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Dear Friend:

Survivors of rape, molestation and other forms of sexual assault rely on you – nurses, physicians, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement and prosecutors – 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 Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training.

The Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training is an important 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses, mid-level providers and physicians performing sexual assault medical forensic examinations. The training is comprised of a combination of pre-work and live training via WebEx. Participants can complete the pre-coursework at their convenience; however, the assignments must be completed prior to the live WebEx trainings. Instructions regarding the pre-work will be released on Thursday, February 24, 2022, and students must complete the pre-work assignments by Thursday, March 24, 2022. The live training for the Pediatric/Adolescent SANE Training will be held on March 30, March 31, April 6 and April 7, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. via WebEx.

This training is for registered nurses, mid-level providers and physicians. Applicants must have a license in good standing, have a minimum of one year of clinical experience, acknowledge the requirements of the training including submitting a recent resume, complete the pre-work prior to the date listed above and have an identified mentor (must be a Child Abuse Pediatrician or SANE-P) who has received specialized training in the care of both acute and non-acute sexual assault patients and is performing those exams on a routine basis.

The nursing objectives for the training are as follows:

Review the History, Reporting and Dynamics of Child Maltreatment ▪ Review Sex Offender Characteristics ▪ Describe the History and Role of Forensic Nursing and the Pediatric SANE ▪
Discuss Collaborating with Community Agencies • Describe the Role of the Medical Component and Examiner in Child Sexual Abuse Cases • Discuss Child Growth and Development • Explain Physical and Behavioral Indicators of Child Abuse • Explain Developmental Ano-Genital Anatomy • Recognize Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Pregnancy, Testing and Prophylaxis Options for the Pediatric Patient • Review Discharge and Follow-up Planning and Management • Recognize Conditions Mistaken for Abuse • Observe and Assess Physical Examination Findings • Review Medicolegal Photography • Discuss Taking the Medicolegal History in a Pediatric Examination • Review Medicolegal Documentation in the Pediatric Examination • Review Injury Identification and Classification • Review the Illinois Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (IL SAECK) • Examine Evidence Collection • Describe the Role of the Forensic Scientist • Examine a Mock Trial and SANE Testimony • Describe Illinois Child Abuse Laws • Explain Mandated Reporting Requirements for Child Abuse and Neglect • Review the Illinois Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA) • Discuss Ethics • Discuss Vicarious Trauma • Review Illinois Pediatric SANE Clinical Requirements • Evaluate the Course and Learning

For more information regarding the Illinois SANE Program, the content of the training or nursing contact hours, please contact Jaclyn Rodriguez, BSN, BS, RN, SANE-A, SANE Coordinator, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, at 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,

Kwame Raoul
Attorney General

This activity has been submitted to the SIU School of Medicine Office of Continuing Professional Development for approval to award 40.0 Contact Hours. The SIU School of Medicine Office of Continuing Professional Development is preapproved as a continuing education provider pursuant to Section 1300.130, subsection (c), (f), (B) and (P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act.

Criteria for successful completion of the SANE training include attendance at the entire event and submission of a completed evaluation form.

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