

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 90 days 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.

