

# DNA IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES: THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, SAFE/SANE NURSES, AND VICTIM ADVOCATES

***OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides training to support professional development, enhance services to the community, and expand outreach to underserved victims of crime.***

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***If you are interested in seeing that DNA evidence is used effectively in sexual assault cases, this training is for you.***

Law enforcement officers, sexual assault forensic examiner/sexual assault nurse examiner (SAFE/SANE) personnel, and victim advocates need to know the appropriate protocols for identifying, collecting, and using DNA evidence to help strengthen collaboration in a team response, from the initial crime scene to prosecution of sexual assault cases.

## **BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS 2-DAY TRAINING, YOU WILL:**

- Define the purpose of a sexual assault response team and the roles of law enforcement, SAFE/SANE professionals, and victim advocates.
- Learn about DNA itself, technological advances in the field, and the capabilities of CODIS.
- Examine the appropriate protocols for identifying, collecting, protecting, preserving, and using DNA evidence effectively.
- Explain how DNA evidence incriminates or exonerates suspects and how to counter DNA evidence.
- Identify and collect DNA evidence at a simulated crime scene.

CEUs are available upon successful completion of the training.

## **HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED**

### **APPLY EARLY.**

Request a training at least 135 days (4½ months) prior to the event date.

### **LET PEOPLE KNOW.**

Conduct outreach to local and regional partners to participate in the training. Enroll up to 40 participants, but there must be a minimum of 30 participants at the training.

### **FIND A PLACE TO HOLD THE TRAINING.**

Secure a training facility and cover facility costs (including audio-visual equipment).

### **RELAX.**

OVC TTAC will arrange for the training event to meet your needs on your schedule.



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