

ICESA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

I hope your 2018 is off to a wonderful start. I recently was at a meeting with other coalitions where the facilitator called the group a *coalition of the willing...individuals who are willing* to be on this journey of service and advocacy. You are the coalition of the willing and it is an honor to walk with you. We are scheduling seven regional meetings starting in late February and during March. I hope you will attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from you what you need to meet the needs of your clients and how we can work together to increase services as well as awareness and prevention. The dates and geographical areas are listed below. When the logistics are finalized, you will receive the information. This at least gives you the chance to see which date and area of the state will work best for you. The meetings will last a couple of hours and will most likely start at 9:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and join us.

-Tracey Horth-Krueger

Northeast - Wednesday, Feb 28

Northwest - Tuesday, March 6

Central West - Friday, March 9

Central East - Tuesday, March 13

Southwest - Thursday, March 15

Central - March 19 (this meeting will need to be held in the afternoon)

Southeast - Tuesday, March 27



*ON THE COVER:

And congratulations to Dr. Jerome Adams, former Indiana State Health Commissioner, on being appointed U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Adams was one of ICESA's founding board members and actively served until moving to Washington D.C. We are so grateful for his guidance and support of ICESA's mission. We wish him nothing but the best.

Welcome,

Kate Kimmer

Statewide Anti-Trafficking Coordinator



Kate has been an anti-trafficking activist and survivor advocate both within the context of academia and direct field work since 2009. She has had the honor of working with Survivor Leaders, worker organizers, and other professionals in the US and abroad to effectively raise awareness, funds, and capacity to address human trafficking through a rights-based, trauma-informed, multi-disciplinary approach. She has engaged anti-trafficking work with both government and non-governmental agencies through policy advocacy, coalition-building, professional training and subject matter consultation, and direct service in the form of advocacy and case management. She has also contributed research and writing to published reports, policy analysis, and presented at academic seminars in the US, Japan, and Australia. In 2014, Kate was awarded the Rotary International Peace Fellowship and completed her Master's Degree in International Politics and Public Administration at International Christian University's Rotary Peace Center in Tokyo, Japan in June 2016. Since returning to Indiana, she has worked at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General coordinating human trafficking prevention and victim services, and for the past year, served as the Region 4 Coalition Coordinator for Indiana Youth Services Association's Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP). In January of this year, year Kate also founded and currently serves as the co-chair of the Labor Trafficking Committee of IPATH—Indiana's statewide anti-trafficking taskforce.

Cara Berg Raunick, DNP, SANE-A

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Consultant



Cara Berg Raunick is a women's health nurse practitioner and certified sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE-A). She has been involved in violence prevention and support of survivors since her time as an undergraduate student at Indiana University (IU) where she worked as a crisis line volunteer, on-scene advocate, and peer educator. Her anti-violence work was recognized through the 2006 Phyllis R Klotman Personal Safety Achievement Award at IU and nationally with the 2011 American College Health Association's Lewis Barbato Award for Outstanding Student Service. Dr. Berg Raunick's nursing career began in obstetrics and quickly expanded when she joined the Cleveland Clinic's Forensic Nursing Service. Her team provided full scope forensic nursing care, working with those affected by sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, elder abuse and neglect, gunshots, stabbing, dog bites, and more. She has been a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) since 2011. As a nurse practitioner, Dr. Berg Raunick has worked in family planning and women's health with a focus on female sexual medicine, vulvovaginal disease, and urogynecology. In 2015 she became the first American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) Certified Sexuality Counselor in the state of Indiana. She is also a proud fellow of the International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH) and is the only professional in the state of Indiana to hold these distinctions. She has recently expanded her clinical practice to include addiction medicine, working with those affected by opioid use disorder. She strives to use a trauma informed approach in all her patient care. On completion of her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree at Case Western Reserve University in 2015, Dr. Berg Raunick's research on Vicarious Trauma among Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners was published in the Journal of Forensic Nursing. She was honored to serve as the 2016 president of the Indiana Chapter of the IAFN and continues to serve on the planning committee for their fall forensic conference. Dr. Berg Raunick teaches regularly in academic and community settings on forensic nursing, sexual and intimate partner violence, trauma informed care, and other women's and sexual health topics and is a regular presenter at the Marion County Center of Hope Trainings.

2018 Training Schedule

*Trainings and webinars are added often. Stay up-to-date at Indianacesa.org

Spring Core 40 Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Training

March 12 @ 9:00am – March 16 @ 5:00pm

The CORE 40 is a FREE Sexual Assault Victim Advocate training designed primarily for sexual assault advocates who are staff or volunteers working with victims of sexual assault through Rape Crisis Centers or Dual Service Providers. The training topics are standardized with suggested teaching points that allow for consistency throughout the field. This training offers the necessary "core" or basic knowledge and skills to provide competent and effective crisis intervention services to victims. Although the emphasis of the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate CORE 40 training is focused on building the fundamental skills for advocates working in the field of sexual assault, the training allows for flexibility to incorporate a few additional topics when deemed relevant. Relevancy is based on current trends in victimology and the subsequent education/skill building needs that arise as a result.

2018 Statewide Sexual Assault Conference

April 9– April 10

The Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault is proud to announce the details of our second annual statewide conference! This conference, focusing on sexual violence prevention and response efforts across the Hoosier State, will take place April 9-10, 2018, at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel. This year's theme is Engage: Difficult Conversations for Meaningful Change. This valuable learning and networking opportunity is open to advocates, social workers, therapists, law enforcement, legal professionals, sexual assault nurse examiners, campus professionals, researchers, graduate students, undergraduate students, and members of the public interested in learning more about sexual assault prevention and response efforts. This high-quality, two-day event will feature nationally recognized keynote speakers Olga Trujillo and Nicole Pittman.

Trauma Informed, Evidence-Based Best Practices for Sexual Violence Response

May 22 @ 8:00am – May 23 @ 5:00pm

This two-day training featuring national experts Russell Strand and Andrew Pari is one you won't want to miss! All professionals who respond to victims and survivors of sexual violence are encouraged to attend; this training is open to counselors, advocates, law enforcement, SANEs, and healthcare providers, campus administrators, and others interested in learning more about FETI and Arousal Response Mechanism.

Fall Core 40 Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Training

October 8 @ 9:00am—October 12 @ 5:00 pm

The CORE 40 is a FREE Sexual Assault Victim Advocate training designed primarily for sexual assault advocates who are staff or volunteers working with victims of sexual assault through Rape Crisis Centers or Dual Service Providers. The training topics are standardized with suggested teaching points that allow for consistency throughout the field. This training offers the necessary “core” or basic knowledge and skills to provide competent and effective crisis intervention services to victims. Although the emphasis of the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate CORE 40 training is focused on building the fundamental skills for advocates working in the field of sexual assault, the training allows for flexibility to incorporate a few additional topics when deemed relevant. Relevancy is based on current trends in victimology and the subsequent education/skill building needs that arise as a result.



Rape Crisis Centers

Kristen P. Pulice, LCSW

On January 1, 2018, nine (9) organizations across Indiana began building their capacity, expanding their service provisions, and creating policies and procedures to become ICESA identified Rape Crisis Centers. Most of these organizations are dual service or multi-service organizations with a history of providing Domestic Violence shelter and non-residential services in addition to Sexual Assault services. Lessons shared from the Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative (SADI) reinforces that to effectively serve survivors of sexual assault within dual/multi-service organizations, organizational wide commitment and change is required. The following organizations have committed to that change and will be working closely with ICESA as they develop their Rape Crisis Centers:

A Better Way Services, Inc – Delaware County

Center for Women and Families – Floyd County

Family Service Society – Grant County

North Central Rural Crisis Center – Jasper County

Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation/ ASSIST – Johnson County

The Julian Center – Marion County

Middle Way House – Monroe County

Safe Passage, Inc. – Ripley County

Families First Indiana, Inc. – Marion County

With the additional (9) agencies committed and receiving funding through the Sexual Assault Victim Assistance Fund (SAVAF), Indiana will increase the number of Rape Crisis Centers from three (3) to twelve (12). Additional agencies funded through SAVAF were, Fair Haven, Prevail, Alternatives, and The Latino Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence. The addition of nine (9) Rape Crisis Centers, marks an achievement in advancing the states response and intervention to victims/survivors, as well as in educating and developing primary prevention strategies to their communities.

As ICESA looks to the future, twelve (12) Rape Crisis Centers is a remarkable beginning, yet it is and can only be, the beginning. In a state with 92 counties, it will take more than twelve (12) Rape Crisis Centers to saturate the expansive gap in sexual assault services throughout the state.

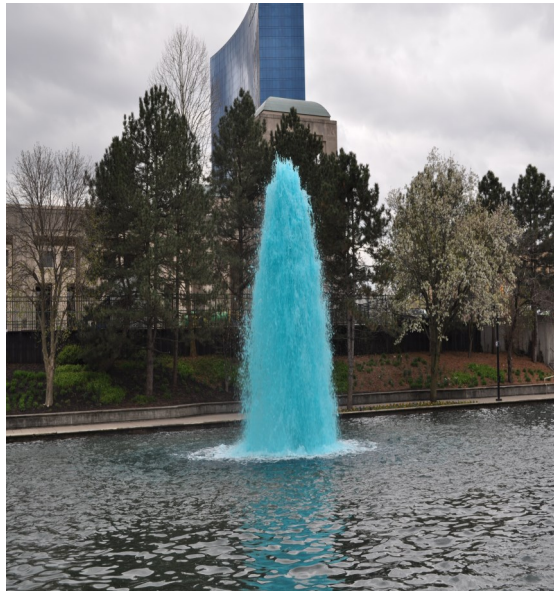
To learn more about becoming a Rape Crisis Center please contact Kristen Pulice at

Kristen@indianacesa.org

Save the Date, Teal the Canal!

When: Saturday, April 7th

Time: 11 am—2 pm



More details to come!

Burton Patterson

Speak UP.
Speak OUT.

Increasing attention for the need for primary prevention of gender-based violence has resulted in the develop-

ment of many programs in the United States to positively engage men as allies and leaders in the fight against sexual violence. However, these programs are often delivered in schools, are single session, convocation style presentations. While these presentations can produce short-term knowledge gain they do little for sustained behavioral change. Bystander intervention programs have become increasingly popular throughout the nation, especially at post-secondary institutions. However, many of these bystander intervention programs tend to focus broadly on all forms of inequalities or maintain gender-neutral stances without providing an in-depth focus on patriarchy and male privilege. In response to these common challenges, ICESA developed the Speak Up Speak Out Program (SUSOP). SUSOP takes primary prevention to the next level, by specifically focusing on male privilege and patriarchy, and following several of the CDC's recommended strategies for effective prevention programs. This past fall semester SUSOP successfully launched on DePauw University's campus; working directly with ICESA's partner on this project, Beta Theta Pi. ICESA's RPE Coordinator, Burton Patterson, worked diligently and tirelessly to recruit Beta's around the state. Seven members of the Delta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi participated in the program. Burton states, "we could not have been more pleased with their active engagement, enthusiasm and eagerness to be makers of change. This was a really great group to work with and a great way to kick off the program." After each SUSOP session we ask participants to share one take away from the group and here are some of the responses we received:

- "Men can be assaulted, but they contribute largely to the problem because they pretend to have consent, and this is all due to male privilege and objectifying women."
- "Being a man doesn't mean that men are better than women."
- "Don't become the stereotypical man just to fit in socially. I have to become comfortable being myself."
- "I should always remember to check my male privilege, even if I am a man of color. Although I face discrimination because of my skin color, I still have privilege as a man and that's not fair to women."
- "I would feel more confident discussing gender roles/what it means to be a man with my future son. I feel like forward progress begins with this next generation and teaching us this now allows us to take information and carry it with us into our own relationships and family."
- "Porn videos are being used as sexual education in our society right now. My generation and younger are growing up with this visual, this idea, of what a sexual experience should be. That's not real, it's not consensual and I learned it adds to a mentality of objectifying women for sport."
- "When we talk about sexual assault prevention, it starts with men. Yeah, it's not only men who are assaulting others, but we are the majority of assaulters. We need to start questioning other men's actions more often."



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Human Trafficking

January was National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the US, so it is quite fitting that ICESA take a moment to highlight my new role and the responsibilities therein as ICESA's Statewide Anti-Trafficking Coordinator and the new Coordinator for IPATH-- Indiana's Statewide Anti-Trafficking Taskforce.

People often ask me whether human trafficking is really an issue in Indiana. Unfortunately, I'm here to tell you that it is. In my experience, there isn't a county in this state that hasn't been touched by it. And I'm here to tell you that the folks it impacts pass you by in the grocery store, that they sit in your son's freshman biology class, that they apply for and secure migrant worker visas to work in our fields and at our fairs and carnivals. They're cooking your food and working in our factories. They're married to your coworker. These are the folks I see being exploited at a threshold that Indiana Statute defines as human trafficking—as modern slavery.

Because human trafficking encompasses a wide array of crime types, it is difficult to give an accurate snapshot of what human trafficking looks like across Indiana. However, law enforcement and anti-trafficking professionals across this state *have identified* a significant amount of domestic minor sex trafficking, and we have also seen cases of domestic servitude and servile marriage, cases of forced labor, and cases of adult sex trafficking. Human trafficking in all its forms can be found in this state—but it is hidden in plain sight. If we don't know the red flags and we don't know how to build rapport and collaborate across disciplines to effectively serve and empower populations most vulnerable to this crime with access to resources and attainable alternatives, we will miss the opportunity to prevent and identify trafficking, prosecute traffickers, and most importantly, identify and serve victims of this crime.

Tactics surrounding different forms of trafficking vary greatly. The different crimes within the context of slavery and trafficking “all have different elements—they may involve exploitation in the public or private sphere; they may occur in any industry, including sex industry work, agriculture, construction, hospitality, or domestic services industries; and they may or may not require the victim to be moved across a border. What they all have in common, however, is that they involve the manipulation of complex relationships between the offender and the victim, and that they result in the serious undermining of the victim's personal freedom and ability to make choices for themselves.” If we refuse to address the systems, policies, and cultures that make folks particularly vulnerable to human trafficking, the very same systems and cultures that excuse and perpetuate structural violence, even as we increase identification of victims and services to survivors, exploitation of adults and children will rise in this state. As the Statewide Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, I get to do just that!

In my new role I have the privilege of working with truly incredible multi-disciplinary professionals across Indiana to advocate for public policy, work on statewide and regional anti-trafficking collaborative efforts, and develop and coordinate victim services for adult survivors of human trafficking. What we know anecdotally by those who serve adults most vulnerable to this crime, is that there a lot of adults across this state experiencing trafficking that we are not trained to identify or serve. This presents an exciting opportunity for ICESA to expand their collaborative role in anti-violence work with partners across the state. ICESA is honored to be actively leading the state and the statewide taskforce in transforming cycles of violence and exploitation through an evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally-sensitive, survivor-centered approach to more effectively prevent, detect, and prosecute human trafficking in Indiana; and empower and support Survivors of human trafficking.



Truth About Rape Kits

ICESA's Statewide SART Coordinator Writes Letter to the

Editors of the Fort Wayne News Sentinel and Journal Gazette

On Tuesday, December 5, both the Journal Gazette (p. 6A) and the News Sentinel (p. 5A) published editorial columns regarding the State's recent audit of sexual assault kits (SAKs) stating that there were only 15 untested SAKs reported for Allen County. That number is off by exactly 757. In fact, Allen County reported having 772 untested SAKs. All 5,396 SAKs in the audit are untested kits. There was and is no available data regarding how many SAKs have actually been collected or how many of those collected have been tested. Indiana law does not require that any kits be counted, tracked or tested.

Of Allen County's 772 untested SAKs, prosecutors filed criminal charges in 282 cases without testing the kit. The voices of those 282 victims were heard. Another 26 of the SAKs are cases where the victim had the evidence collected and received medical care, but did not wish to report the crime to law enforcement. National best practices say the desire of the victim not to report the case to law enforcement should be respected, and those 26 SAKs should not be tested.

Allen county reports that 449 of the SAKs were not tested because there was no crime, or the victim falsely reported. This large number is deeply troubling. Sexual assault is the most under-reported crime, and victims don't make false accusations any more frequently than victims of other crimes. Far too often when they do come forward, they are not believed, their cases are not investigated, and their SAKs sit untested in police evidence storage rooms.

Whenever a victim goes to a medical provider and gives a medical history that results in evidence being collected using a SAK, there is probable cause to test the SAK and enter the DNA profile into the FBI CODIS database. Other states that test these kits are identifying many serial-acquaintance rapists, and the DNA profile of a known suspect in one jurisdiction may match the profile of an unknown assailant in another jurisdiction. Prosecutors who otherwise might decline to file charges often reconsider when they learn that the suspect has committed similar crimes in other jurisdictions. The real number of Allen County untested kits that should be tested in Allen County based upon the recent audit is 772 untested kits minus 282 cases where criminal charges were filed minus 26 “Jane Doe” kits. 772 minus 282 minus 26 = 464. These 464 untested SAKs in Allen County represent victims still waiting to be acknowledged by our criminal justice system.

Laurie A. Gray, JD, is the Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator at the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and a former Allen County Deputy Prosecutor.

New State SART Guidelines

Laurie A. Gray, JD

A Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a multidisciplinary partnership to provide a consistent, competent and compassionate response to sexual assault that makes victim needs a priority, promotes public safety, and holds offenders accountable. Core members include advocates, law enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), and prosecutors. The team may also include crime labs and anyone from the community who provides services in response to sexual assault.

While there are many national online resources available, none of them are specific to Indiana. With input from the Indiana State SART Advisory Council and the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC), ICESA has created a 2018 State SART Guide designed as a useful reference for Indiana SARTs that will be updated annually.

For more information, technical support, and trainings, please contact ICESA's Statewide SART Coordinator at Laurie@indianacesa.org.

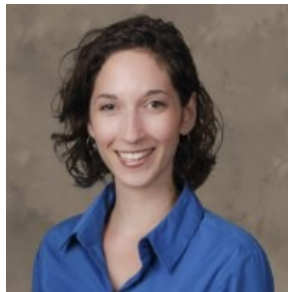


SANE Guideline Updates

Cara Berg Raunick, DNP, CNP, RN, SANE-A

In August of 2017, representatives from the Indiana Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses and the Indiana Emergency Nurses Association Forensic Committee met at ICESA with the task of updating the Indiana Guidelines for the Medical Forensic Examination of Adult and Adolescent Sexual Assault Patients. In December, ICESA brought on Cara Berg Raunick, DNP, CNP, RN, SANE-A, as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Consultant, to spearhead and help facilitate the work group's development of the next edition of the Guidelines. Originally published in 1996, the Guidelines were last updated in 2011.

These Guidelines provide guidance for high quality patient care and evidence collection that can both begin a victim's healing journey and serve the needs of the criminal justice system. Recommendations are based in a patient/victim-centered, trauma informed, culturally sensitive framework relying on research, evolving science, and established best practice. Once the document is completed, it will be distributed to IAFN and ENA members for input and comments. We hope that these guidelines help to establish Indiana as a leader in sexual assault nursing/forensic care and promote continued comprehensive, compassionate care for Hoosiers in need of these services. For more information please contact Cara at Cara@indianacesa.org.



I AM EVIDENCE

It's not just a box

Each sexual assault kit represents a human with a name, a face, a family, a life. A life that, like most of us, consisting of everyday worries such as school, work, paying bills, family, and friends. Not one that experienced a crime so heinous and insidious in its violation that from that moment forward life would be forever different.

On November 29th, the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault brought local focus to a national problem, the rape kit backlog and the need for reform. A private screening of I AM EVIDENCE, a documentary produced by the Joyful Heart Foundation's Founder and President, Mariska Hargitay, was held at the Lightbound Courtside Club in Downtown Indianapolis. The documentary exposed the alarming number of untested rape kits in the United States through a victim-driven narrative., bringing much needed attention to the disturbing pattern of how the criminal justice system has historically treated sexual assault survivors.

The screening was held just two days before the release of Indiana's audit of untested sexual assault kits. The audit report which was prepared by the Indiana State Police and submitted to the Legislative Council summarized the following data:

- 91 of the 92 counties responded
- There was a total of 5,396 untested kits reported in the custody of law enforcement

*Of the 5,396, 416 were non-reporting or "Jane Doe" kits and

*1,669 were noted as from no crime/false report kits, (ICESA is deeply troubled by this alarmingly high number which only reinforces the ongoing need for trauma informed trainings for law enforcement as well as sexual assault kit reform)

- 751 were reported as being from adjudicated cases



Following the screening, a panel of experts offered their perspectives about the documentary and took questions from the audience. Panelists included, Paul Misner, ISP Crime Lab, Ilse Knecht, Joyful Heart Foundation, Michelle Kuiper, Survivor/Advocate, Michelle Brettin, Butler County PD (Featured in Film), and Senator Michael Crider. Moderated by ICESA's Chief Operating Officer, Kristen Pulice, the knowledge and insight shared by the panel of experts, coupled with the alarming facts and powerful message delivered throughout the documentary moved all who were in attendance and led to a wonderful question and answer session with the panelists. Those in attendance represented, State and U.S. Senators, State Representatives, survivors, advocates, SANE's, law enforcement, the AG's office, etc. To all who attended, we thank you!

The Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault works tirelessly to address this issue and collaborate with lawmakers and stakeholders, to adopt best practices for sexual assault kit reform. The words of The Joyful Heart Foundation Founder and President resonate loud and clear, "...*Testing rape kits sends a fundamental and crucial message to victims of sexual violence: You matter. What happened to you matters. Your case matters*". – Mariska Hargitay

We've Got Your Back...Backpacks

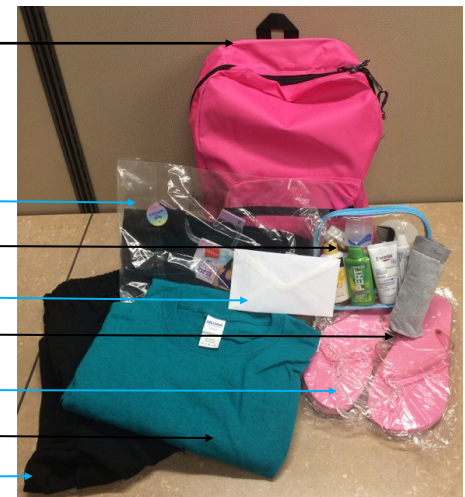
ICESA has packed 1,000 backpacks each containing clothing, toiletry/self-care items, flip flops, and a special handwritten note of support for survivors of sexual assault. Why? Because every day, throughout Indiana, sexual assault victims are seen at local area hospitals where following an assault, they receive medical forensic exams. Although it is hard to estimate exactly how long an exam may take, on average it can take about (4) hours. These exams provide medical care and include the collection of forensic evidence. When collecting evidence, articles of clothing may be collected, leaving the victim in need of personal items such as underwear, bra, shirt, etc. upon discharge from the hospital. For the areas of the state that have sexual assault advocates available for 24-hour onsite response to hospitals, victims do not have to be alone during this process and these advocates will often bring a "care bag" or "hospital bag" to not only meet the practical needs of the victim but to also communicate a message of support and one that says, "I am here for you".

The name, "We've Got Your Back...Backpacks" was inspired by the remarks made by President Obama's "It's On Us" Rollout Speech in 2014, "...You are not alone, and we have your back..." This project was conceptualized with advocates, SANEs, and victims (always) in mind. With limited resources, daily sexual assault calls, advocacy and exams, and a society that continues to shame and blame victims, we wanted our message to you, the service provider, and you the survivor, to be clear - "We've Got Your Back...(Backpacks)" - We are here, we are listening, and we support you.

If your organization or hospital is interested in receiving backpacks, please contact Katie Hart at Katie@indianacesa.org

Inside a Backpack

- Bra
- Toiletries
- Handwritten letter
- Underwear
- Flipflops
- T-shirt
- Sweatpants



ICESA Legislative Updates

HOUSE BILL 1270

Author: Representative Sally Siegreist

Co Authors: Representative Wendy McNamara, Representative John Bartlett, Representative Ryan Hatfield

Synopsis: Human trafficking. Changes the human and sexual trafficking statute by: (1) reclassifying the term “human and sexual trafficking” to “human trafficking”, which includes the offenses of labor and sexual trafficking; (2) creating separate offenses for labor and sexual trafficking and renaming certain crimes; (3) removing the element of force from forced labor, marriage, prostitution, and participating in sexual conduct; (4) removing involuntary servitude from the human trafficking statute; (5) removing from the sexual trafficking statute the element that a solicitor must know that a person is a human trafficking victim before committing the offense; and (6) adding elements to certain human and sexual trafficking offenses. Expands the rape shield statute to include victims of human trafficking and certain other offenses. Adds an element to the defense of prosecution under the offenses of sexual misconduct with a minor and promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child. Prohibits certain defenses to a prosecution of making an unlawful proposition. Requires law enforcement to notify the department of child services of a possible child trafficking victim in certain sexual offenses. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying the topic of human trafficking in Indiana involving law enforcement, creation of programs, and review of the penalties for human trafficking crimes in the criminal code. Requires the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana to study the topic of what specific authority a law enforcement officer has in order to take custody of or detain a child in certain situations where the officer believes a child may be a victim of human trafficking and who is potentially a child in need of services. Makes conforming amendments.

ICESA's Position & Update: ICESA is in support of this bill which was Heard in Committee on January 24th. The bill passed unanimously out of Committee WITH an amendment that strikes ALL language pertaining to increased sentencing. Everything else passed 'as is'. If this passes on the floor of the House and in the Senate, the proposed changes are substantial. To name just a few, the antiquated language in our current statute was updated with language from the Federal Statute and COERCION was added, outlining particular coercive techniques. The rape shield law was expanded to include victims of human trafficking.



HOUSE BILL 1191

Author: Representative Karen Engleman
Co Author: Representative Ronald Bacon

Synopsis: Suspected human trafficking. Removes the requirement that a licensed health practitioner report that an adult patient is a suspected victim of human trafficking to a local law enforcement agency. Requires a licensed health practitioner to provide information concerning available resources and services to a patient who is a suspected victim of human trafficking.

ICESA's Position & Update: ICESA is in support of this bill which was heard in Committee on January 17th. Following testimony, ICESA's Kate Kimmer was asked by the committee chair to join a small working group to work on the language of the bill so it could be politically viable to pass on the floor. Language was updated through an amendment and sent back to committee where it was adopted, and the bill passed. The committee would not pass the bill just striking the mandated reporting of adults but agreed to strike it if it was replaced with offering the National Human Trafficking Hotline or other local services (where available).

HOUSE BILL 1238

Author: Representative Julie Olthoff

Synopsis: Criminal history data collection. Requires the criminal justice data division of the state police department to collect criminal history data in a manner consistent with the most recent revisions to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program maintained and operated by the United States Department of Justice. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee topics related to: (1) criminal data collection by the state police department; and (2) whether Indiana should amend its definition of "rape".

ICESA's Position & Update: ICESA requested that the following language be added to IC 35-42-4-1 Rape

- (1) the other person has not given consent; and
- the following language be added to IC 35-42-4-8 Sexual battery
- (A) has not given consent to the touching;

As of this publication, no hearing has been scheduled.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1184

Author: Representative Sue Errington
Co Author: Representative Julie Olthoff

Synopsis: Sexual assault victims. Repeals (from Title 16) and replaces (in Title 35) a chapter relating to victims of sexual assault. Specifies that law enforcement officers, providers, or victim advocates shall order medical forensic examinations to be conducted at a sexual assault treatment center (rather than at a general hospital) if practicable. Provides for the establishment of a sexual assault response team (SART) in a county without a SART. Defines "sexual assault forensic examiner" (SAFE) and specifies the duties of a SAFE. Requires SARTs to develop a plan for the treatment of sexual assault crime victims and specifies certain provisions that must be included in the plan. Makes conforming amendments.

ICESA's Position & Update: The Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault is in support of this bill and worked with Representative Errington to ensure a comprehensive, trauma-informed, and victim centered approach to serving sexual assault victims. The proposed bill makes significant and meaningful changes. Current law does not allow for any checks and balances when choosing which cases to investigate and which to ignore. There is nothing that requires law enforcement to make a written report, send any kit to be tested, or forward any information to prosecutors for review. They can discourage victims from making a formal report and close the files as a false claim (supported by data collected from the 2017 statewide sexual assault kit audit), or victim chooses not to press charges. The proposed bill puts power back into the hands of the victim and ensures that any victim who has received a medical forensic exam and has reported to law enforcement (not anonymous/ "Jane Doe" kits) will have their sexual assault kit tested if no felony charges have been filed. In addition, the current statute requires that there is a SART but it does not define the core components of a SART or their duties. The proposed bill does this, plus more. Representative Thomas Washburne, Chair of the Courts and Criminal Code Committee would not hear the bill.

HOUSE BILL 1121

Author: Representative Jim Lucas

Synopsis: Rape kit testing. Defines "kit" as a standard medical forensic examination kit for victims of a sex crime, as developed by the state police department. Requires the superintendent of the state police department (superintendent) to adopt guidelines that: (1) urge law enforcement agencies to send kits for testing not later than 21 days after receiving notice of a completed kit from a forensic medical services provider; (2) urge crime labs to test kits within 30 days of receipt; (3) urge law enforcement agencies to test previously untested kits; (4) urge law enforcement agencies to eliminate any backlog associated with untested.

ICESA's Position & Update: This bill has a heavy law enforcement component with minimal to no collaboration or coordination with other essential stakeholders (i.e. ICESA, SANEs, etc.) The bill fails to include language that would, by statute, mandate the testing of sexual assault kits but instead uses the word "urges". ICESA was not involved or asked to consult on this bill. When compared, Representative Errington's bill, is victim centered, trauma informed and encompasses, clarifies, and changes significant issues impacting sexual assault. No hearing is scheduled for this bill. Bill will not be heard this session.

SENATE BILL 264

Author Senator Michael Crider

Synopsis: Rape kits. Defines “kit” as the standard medical forensic examination kit for victims of a sex crime developed by the state police department. Requires the statewide sexual assault response team (ISART) to prepare a report regarding: (1) the feasibility of creating a kit tracking and testing data base; (2) the identity of the supervising agency or entity responsible for creating, operating, managing, and maintaining the kit tracking and testing data base; and (3) possible sources of funding for the kit tracking and testing data base. Requires ISART to submit a report to the legislative council in an electronic format not later than December 1, 2018. Defines certain terms. Makes conforming amendments.

ICESA Position & Update: ICESA strongly believes the language in this bill needs to be more detailed and specific and that additional language needs to be added. ICESA provided Senator Crider with additional language for consideration; however, ICESA’s recommendations will not be heard at hearing on January 31st. The language that ICESA proposed included:

Language that defines the Indiana Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team as current statute does not define the core components/members of a SART. This is important as the proposed legislation calls for the statewide SART to develop the rape kit feasibility report. We also have:

- * inserted language to differentiate between “sample” (Jane Doe Kits) and “kits.”
- * clarified how long to keep kits and samples: 1 year for samples and SOL for kits
- * deleted mandates ICJI is unable to follow (supported by ICJI)

With the knowledge that Representative Errington’s bill would not be receiving a hearing, ICESA requested Senator Crider consider adding the following language from Representative Errington’s Bill: A requirement that all sexual assault kits that are not anonymous kits be tested if no felony criminal charges are filed to his legislation which would require that all sexual assault kits that are not anonymous be tested if no felony criminal charges are filed. This request was made not only for the same reasons noted above (See Errington’s bill) but because Indiana’s recent audit revealed that 1,669 kits were not tested because of “no crime/ false report” which means somebody, not the victim, decided the kit didn’t need to be tested. In other words, in all likelihood, the victim was not believed. ICESA provided testimony on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 @1:30pm.



In partnership with Emmis Digital and Nogginwerks, ICESA developed a primary prevention campaign called StepIn. Based on the philosophy and strategy of Bystander Intervention, StepIn simply means, to act/intervene when you see either the potential for or outright harmful and/or unhealthy behaviors that increase the risk of violence; specifically sexual violence. To “StepIn” is to be proactive in the approach to the prevention of sexual violence. The action to “StepIn” sends a clear message that harmful, high risk behaviors are not acceptable and will be stopped.

When we **Stop, Think, Engage, Prevent**, Indiana creates a campus, community, a state that changes the culture and norms that support sexual violence. The primary goal of StepIn was to create a large impact at the beginning of the school year at designated campuses through targeted social media and display, that engaged with students where they live, work and learn. ICESA is proud to share some of the impactful data that was collected during the initial phase of the campaign:

- ⇒ The targeted display campaign delivered a total of 2,840,650 impressions and 8,962 total clicks for an average campaign click thru rate of 0.32%. That is 4x the national average for what is normally seen in this space.
- ⇒ Snapchat delivered 29,846 impressions with 611 total uses during college homecomings in September and October
- ⇒ ICESA’s Twitter following is up 17% and the number of Facebook likes has increased by 13%
- ⇒ The social campaign delivered over 263,000 engagement impressions with 335 link clicks

The StepIn Campaign has only just begun. Stay tuned for more to come!