Working in harmony to build a cross jurisdictional approach to sexual assault

Using the new SART Toolkit
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Objectives

• Describe the resources found within the new SART Toolkit for creating a new SART

• Discuss challenges that are common to SARTs at different points in the life of a team.

• Recognize the tools and other resources that may help with overcoming these common team challenges
– Supporting victims
– Holding offenders accountable
– Increasing community safety
Tribal SART Models:

- Developing a tribe-specific SART for their community.
- Tribes are members of mainstream SARTs that serve both native and non-native victims.
- Tribal SARTs partner with mainstream communities to serve non-native victims.

Do you have a SART? WHO belongs?

Creating a SART
Building your SART

- Planning team
- Community readiness
- Look at local statistics and defining the problem
- Mission/Goals readiness
- What agencies should be on the SART
- Resources available to you (Resource Guide for Development of a SART in Tribal Communities)
- Sample Protocols (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan SART Policy & Protocol)
Garnering support of stakeholders

Rights of Sexual Assault Victims*
- To Be Believed *
- To Be Safe *
- To Be Supported *
- To Heal *
- To Have a Sense of Justice *
- To Be Re-Empowered to Make their own Choices *
- To Have Options and Good Information *
- To Not be Re-Victimized *
- To Have Rights Protected

* From: Resource Guide for the Development of Sexual Assault Response Team in Tribal Communities, TLPI 2010

What challenges have you faced?
Common challenges for SARTs

- Relationships within the community and with outside agencies should be included?
- Leadership
- Confidentiality
- Access to advocacy
- Access to SANE or medical forensic exams
- Jurisdiction or law enforcement challenges
- Healing options for victims

TA Providers to help overcome challenges

- TLPI
- Redwind Consulting, Inc
- National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center
- Southwest Center for Law and Policy
- National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault
- Stronghearts Native Helpline
- SVJI @MNCASA
- International Association of Forensic Nurses

Tools to help overcome challenges

- Sexual Assault Team Email list
- The SART Toolkit
- Ramsey County SART Protocol
- TLPI Resource guide for the development of a SART in Tribal Communities
- Rural Realities Weds weekly on line posting with information, resources, and connections for SARTs
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