on-line course is \$50. Designed primarily for advocates, the module focuses on the role of victim advocates working with the criminal justice system covering topics such as roles, confidentiality, crime victims' rights, victim compensation, civil legal issues, and expert witnesses.

### **Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training**

[www.ovcttac.gov/saact/index.cfm](http://www.ovcttac.gov/saact/index.cfm)

This free online series of training modules, developed through the Office for Victims of Crime, meant to enhance required training at a rape crisis center, provides a curriculum with eight modules on issues pertaining to sexual assault advocacy, including the impact of sexual assault, procedures in common advocacy situations, skills training, and compassion fatigue.

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<http://www.ndaa.org/apri>

This manual is designed for criminal justice professionals and community activists as a step-by-step guide to forming a coordinating council. It describes several innovative community councils that are successfully countering violence against women. Order online for free through the 'Publications' section of the website, 'Violence Against Women' subsection.

#### **HIV/AIDS and Victim Services: A Training Manual**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications>

This 1996 training program (NCJ 161415) by the National Center for Victims of Crime is designed to provide victim assistance professionals with a base of knowledge from which they can educate their staff, volunteers, and colleagues about HIV/AIDS issues.

#### **Looking Back -- Moving Forward: A Guidebook for Communities Responding to Sexual Assault**

Looking Back- Moving Forward is a guidebook for communities responding to sexual assault. It is designed to assist interagency councils with organizing and carrying out the steps for developing and implementing multi-disciplinary, multi-agency, victim-centered protocol. It has suggestions for letters, media releases, meeting agendas and other tools that may be easily adapted for use in other communities. Discusses the history of the criminal justice system's response to sexual assault. This document is available as a photocopy for \$40 from The National Criminal Justice Reference Service - 1-800-851-3420, or you may visit the publication section of their web page at:

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>.

#### **Sexual Harassment: Trend or Turning Point**

##### **A Self-Paced Sexual Harassment Prevention Course**

[http://www.learningcast.net/files/PW\\_Sexual\\_Harassment.pdf](http://www.learningcast.net/files/PW_Sexual_Harassment.pdf)

Developed by Dr. Riley Harvill of Oklahoma State University, this 97-page workbook (reproducible with the author's permission only) explains the different forms of sexual harassment, provides 25 scenarios, and discusses prevention and reporting methods.

## **Sexual Violence and HIV: A Technical Assistance Guide for Victim Service Professionals**

[www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

This guide provides information on the prevalence of sexual violence and HIV, types of available HIV testing and treatment, benefits and risks of such testing and treatment, victims' possible fears surrounding HIV, sexual offender testing, and steps victim service professionals can take to meet the needs of sexual violence victims. It can be accessed through the Guides link in the Publications section of the website.

## **Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Office of the Attorney General - Sexual Assault Advocate Training Manual**

<http://www.taasa.org/member/pdfs/saatm-eng.pdf>

This manual was designed to train staff and volunteers to work with sexual assault survivors.

## **Training for Sexual Assault Counselors – California Coalition Against Sexual Assault Order online (\$60)**

[http://www.calcasa.org/27.0.html?&no\\_cache=1&sword\\_list\[\]=SART&sword\\_list\[\]=manual](http://www.calcasa.org/27.0.html?&no_cache=1&sword_list[]=SART&sword_list[]=manual)

A two-part publication (\$60) including a 475-page reader for new sexual assault counselor trainees and an accompanying 255-page comprehensive facilitator's guide. Includes extensive sections on cultural awareness, history of rape and sexual assault, and the principles, techniques and applications of crisis intervention

## **Online Learning Tools on Violence Against Women**

[http://new.vawnet.org/category/index\\_pages.php?category\\_id=867](http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=867)

Compiled by the National Sexual Violence Resource Centers and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, this January 2009 collection of available online learning tools contains resources relating to violence against women prevention and intervention. It includes: Online Classes/Tutorials/Courses, Slideshows & PowerPoint Presentations, Podcasts/Audio, Videos, Web Conferences, Toolkits, Quizzes, and more.

## **TOOLKITS**

### **Healthy People Toolkit**

Public Health Foundation, Washington DC 2002

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/state/toolkit/ToolkitAll2002.pdf>

The Toolkit provides guidance, technical tools, and resources to help states, territories, and tribes develop and promote successful state-specific Healthy People 2010 plans. It can also serve as a resource for communities and other entities embarking on similar health planning endeavors. The manual is organized around seven major action areas, (1) Building the Foundation: Leadership and Structure (2) Identifying and Securing Resources (3) Identifying and Engaging Community Partners (4) Setting Health Priorities and Establishing Objectives (5) Obtaining Baseline Measures, Setting Targets, and Measuring Progress (6) Managing and Sustaining the Process and (7) Communicating Health Goals and Objectives

**Standards for Victim Assistance Programs and Providers Standards Kit (May 2003)**

<http://www.sc.edu/ccfs/training/victimstandards.pdf>

This kit, compiled by the National Victim Assistance Standards Consortium, includes program, competency, and ethical standards for victim assistance providers; sample assessment tools; a compendium of promising practices in professional development; directories of credentialing programs and related standards; and a list of professional development resources.