



A MESSAGE FROM
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Survivors of rape,
molestation, and other
forms of sexual assault
rely on you – nurses,

physicians, sexual assault service
providers, law enforcement, and prose-
cutors – 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 sexu-
al 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 front line in the fight against
sex crimes, and makes you one of the
most important people in victims' lives.

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
(SANE) training program will help
all of us work together to better serve
and protect Illinois citizens from the
painful effects of sexual assault.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT
NURSE EXAMINER
PROGRAM



What is SANE?

- A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse who has been specially trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors in a medical setting
- SANE is the largest sub-specialty of Forensic Nursing
- Research has proven that SANE programs:
 - Increase patient care available to sexual assault survivors
 - Increase the quality of evidence collection and documentation
 - Increase prosecution rates
 - Reduce the risk of re-traumatization of the sexual assault survivor in the healthcare setting
- Other health care providers, like physicians, physician assistants and advanced practice nurses can become Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs) too

Interested in becoming a SANE?

- To become a SANE in Illinois, you must:
 - Be a registered nurse or other qualified healthcare provider
 - Complete a 40-hour course (combination of classroom and online training in Illinois)
 - Complete additional clinical training
- The Office of the Illinois Attorney General started the Illinois SANE Training Program through a grant received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- The mission of the Illinois SANE Training Program is to increase the number of SANEs working in Illinois by providing high quality, consistent education and support for registered nurses and other professionals service sexual assault survivors
- The Illinois SANE Training Program provides FREE training throughout the state each year

Types of SANE trainings offered

Adult/Adolescent SANE Training

This foundation 40-hour training is designed to educate nurses, other healthcare providers, and sexual assault survivor service providers on how to provide comprehensive care to the adult/adolescent sexual assault patient. Topics include: medical-forensic assessment, documentation, evidence collection, forensic photography, and other critical content.

Advanced SANE Training

This 16-hour training is designed for the practicing SANE or nurses/other healthcare providers who have completed the 40-hour Adult/Adolescent SANE training. The purpose is to provide quality continuing education.

Pediatric SANE Training

This 40-hour training is designed for the practicing SANE, nurses/other healthcare providers who have completed the 40-hour Adult/Adolescent SANE training and are actively pursuing clinical training, and nurses who specialize in pediatric patient care. Attendees learn to provide comprehensive care to the pediatric sexual assault patient.

Pediatric SANE Case Review Training

The goal of this 4-hour training is to provide Pediatric SANEs/other healthcare providers with a case review training opportunity. The trainings will allow Pediatric SANEs to participate in and discuss normal versus abnormal medical-forensic findings in pediatric sexual abuse/assault patient cases.



To find out more about SANE and SANE training, contact the Illinois SANE Coordinator