

The Illinois Attorney General invites you to the Foundation to Provide Sexual Assault Patient Care in the Emergency Room Training for medical professionals, law enforcement personnel and advocates.

Dear Friend:

Survivors of sexual assault rely on medical professionals, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement and prosecutors to treat their physical wounds, help them seek justice and provide support for the severe emotional trauma they face as they begin the difficult recovery process.

In the criminal justice system, we rely on these first responders, who aid victims of sexual assault by collecting evidence used to identify, prosecute and convict the perpetrators. These are critical steps to help provide a victim with compassionate medical care to help assist in their recovery and pursuit of justice. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the front line in the fight against sex crimes and makes you one of the most important people in a victim's life.

I would like to invite you to attend our training called the Foundation to Provide Sexual Assault Patient Care in the Emergency Room. This webinar will be held on **Monday, July 10, 2023**, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. via WebEx. I hope you and your staff are able to participate in the training.

This six-hour training is designed to improve our response to sexual assault patients by providing an overview of factors involved in sexual violence and the complex steps needed to perform a medical forensic examination and evidence collection. In addition, this training will assist medical professionals in deciding whether to pursue becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) by providing an introduction to the topics covered in the 40-hour SANE didactic training and explaining the process to become a SANE or SAFE. This training program will help all of us work together to better serve and protect Illinois residents from the painful effects of sexual assault. I hope you can join us.

Sincerely,
Kwame Raoul Illinois Attorney General

Who should attend?

The Foundation to Provide Sexual Assault Patient Care in the Emergency Room Training is for nurses, advance practice providers, physicians, law enforcement, advocates and first responders.

Topics covered in the Foundation Training will include:

The training will cover sexual assault laws such as the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA), neurobiology of trauma, drug-facilitated sexual assault, strangulation and the medical forensic examination.

How to enroll:

Registration forms are attached. For assistance with enrollment, please contact Theresa Geary at 1-866-376-7215 or by email at sane@ilag.gov. Questions or requests for reasonable accommodations may also be directed here. Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach us by using the 7-1-1 relay service.

Because space is limited, you are strongly encouraged to register early. Registration prior to the deadline noted below does not guarantee a space at the training. A confirmation notice will be sent to you indicating your participation. To maximize the number of agencies represented at the training, the Attorney General's office may limit the number of attendees that each agency may send.

Webinar Training Dates:

Monday, July 10, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Register by: Wednesday, July 5, 2023