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Dear Friend:

Survivors of rape, molestation and other forms of sexual assault rely on you as a medical provider to treat their physical wounds, provide them with justice and help them endure severe emotional trauma while beginning the difficult recovery process.

In the criminal justice system, we rely on those who first treat victims of sexual assault to collect the evidence used to identify, prosecute and convict the assailants—crucial steps to providing some sense of peace and security in the victims' otherwise shattered lives. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the frontline in the fight against sex crimes and makes you one of the most important people in victims' lives.

I would like to invite you to attend a training designed to improve our response to sexual assault patients: the Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training.

The **Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training** is an important 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians performing sexual assault medical forensic examinations. The training is comprised of a combination of pre-coursework and live training. Participants can complete the pre-coursework at their convenience; however, the assignments must be completed by the due date provided. Instructions regarding the pre-coursework will be released on August 31, 2023, and students must complete the online coursework by Thursday, September 28, 2023. The SANE training will be held **October 3-5, 2023**, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at OSF HealthCare System in Peoria.

This training is for registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians. Applicants must have a license in good standing, acknowledge the requirements of the training including submitting a current resume, complete the pre-coursework prior to the date listed above, have an identified mentor (must be an AA SANE, SANE-A, or AA SAFE) who has received specialized training in the care of sexual assault patients, and be available for the in-person training. Individuals who have previously completed didactic training are invited to re-attend as space allows. Priority will be given to individuals who are working to complete their clinical training log.

The Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training will cover the following Nursing Objectives:

Review History of Forensic Nursing ▪ Define Role of the SANE ▪ Describe Clinical Requirements and SANE Certification ▪ Define Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Concept ▪ Discuss Ethics

▪ Review Dynamics of Sexual Assault ▪ Define Rape Trauma Syndrome ▪ Describe Role of Advocate  
▪ Describe Illinois Sexual Assault Laws ▪ Describe Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment  
Act ▪ Explain Victim Compensation ▪ Discuss Medical Findings in Sexual Assault ▪ Explain Ano-  
Genital Anatomy ▪ Define Injuries and Terminology ▪ Review Documentation and Interview ▪  
Examine Case Studies ▪ Describe Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) Including HIV ▪ Discuss  
Treatment, Referral and Follow-Up ▪ Review a Mock Medical-Forensic Examination ▪ Explain Male  
Sexual Assault ▪ Explain Vulnerable Populations ▪ Review Strangulation ▪ Define Drug-Facilitated  
Sexual Assault (DFSA) ▪ Describe the Role of Law Enforcement ▪ Explain Forensic Photography ▪  
Describe the Role of Forensic Scientist ▪ Examine Evidence Collection ▪ Review the Illinois Sexual  
Assault Evidence Collection Kit (IL SAECK) ▪ Review Sex Offender Characteristics ▪ Describe  
Suspect Exams ▪ Review Role of Prosecutor and Defense Attorney ▪ Examine a Mock Trial ▪  
Review SANE Testimony ▪ Explain Vicarious Trauma

For more information regarding the Illinois SANE Program, the content of the training or nursing  
contact hours, please contact [sane@ilag.gov](mailto:sane@ilag.gov).

These training programs will help all of us work together to better serve and protect Illinois  
residents from the painful effects of sexual assault. There is no charge for these trainings and an  
application form is attached. I hope you can join us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Raoul', written in a cursive style.

Kwame Raoul  
Illinois Attorney General

*The SIU School of Medicine is preapproved as a continuing education provider pursuant to section 1300.130, subsection (c), (1), (B) and (P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 40 contact hours for completing this activity.*

*Criteria for successful completion of the Adult/Adolescent SANE Training include completion of the pre-coursework, attendance at the entire event, and submission of a completed evaluation form.*

*Nurse planners and presenter(s) have declared no conflict of interest.*