Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services

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Objectives
• Understand the barriers and supports for strong rural SA services
• Connect with others working on rural SA projects
• Learn how to use RSP tools in rural SA enhancement projects

RSP Rural Projects
• Deepening Our Roots: Growing Meaningful and Sustainable Sexual Assault Services in Rural Communities
• Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative
• Support and assistance to NSVRC Rural Grants
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Attitudinal, Institutional, Fiscal Barriers

- Sexual discomfort, lack of education in agency & community
- Desire to avoid unpleasant emotions/events
- History of agency
- Structure of agency
- Lack of data
- Lack of information about SA funding
- National and state funding streams
- Unequal funding distribution
- Unequal marketing

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Needs of Rural Dual/Multi-Service Agencies

- Dedicated staff
- Funding streams, equitable allocation of resources
- Marketing for SA services
- Training & TA
- Agency documentation & structural support
- Improved data collection

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Strategies & Tools for Overcoming Barriers

- Assessment tools
- Core services
- Training Modules on
  - Using assessments
  - Board Support for SA
  - Agency Structure
  - Marketing SA in rural areas
Strengths-based Assessments

- Increase outreach to those populations most likely experiencing sexual assault in their communities but not currently accessing services
- Develop models of service provision that prioritize the needs of sexual assault survivors beyond immediate crisis responses currently offered
- Evaluate the efficacy of those steps in increasing the numbers and type of sexual assault survivors who access those newly enhanced services made available
The Agency in the Community

Please mark each response on 1-4 where 4 represents the extent to which you agree or disagree that the action/issue should be considered a priority, and then explain your reasoning in the space provided. Your comments are confidential and will not be shared with the agency. Space is provided for your comments and ratings.

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The Agency Values Map

In what area of your organization do you see the least potential for the agency to increase services?

In what area of your organization do you see the most potential for the agency to increase services?

How do you think the agency can improve in these areas?

Resource Sharing/Improve Organizational Structures

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Deepening Our Roots

Training and TA for OVW Rural Grantees

National Training (held February, 2010)

Free Webinars for OVW Rural Grantees

Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative

• The first large scale project to address the challenges of reaching rural sexual assault survivors with concrete and replicable tools and practices.

• A select group of rural dual (DV/SA) agencies will create and test methods to increase service to sexual assault survivors.
Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative

• The project design uses strengths-based assessments in order to determine best practices and needed action in reaching more sexual assault survivors and providing comprehensive sexual assault services in range of community types, service models, and agency structures
• Selected agencies will receive funding and unlimited technical assistance for three years
• Findings, project evaluation, and tools will be presented to the field at the completion of the project

NSVRC Projects

• Convene national workgroup to help OVW Rural Grantees improve core sexual assault services
• Focus groups
• PSA development
• Training and TA, including site visits & online learning tools

NSVRC Projects

Just Rural! Free training for Rural Grantees
• Addressing Sexual Assault in the Context of Domestic Violence
• Training for advocates AND community partners; SART teams encouraged

• June 8th-10th in Denver
• Registration and information at www.nsvrc.org
Coalition Projects

• What’s happening in your state with rural sexual assault services?

• Is your coalition leading any statewide efforts to enhance rural sexual assault services?

Coalition Projects

- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Oklahoma
- Tennessee
- Utah
- West Virginia

www.resourcesharingproject.org

Region 1: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin

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