

DEFINITIONS

ADULT

An individual, male or female, who is 18 years of age or older.

ADOLESCENT

An individual, male or female, who is at least 13 years of age but less than 18 years of age. Adolescents are eligible for a full range of services by the Sexual Assault Response Team. Current New Jersey law requires that before any sexual assault medical forensic examination of an adolescent is performed, parental notification is required, unless it is determined it is not in the best interest of the victim. See N.J.S.A. 9:17A-4.

CHILD

An individual, male or female, who is below the age of 13 years old. A child is not eligible for services of the Sexual Assault Response Team.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

An individual who is sworn and empowered by the State of New Jersey to conduct investigations and make arrests for any offense enumerated in the New Jersey Criminal Code.

RAPE CARE ADVOCATE

An individual who has completed a minimum of 40 hours of Rape Care Advocacy training that has been approved by the Division on Women, and who is currently under the control of a direct service supervisor of a Rape Care Center funded by the Division on Women.

RAPE CARE SERVICES

The following services are provided by all Rape Care Centers: a 24 hour hotline for crisis intervention and information, rape care advocates to accompany victims during medical treatment, law enforcement interviews and court appearances, individual and group counseling, and referrals. These services are available to victims 12 years of age and older. Additional services are also available to family members and significant others regardless of the victim's age. All rape care services are available regardless of when the incident occurred. Victims may request these services even in situations where they have declined medical care and/or notification of law enforcement. All rape care services are confidential and free of charge. See N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-22.15.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Any conduct proscribed by N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a (1) through (7), N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c (1) through (4), and N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3a. and b. of the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, including any act of sexual contact or penetration performed or perpetrated on one person by another without mutual consent, or with an inability of one party to consent due to age, mental defect or physical incapacitation. In 1979, the terms "rape," "sodomy," and "carnal knowledge" were replaced in the New Jersey Criminal Code with the term "sexual assault." Therefore, these Standards will use the term "sexual assault" exclusively when referring to the criminal acts as described in Title 2C, Chapter 14.

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE)

A professional Registered Nurse (RN) licensed in the State of New Jersey, specially educated to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault victims, who demonstrates competence in conducting a sexual assault medical forensic examination, and has been certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing as Forensic Nurse – Certified Sexual Assault (FN-CSA).

SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINER (SAE)

A physician licensed in the State of New Jersey, who is specially trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault victims, demonstrates competency in conducting a sexual assault medical forensic examination, and has successfully completed a course of education in the treatment of sexual assault victims.

SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATION

A comprehensive assessment of a victim of sexual assault consisting of a history, physical examination, diagnosis, treatment by medical protocol, and the collection of evidence. Within the context of a Sexual Assault Response Team activation, these exams will be conducted by a SANE or SAE.

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART)

A Sexual Assault Response Team consists of a SANE or SAE, a rape care advocate, and a law enforcement officer. In New Jersey, the services of the SART are available to adolescents and adults who disclose an incident of sexual assault within 5 days of when the incident occurred.

SEXUAL ASSAULT TEAM ACTIVATION

The SART may be activated, at the request of the victim, whenever a victim of sexual assault who is 13 years of age or older discloses the incident within five days of its occurrence.

VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH

A systematic focus on the needs and concerns of a sexual assault victim in an effort to ensure the compassionate and sensitive delivery of services in a non-judgmental manner.

VICTIM-WITNESS ADVOCACY

A statewide program of support and services for victims and witnesses involved with the criminal justice system. There is a Victim-Witness Advocacy Unit located in each County Prosecutor's Office.

SEXUAL OFFENSES

N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2 Sexual assault

a. An actor is guilty of aggravated sexual assault if he commits an act of sexual penetration with another person under any one of the following circumstances:

- (1) The victim is less than 13 years old;
- (2) The victim is at least 13 but less than 16 years old; and
 - (a) The actor is related to the victim by blood or affinity to the third degree, or
 - (b) The actor has supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the actor's legal, professional, or occupational status, or
 - (c) The actor is a resource family parent, a guardian, or stands in loco parentis within the household;
- (3) The act is committed during the commission, or attempted commission, whether alone or with one or more other persons, of robbery, kidnaping, homicide, aggravated assault on another, burglary, arson or criminal escape;
- (4) The actor is armed with a weapon or any object fashioned in such a manner as to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a weapon and threatens by word or gesture to use the weapon or object;
- (5) The actor is aided or abetted by one or more other persons and the actor uses physical force or coercion;
- (6) The actor uses physical force or coercion and severe personal injury is sustained by the victim;
- (7) The victim is one whom the actor knew or should have known was physically helpless, mentally defective or mentally incapacitated.

Aggravated sexual assault is a crime of the first degree.

b. An actor is guilty of sexual assault if he commits an act of sexual contact with a victim who is less than 13 years old and the actor is at least four years older than the victim.

c. An actor is guilty of sexual assault if he commits an act of sexual penetration with another person under any one of the following circumstances:

- (1) The actor uses physical force or coercion, but the victim does not sustain severe personal injury;

(2) The victim is on probation or parole, or is detained in a hospital, prison or other institution and the actor has supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the actor's legal, professional or occupational status;

(3) The victim is at least 16 but less than 18 years old and:

(a) The actor is related to the victim by blood or affinity to the third degree; or

(b) The actor has supervisory or disciplinary power of any nature or in any capacity over the victim; or

(c) The actor is a resource family parent, a guardian, or stands in loco parentis within the household;

(4) The victim is at least 13 but less than 16 years old and the actor is at least four years older than the victim.

Sexual assault is a crime of the second degree.

N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2.1. Right of victim to consult with prosecuting authority

Whenever there is a prosecution for a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C: 14-2, the victim of the sexual assault shall be provided an opportunity to consult with the prosecuting authority prior to the conclusion of any plea negotiations.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to alter or limit the authority or discretion of the prosecutor to enter into any plea agreement which the prosecutor deems appropriate.

N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3

2C:14-3. Criminal sexual contact

a. An actor is guilty of aggravated criminal sexual contact if he commits an act of sexual contact with the victim under any of the circumstances set forth in 2C:14-2a. (2) through (7).

Aggravated criminal sexual contact is a crime of the third degree.

b. An actor is guilty of criminal sexual contact if he commits an act of sexual contact with the victim under any of the circumstances set forth in section 2C:14-2c. (1) through (4).

Criminal sexual contact is a crime of the fourth degree.

(2) The victim is at least 13 but less than 16 years old; and

(a) The actor is related to the victim by blood or affinity to the third degree, or

(b) The actor has supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the actor's legal, professional, or occupational status, or

(c) The actor is a resource family parent, a guardian, or stands in loco parentis within the household;

(3) The act is committed during the commission, or attempted commission, whether alone or with one or more other persons, of robbery, kidnaping, homicide, aggravated assault on another, burglary, arson or criminal escape;

(4) The actor is armed with a weapon or any object fashioned in such a manner as to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a weapon and threatens by word or gesture to use the weapon or object;

(5) The actor is aided or abetted by one or more other persons and the actor uses physical force or coercion;

(6) The actor uses physical force or coercion and severe personal injury is sustained by the victim;

(7) The victim is one whom the actor knew or should have known was physically helpless, mentally defective or mentally incapacitated.

Aggravated sexual assault is a crime of the first degree.

b. An actor is guilty of sexual assault if he commits an act of sexual contact with a victim who is less than 13 years old and the actor is at least four years older than the victim.

c. An actor is guilty of sexual assault if he commits an act of sexual penetration with another person under any one of the following circumstances:

(1) The actor uses physical force or coercion, but the victim does not sustain severe personal injury;

(2) The victim is on probation or parole, or is detained in a hospital, prison or other institution and the actor has supervisory or disciplinary power over the victim by virtue of the actor's legal, professional or occupational status;

(3) The victim is at least 16 but less than 18 years old and:

(a) The actor is related to the victim by blood or affinity to the third degree; or

(b) The actor has supervisory or disciplinary power of any nature or in any capacity over the victim; or

(c) The actor is a resource family parent, a guardian, or stands in loco parentis within the household;

(4) The victim is at least 13 but less than 16 years old and the actor is at least four years older than the victim.

Sexual assault is a crime of the second degree.

N.J.S.A. 2C:14-4 Lewdness

a. A person commits a disorderly persons offense if he does any flagrantly lewd and offensive act which he knows or reasonably expects is likely to be observed by other non-consenting persons who would be affronted or alarmed.

b. A person commits a crime of the fourth degree if:

(1) He exposes his intimate parts for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the actor or of any other person under circumstances where the actor knows or reasonably expects he is likely to be observed by a child who is less than 13 years of age where the actor is at least four years older than the child.

(2) He exposes his intimate parts for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the actor or of any other person under circumstances where the actor knows or reasonably expects he is likely to be observed by a person who because of mental disease or defect is unable to understand the sexual nature of the actor's conduct.

c. As used in this section:

"lewd acts" shall include the exposing of the genitals for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the actor or of any other person.

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM'S RIGHT TO A RAPE CARE ADVOCATE

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-22. Distribution of information

a. Every State, county, and municipal police department and hospital or other place of emergency medical care shall have available and shall post in a public place information booklets, pamphlets or other pertinent written information, to be supplied by the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, relating to the availability of crime victims' compensation including all necessary application blanks required to be filed with the board.

b. Included in the information supplied by the Violent Crimes Compensation Board shall be information for victims of sexual offenses. This information shall contain the location of rape crisis centers in all geographical areas throughout the State and shall instruct victims of sexual offenses that if a rape crisis center is not available in a victim's immediate geographical area, the victim may contact the appropriate county victim-witness coordinator appointed by the Chief of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy established pursuant to P.L.1985, c. 404 (C. 52:4B-39 et seq.). Unless the victim requires immediate medical attention, this information shall be personally conveyed to the victim of a sexual offense by a representative of the hospital or place of emergency care before a medical examination of the victim is conducted, or by a representative of the police department before the victim's statement is taken, to afford the victim the opportunity to arrange to have assistance from the rape crisis center or county victim-witness coordinator during these procedures. Hospitals shall be held harmless from suits emanating from a hospital's carrying out the obligation to convey information to victims of sexual offenses.

"Rape crisis center" means an office, institution or center offering assistance to victims of sexual offenses through crisis intervention, medical and legal information and follow-up counseling.

c. Every police department shall, upon the filing of a report of a violent crime, make available to any victim information concerning crime victims' compensation.

VICTIM-COUNSELOR PRIVILEGE FOR RAPE CARE ADVOCATES

N.J.S.A. 2A:84A-22.15. Victim counselor's privilege

Subject to Rule 37 of the Rules of Evidence, a victim counselor has a privilege not to be examined as a witness in any civil or criminal proceeding with regard to any confidential communication. The privilege shall be claimed by the counselor unless otherwise instructed by prior written consent of the victim. When a victim is incompetent or deceased consent to disclosure may be given by the guardian, executor or administrator except when the guardian, executor or administrator is the defendant or has a relationship with the victim such that he has an interest in the outcome of the proceeding. The privilege may be knowingly waived by a juvenile. In any instance where the juvenile is, in the opinion of the judge, incapable of knowing consent, the parent or guardian of the juvenile may waive the privilege on behalf of the juvenile, provided that the parent or guardian is not the defendant and does not have a relationship with the defendant such that he has an interest in the outcome of the proceeding. A victim counselor or a victim cannot be compelled to provide testimony in any civil or criminal proceeding that would identify the name, address, location, or telephone number of a domestic violence shelter or any other facility that provided temporary emergency shelter to the victim of the offense or transaction that is the subject of the proceeding unless the facility is a party to the proceeding.

MINOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM'S RIGHT TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL CARE

N.J.S.A. 9:17A-4. Consent by minor to medical care or treatment; venereal disease, sexual assault, drug use or alcoholism; notice and report of treatment; confidentiality

The consent to the provision of medical or surgical care or services by a hospital, public clinic, or the performance of medical or surgical care or services by a physician, licensed to practice medicine, when executed by a minor who is or professes to be afflicted with a venereal disease, or by a minor who, in the judgment of a treating physician, appears to have been sexually assaulted, shall be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved his or her majority, as the case may be. Any such consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority. In the case of a minor who appears to have been sexually assaulted, the minor's parents or guardian shall be notified immediately, unless the attending physician believes that it is in the best interests of the patient not to do so; however, inability of the treating physician, hospital or clinic to locate or notify the parents or guardian shall not preclude the provision of any necessary emergency medical or surgical care to the minor.

When a minor believes that he is suffering from the use of drugs or is a drug dependent person as defined in section 2 of P.L.1970, c. 226 (C. 24:21-2) or is suffering from alcohol dependency or is an alcoholic as defined in section 2 of P.L.1975, c. 305 (C. 26:2B-8), his consent to treatment under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine, or an individual licensed or certified to provide treatment for alcoholism or in a facility licensed by the State to provide for the treatment of alcoholism shall be valid and binding as if the minor had achieved his or her majority, as the case may be. Any such consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority. Treatment for drug use, drug abuse, alcohol use or alcohol abuse that is consented to by a minor shall be considered confidential information between the physician, the treatment provider or the treatment facility, as appropriate, and his patient, and neither the minor nor his physician, treatment provider or treatment facility, as appropriate, shall be required to report such treatment when it is the result of voluntary consent, except as may otherwise be required by law.

The consent of no other person or persons, including but not limited to a spouse, parent, custodian or guardian, shall be necessary in order to authorize such hospital, facility or clinical care or services or medical or surgical care or services to be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine or by an individual licensed or certified to provide treatment for alcoholism to such a minor.

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JAHCO)
2004 Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals (CAMH)
2004 Provision of Care, Treatment, and Services Standards for Hospitals

Standard PC.3.10 - Additional Standard for Victims of Abuse - Patients who may be victims of abuse or neglect are assessed

Rationale for PC.3.10

Victims of abuse or neglect may come to a hospital in a variety of ways. The patient may be unable or reluctant to speak of the abuse, and it may not be obvious to the casual observer. Staff needs to be able to identify abuse or neglect as well as the extent and circumstances of the abuse or neglect to give the patient appropriate care.

Criteria for identifying and assessing victims of abuse or neglect should be used throughout the hospital. The assessment of the patient must be conducted within the context of the requirements of the law to preserve evidentiary materials and support future legal actions.

Elements of Performance for PC.3.10

1. The hospital develops or adopts criteria identifying victims in each of the following situations:
 - Physical Assault
 - Rape
 - Sexual Molestation
 - Domestic abuse
 - Elder neglect or abuse
 - Child neglect or abuse
2. Staff is educated about abuse and neglect and how to refer as appropriate.
3. A list of private and public community agencies that provide or arrange for assessment and care of abuse victims is maintained to facilitate appropriate referrals.
4. Victims of abuse or neglect are identified using the criteria developed or adopted by the hospital at entry into the system and on an on-going basis
5. The hospital's staff refers appropriately or conducts the assessment of victims of abuse or neglect.
6. All cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation are reported to appropriate agencies according to hospital and regulation.
7. All cases of abuse or neglect are immediately reported in the hospital.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.10. Reports of child abuse

Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or acts of child abuse shall report the same immediately to the Division of Youth and Family Services by telephone or otherwise. Such reports, where possible, shall contain the names and addresses of the child and his parent, guardian, or other person having custody and control of the child and, if known, the child's age, the nature and possible extent of the child's injuries, abuse or maltreatment, including any evidence of previous injuries, abuse or maltreatment, and any other information that the person believes may be helpful with respect to the child abuse and the identity of the perpetrator.

STANDARDS FOR SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-44. Attorney General Standards to insure rights of crime victims

a. The Attorney General shall, through the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice in the Department of Law and Public Safety and in consultation with the county prosecutors, promulgate Standards for law enforcement agencies to ensure that the rights of crime victims are enforced.

b. The Standards shall require that the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy in the Division of Criminal Justice and each county prosecutor's office provide the following services upon request for victims and witnesses involved in the prosecution of a case:

- (1) Orientation information about the criminal justice system and the victim's and witness's role in the criminal justice process;
- (2) Notification of any change in the case status and of final disposition;
- (3) Information on crime prevention and on available responses to witness intimidation;
- (4) Information about available services to meet needs resulting from the crime and referrals to service agencies, where appropriate;
- (5) Advance notice of the date, time and place of the defendant's initial appearance before a judicial officer, submission to the court of any plea agreement, the trial and sentencing;
- (6) Advance notice of when presence in court is not needed;
- (7) Advice about available compensation, restitution and other forms of recovery and assistance in applying for government compensation;
- (8) A waiting or reception area separate from the defendant for use during court proceedings;
- (9) An escort or accompaniment for intimidated victims or witnesses during court appearances;
- (10) Information about directions, parking, courthouse and courtroom locations, transportation services and witness fees, in advance of court appearances;
- (11) Assistance for victims and witnesses in meeting special needs when required to make court appearances, such as transportation and child care arrangements;
- (12) Assistance in making travel and lodging arrangements for out-of-state witnesses;
- (13) Notification to employers of victims and witnesses, if cooperation in the investigation or prosecution causes absence from work;

- (14) Notification of the case disposition, including the trial and sentencing;
- (15) Assistance to victims in submitting a written statement to a representative of the county prosecutor's office about the impact of the crime prior to the prosecutor's final decision concerning whether formal charges will be filed;
- (16) Advice to victims about their right to make a statement about the impact of the crime for inclusion in the presentence report or at time of parole consideration, if applicable;
- (17) Notification to victims of the right to make an in-person statement, prior to sentencing, directly to the sentencing court concerning the impact of the crime;
- (18) Expediting the return of property when no longer needed as evidence;
- (19) Advise and counsel, or refer for advice or counseling, victims of sexual assault, or other criminal acts involving a risk of transmission of disease, concerning available medical testing and assist such victims, or refer such victims for assistance, in obtaining appropriate testing, counseling and medical care and in making application to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board for compensation for the costs of such testing, counseling and care;
- (20) Assistance to victims in submitting a written impact statement to a representative of the county prosecutor's office concerning the impact of the crime which shall be considered prior to the prosecutor's accepting a negotiated plea agreement containing recommendations as to sentence and assistance to victims in securing an explanation of the terms of any such agreement and the reasons for the agreement;
- (21) Notification to the victim of the defendant's release from custody which shall include:
- (a) notice of the defendant's escape from custody and return to custody following escape;
 - (b) notice of any other release from custody, including placement in an Intensive Supervision Program or other alternative disposition, and any associated conditions of release;
 - (c) notice of the filing by an inmate of an application for commutation of sentence pursuant to N.J.S. 2A:167-4 and its disposition;
 - (d) notice of parole consideration pursuant to provisions of P.L.1979, c. 441 (C. 30:4-123.45 et seq.); and
 - (e) notice of the pending release of an inmate due to expiration of sentence; and
- (22) Interpreting services for victims and witnesses when necessary to assist a victim or witness who is hearing impaired or developmentally disabled as defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c. 82 (C. 30:6D-3) to understand questions and frame answers.

c. In a case involving a victim of aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault as defined in subsection a. or c. of N.J.S. 2C:14-2, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy or the county prosecutor's office involved in the case shall:

(1) Notify the victim of the victim's right to obtain an approved serological test for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any other related virus identified as a probable causative agent of AIDS, and assist the victim, or refer the victim for assistance, in obtaining a test and appropriate counseling and medical care;

(2) Notify the victim of the victim's right to obtain a court order pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of P.L.1993, c. 364 (C. 2C:43-2.2) requiring the offender to submit to an approved serological test for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or any other related virus identified as a probable causative agent of AIDS in the event that the offender is indicted, formally charged, convicted or adjudicated delinquent;

(3) Communicate the request of a victim who agrees to seek an order pursuant to subsection a. of section 4 of P.L.1993, c. 364 (C. 2C:43-2.2) to the prosecutor handling the case and notify the victim or arrange for the victim to be notified of the test result; and

(4) Assist the victim in applying to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board for compensation for the costs of testing, counseling and medical care.

d. The Attorney General shall, through the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy and in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Director of the Division of State Police and representatives of providers of sexual assault services, to be designated by the Director of the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, coordinate the establishment of standard protocols for the provision of information and services to victims of sexual assault, and shall make such protocols available to victims upon request.

STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER LEGISLATION

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-50. Legislative findings

The Legislature finds and declares that the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, established pursuant to P.L.1997, c. 328, has been successful in ensuring more timely and accurate collection of forensic evidence for use in prosecuting suspected rapists and in creating a compassionate way to treat sexual assault victims, and it is important to establish the program throughout the State of New Jersey.

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-51. Statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program; county prosecutor employee

The Attorney General shall establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

Upon implementation of the certification process for a forensic sexual assault nurse examiner pursuant to section 5 of this act, the county prosecutor in each county shall appoint or designate a certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiner to serve as program coordinator for the program in the county in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- a. The county prosecutor may appoint an employee of the prosecutor's office who is a certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiner to serve as program coordinator to administer the program in that county.
- b. In a county where the county prosecutor does not appoint an employee of his office to serve as program coordinator, the county prosecutor shall designate a certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiner who is an employee of a licensed health care facility or a county rape care program that is designated by the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs to serve as the program coordinator. A person designated as a program coordinator pursuant to this subsection shall not be deemed an employee of the county prosecutor's office.

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-52. Program coordinator; powers and duties

The program coordinator shall:

- a. Coordinate the county Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program in accordance with standard protocols for the provision of information and services to victims of sexual assault developed by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection d. of section 6 of P.L.1985, c. 404 (C.52:4B-44);
- b. Perform forensic sexual assault examinations on victims of sexual assault in accordance with the standards developed by the Attorney General and appropriate medical and nursing standards of care;

c. Designate one or more licensed physicians or certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiners to perform forensic sexual assault examinations on victims of sexual assault in accordance with the standards developed by the Attorney General and appropriate medical and nursing standards of care;

d. Develop and implement standardized guidelines for forensic sexual assault examinations performed by designated physicians or certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiners in the county;

e. Develop and implement a standardized education and training program to provide instruction to members of the county Sexual Assault Response Team established pursuant to section 6 of this act which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in the following areas:

(1) the importance of a coordinated, multi-disciplinary response to a report of sexual assault;

(2) the policies and procedures which govern the responsibilities of each team member;

(3) the psychological effects of sexual assault and rape trauma syndrome on the victim and the victim's family and friends;

(4) the collection, handling and documentation of forensic evidence; and

(5) confidentiality issues associated with the treatment of a victim of sexual assault and the investigation of a report of sexual assault;

f. Establish, in cooperation with licensed health care facilities, private waiting rooms and areas designated for forensic sexual assault examinations and the provision of rape care services in the licensed health care facilities participating in the program;

g. Develop, in cooperation with licensed health care facilities, protocols for the storage of forensic evidence;

h. Provide appropriate services to victims of sexual assault, including the opportunity to tend to personal hygiene needs, obtain fresh clothing and speak with a rape care advocate prior to and during any medical procedure or law enforcement investigation, unless the victim requires immediate medical attention, as appropriate;

i. Collaborate with law enforcement officials and the county rape care program to ensure that the needs of victims of sexual assault are met in a compassionate manner; and

j. Participate in regular meetings of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Coordinating Council established pursuant to section 7 of this act.

As used in this section and section 6 of this act, "rape care advocate" means a victim counselor, as defined pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1987, c. 169 (C.2A:84A-22.14), who specializes in the provision of rape care services.

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-53. Certification process for forensic sexual assault nurse examiner; applicant qualifications

The Attorney General and the New Jersey Board of Nursing shall jointly establish a certification process for a forensic sexual assault nurse examiner.

a. An applicant for certification as a forensic sexual assault nurse examiner shall be a registered professional nurse licensed in the State and in good standing with the New Jersey Board of Nursing, and shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) A minimum of two years of current nursing experience as defined by regulation of the Attorney General pursuant to section 17 of this act;
- (2) Certification verifying the completion of a forensic sexual assault nurse examiner training program that meets requirements established by the Attorney General and the New Jersey Board of Nursing; and
- (3) Demonstrates clinical competence in performing a forensic sexual assault examination.

b. The Attorney General and the New Jersey Board of Nursing shall certify an applicant who meets the requirements of subsection a. of this section as a certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiner.

N.J.S.A. 52:4B-54. County prosecutors to establish Sexual Assault Response Team

a. The county prosecutor's office in each county shall establish a Sexual Assault Response Team or shall enter into a collaborative agreement with another county to share the services of that county's response team. The response team shall be comprised of: a certified forensic sexual assault nurse examiner, a rape care advocate from the county program established, or designated by the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs, as provided under section 3 of P.L.2001, c. 81 (C.52:4B-51), and a law enforcement official. The response team shall:

- (1) respond to a report of sexual assault at the request of a victim of sexual assault pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General pursuant to section 17 of this act; and
- (2) provide treatment, counseling, legal and forensic medical services to a victim of sexual assault in accordance with the standard protocols developed by the Attorney General pursuant to subsection d. of section 6 of P.L.1985, c. 404 (C.52:4B-44).

b. Each member of the response team shall complete the standardized education and training program developed by the program coordinator pursuant to subsection e. of section 4 of this act

RAPE CARE PROGRAMS IN NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
Atlantic County Women's Center
PO Box 311
Northfield, New Jersey 08225
609/646-6767 office/hotline
609/645-2909 TTY

BERGEN COUNTY

Bergen County Rape Crisis Center
YWCA of Bergen County
75 Essex Street, Suite 108
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
201/488-7110 office
201/487-2227 hotline
201/487-0916 TTY

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Rape Care Program
CONTACT of Burlington County
PO Box 333
Moorestown, New Jersey 08057
856/234-5484 office ext. 215
856/234-8888 hotline

CAMDEN COUNTY

Services Empowering Rape Victims
Family Counseling Services
584 Benson Street
Camden, New Jersey 08103
856/964-1990 ext. 217
866/295-7378 (SERV) hotline

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
C.A.R.A. Inc.
PO Box 774
Cape May Court House, New Jersey
08210
609/522-6489 office and hotline
609/463-0818 TTY

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
Cumberland County Guidance Center
2038 Carmel Road, PO Box 808
Millville, New Jersey 08332
856/825-6810 office - ext. 209
856/455-5555 hotline

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County Rape Care Program
204 Claremont Avenue
Montclair, New Jersey 07042
973/746-0800 office
877/733-CARE (2273) hotline

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Services Empowering Rape Victims
584 Benson Street
Camden, New Jersey 08103
856/964-1990 ext 230
866/295-7378 (SERV) hotline

HUDSON COUNTY

Hudson County Rape Crisis Center
Christ Hospital Counseling and Resource
Center
179 Palisades Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306
201/795-8741 office
201/795-5757 hotline

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
Women's Crisis Services
47 East Main Street
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
908/788-7666 office
888/988-4033 hotline

MERCER COUNTY

Womanspace
1212 Stuyvesant Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
609/394-0136
609/394-9000 hotline

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Rape Crisis Intervention Center
1 Roosevelt Drive
Edison, New Jersey 08837
732/452-5900 office/hotline
877/665-7273 hotline/24 hours
732/452-1316 fax

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
180, Turning Lives Around, Inc.
1 Bethany Road, Bldg. 3, Ste. 42
Hazlet, New Jersey 07730
732/264-4111
1-888-264-7273 (RAPE) hotline
732/203-0862 TTY

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris County Sexual Assault Center
95 Mt. Kemble Avenue
ABH Box #52
Morristown, New Jersey 07962
973/971-4715 office
973/829-0587 hotline

OCEAN COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
St. Francis Counseling Service
4700 Long Beach Boulevard
Brant Beach, New Jersey 08008
609/494-1554 office
609/494-1090 hotline
609/494-0441 TTY

PASSAIC COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
Passaic County Women's Center
PO Box 244
Paterson, New Jersey 07513
973/881-0725 office ext. 19
973/881-1450 hotline
973/278-8630 TTY

SALEM COUNTY

Rape Crisis Services
Salem County Women's Services
PO Box 125
Salem, New Jersey 08079
856/935-8012 office
856/935-6655 hotline
856/935-7118 TTY

SOMERSET COUNTY

Sexual Assault Support Services
Women's Health and Counseling Center
95 Veterans Memorial Dr. East
Somerville, New Jersey 08876
908/526-2335 office
908/526-7444 hotline
908/218-7775 TTY

SUSSEX COUNTY

Sexual Trauma Resource Center
P.O. Box 3032
Newton, New Jersey 07860
973/300-5609 office
973/875-1211 hotline
973/875-6369 TTY

UNION COUNTY

Union County Rape Crisis Center
300 North Avenue East
Westfield, New Jersey 07090-1499
908/233-7273 office and hotline

WARREN COUNTY

Rape Care & Sexual Assault Services
Domestic Abuse and Rape Crisis Center
PO Box 423
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823
908/453-4121 office
866/623-7233 hotline
908/453-2553 TTY

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Rutgers University
Sexual Assault Services and Crime Victim
Assistance
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New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
732/932-1181 office
732/932-3123 fax

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RAPE CARE PROGRAM**

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Trenton, New Jersey 08619
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Atlantic County

SANE Program
Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office
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Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330
Office: 609-909-7694

Bergen County

SANE Program
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
100 Eisenhower Drive
Paramus, New Jersey 07652
Office: 201-226-5635

Burlington County

SANE Program
Burlington County Prosecutor's Office
County Courts Complex
49 Rancocas Road
P.O. Box 6000
Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060
Office: 609-265-5894

Camden County

SANE Program
Camden County Prosecutor's Office
25 North 5th Street
Camden, New Jersey 08102-1231
Office: 856-365-3111

Cape May County

SANE Program
Cape May County Prosecutor's Office
4 Moore Road, DN 110
Cape May Court House, New Jersey
08210
Office: 609-465-6851

Cumberland County

SANE Program
Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office
43 Fayette Street
Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302
Office: 856-453-0486

Essex County

SANE Program
Essex County Prosecutor's Office
Essex County Courts Building
50 West Market Street
Newark, New Jersey

Gloucester County

SANE Program
Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office
Justice Complex
P.O. Box 623
Woodbury, New Jersey 08096
Office: 856-384-5555

Hudson County

SANE Program
Hudson County Prosecutor's Office
SAVA Unit
555 Duncan Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07306
Office: 201-915-1234

Hunterdon County

SANE Program
Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office
Justice Complex
P.O. Box 756
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
Office: 908-788-1739

Mercer County

SANE Program
Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
Court House
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068
Office: 609-278-4880

Middlesex County

SANE Program
Middlesex County SANE Program
Advocacy Center
100 Bayard Street
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
Office: 732-745-3338

Monmouth County

SANE Program
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
132 Jerseyville Avenue
Freehold, New Jersey
Office: 732-866-3570

Morris County

SANE Program
Morris County Prosecutor's Office
Admin. & Records Bldg.
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Ocean County

SANE Program
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
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Toms River, New Jersey 08754 732-
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Passaic County

SANE Program
Passaic County Prosecutor's Office
401 Grand Street, 6th Floor
Paterson, New Jersey 07505
973-225-3613

Statewide Program

New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
Prosecutors Supervision and Coordination
25 Market Street
PO Box 085
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
609-984-7346

Sussex County

SANE Program
Newton Memorial Hospital
175 High Street
Newton, New Jersey 07860
973-579-8340

Union County

SANE Program
Runnells Hospital
40 Watchung Way
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922
908-771-6728

Warren County

SANE Program
Warren County Prosecutor's Office
Court House
413 2nd Street
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823
908-475-6632

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Atlantic County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office
4997 Unami Boulevard
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330
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Essex County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Essex County Prosecutor's Office
New Courts Building-3rd Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
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Bergen County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Bergen County Prosecutor's Office
Justice Center, Room 140
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601
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Gloucester County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office
P.O. Box 623
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Burlington County

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Hudson County

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Camden County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Camden County Prosecutor's Office
25 North Fifth Street
Camden, New Jersey 08102
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Hunterdon County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office
PO Box 756
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
Phone: (908) 788-1403

Cape May County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Cape May County Prosecutor's Office
DN 110, 4 Moore Rd.
Cape May Court House, New Jersey 08210
Phone: (609) 465-1163

Mercer County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650
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Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office
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Middlesex County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office
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New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
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Morris County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Morris County Prosecutor's Office
P.O. Box 900
Court House
Morristown, New Jersey 07960
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Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Somerset County Prosecutor's Office
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Somerville, New Jersey 08876
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Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office
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Freehold, New Jersey 07728-1261
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Sussex County

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Sussex County Prosecutor's Office
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Newton, New Jersey 07860
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Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
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Toms River, New Jersey 08754
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Union County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Union County Prosecutor's Office
32 Rahway Avenue, 1st Floor
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202
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Passaic County

Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy
Passaic County Prosecutor's Office
401 Grand Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07505
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Warren County Prosecutor's Office
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