

✓ SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM CHECKLIST



A Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a type of Coordinated Community Response (CCR), a SART is a multidisciplinary, inter agency, sexual assault intervention model. It is a team approach to implementing a comprehensive, sensitive, coordinated system of intervention and care for sexual assault victims. It can also be instrumental in developing policies and practices to hold offenders accountable. A SART's focus is to implement a comprehensive, sensitive, coordinated system of intervention and care for sexual assault victims and to strengthen cases for criminal prosecution.

ESTABLISH A CORE GROUP (STEERING COMMITTEE)

- ☐ Establish a core group to assist in identifying and inviting SART/Team members
- ☐ Brainstorm ways to obtain buy-in from Tribal Leadership
- ☐ Establish a wide base of support
- ☐ Brainstorm Team/Stakeholder Composition
 - Law enforcement (tribal, BIA, FBI, local), advocate, sexual assault forensic examiner, health care professional, prosecutor (tribal, state, federal), forensic lab, other professional, traditional healer

IDENTIFY RESOURCES NEEDED TO GUIDE THE TEAM

- ☐ Tribally based support
- ☐ Review of current tribal code on sexual assault
- ☐ Troubleshoot on existing problems regarding response to sexual assault and how the team may help resolve these problems
- ☐ Assess training and technical assistance needs pertinent to policy development on confidentiality, cross discipline communication, and information sharing
- ☐ External resources

INITIAL STEPS OF THE SART

- ☐ Develop a purpose and mission statement
 - What are the needs about violence against women that must be addressed in the community?
 - How will the team address these needs?
 - What are the traditions, beliefs, and values that will guide your work?
- ☐ Discuss and explore the need for protocol development
- ☐ Discuss the need for defining and clarifying roles
- ☐ Develop MOU's with agencies represented on the team
- ☐ Identify a plan for developing steps of CCR/SART's 8 Step Model

PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- ☐ Inventory of existing services
- ☐ Victim experience survey
- ☐ Community Needs Assessment
- ☐ Protocol writing
- ☐ Renew interagency agreements
- ☐ Training team members
- ☐ Monitoring
- ☐ Evaluation



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