

# Sexual Assault Advocate/Counselor Training

Welcome



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# Module 1

## Introductions and Overview



# Learning Objective

Determine when to use the terms *sexual assault*, *sexual violence*, *rape*, *sexual abuse*, *victim*, and *survivor* during the training.

# Introductions

- What is your name?
  - What, if any, experience do you have working with sexual assault victims/survivors?
  - What is your motivation for doing this work?
  - One thing you really want to learn in this training is
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# Training Goal

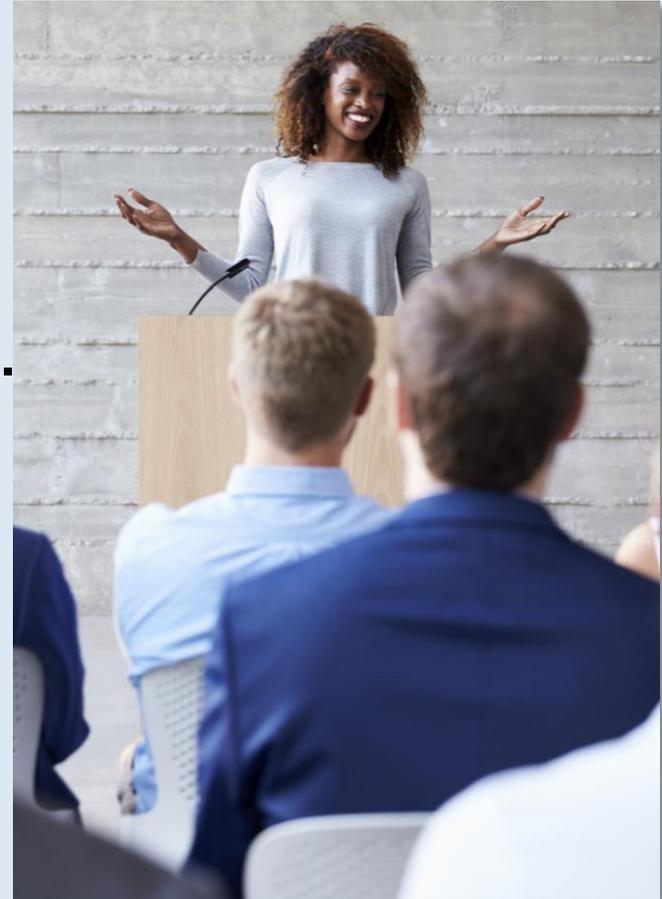
To provide advocates/counselors who work with victims/survivors of sexual assault with the skills necessary to provide competent, effective crisis intervention services.



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# Housekeeping

- Restrooms.
- Breaks.
- Cell phones off or on vibrate.
- Participant Manual.



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# Ground Rules and Parking Lot

- Arrive on time and attend the entire training.
- Be respectful of other participants and the instructor(s).
- Participate in each activity to the best of your abilities.
- Ask questions, pose scenarios, and make suggestions that will help you learn.
- Turn cell phones off or to vibrate.

# Use of the Personal Pronouns

- Gender-neutral plural pronouns will be used as much as possible—“they” or “them.”
- Female pronouns occasionally will be used to refer to the victim, as the majority of victims are female.

# Definitions

- There are many different definitions of sex-related crimes.
- These definitions vary across states as well as federal agencies.
- Sexual assault is a broad term that includes a range of acts.
- In this training, we will typically use the term *sexual assault*, but will sometimes use terms such as *rape* and *sexual violence*.

# Victim vs. Survivor

Individuals determine when the shift from victim to survivor occurs. In this training:

- *Victim* of sexual assault will be used when discussing the emergency department response and early impact.
- *Survivor* will be used in later periods of recovery to recognize that this is indeed the goal for individuals with whom advocates will work.

# Review of Learning Objective

Determine when to use the terms *sexual assault*, *sexual violence*, *rape*, *sexual abuse*, *victim*, and *survivor* during the training.

# End of Module 1

## Questions? Comments?



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