



Mission: *To promote a community-wide response to sexual violence by coordinating a multi-disciplinary team that will ensure victims receive comprehensive, compassionate care*

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) General Meeting Minutes Thursday February 27, 2020

Call to Order:

Nicole Bishop, Director, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center (PBCVS)

Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests:

Nicole Bishop welcomed all who were in attendance at the meeting and facilitated introductions.

Review/Approval of minutes: Minutes for the January 30th meeting were approved without any changes.

On-Going Business:

SANE Report: Lisa Alward, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program Coordinator PBCVS

Lisa provided a report on Sexual Assault Responses for January 2020. There were a total of 17 call outs and 15 forensic exams. SANEs responded to all cases. In the total call outs there were 3 non-reporting victims. 10 exams were completed at the Butterfly House.

Child Protection Team Report: Alison Hitchcock, CPT Executive Director & Susan Sims, CPT Senior Case Coordinator (Presented by Molly McConnell, PBCVS Grant Coordinator, on behalf of CPT)

Molly provided child abuse and child sexual abuse CPT case statistics for the month of January 2020.

- **January 2020**

- 1,195 Abuse Reports Screened
- 151 Cases Opened
- 309 Services Provided
- **17** Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Exams were completed
- **8** Sexual Assault Kits were completed

Laboratory Testing Updates: Molly McConnell, PBCVS Grant Coordinator on behalf of Julie Sikorsky, Forensic Laboratory Manager, PBSO

Julie updated SART members on rape kit backlog and the timeframe for processing sexual assault kits, the number of kits tested and the number remaining. She also wanted to let us know that crime lab will continue with testing the sexual assault kits, backlog and others.

► **Reviewed SA cases (pre & post SB 636): 9,536 (up by 96 cases)**

- ▶ 706 cases pending additional review for possible SA evidence for DNA analysis
 - ▶ 396 are PBSO or merged agencies
 - ▶ 310 are from non-PBSO agencies (PBSO will need to reach out for these agencies to do research)
- ▶ 960 cases without SAKs sent to SID for additional review
- ▶ **Pre SB636 Cases**
 - ▶ Outsourced for analysis: 1679 (no change)
 - ▶ Profiles entered into CODIS: 842 profiles from 792 cases (no change)
 - ▶ From evidence: 729
 - ▶ Suspect samples: 113
 - ▶ CODIS hits (across all agencies): 307 (+2 from the last meeting)
 - ▶ 13 arrests made (+1 from last meeting): 9=PBSO, 4=WPBPD

Julie also wanted to let law enforcement present know that the PBSO forensic lab has Physical Evidence Recovery Kits (PERK kits) available to retrieve evidence from suspects of sexual assault and/or homicide. PBSO was the model for the PERK kits and now the kit is used across most counties in Florida. The forensic lab has had these kits available for 5-6 years and orders 200 PERK kits a year. Since their existence, approximately 6 have been used and tested showing that Palm Beach County is underutilizing this valuable tool.

SART Case Staffing's: Carol Messam-Gordon, PBCVS Sexual Assault Program Coordinator

Carol updated SART members on the most recent sexual assault case staffing held on February 14th. Victim Services' staff reviewed 5 cases and highlighted 2 at the SART meeting. In attendance were Advocates, Coordinator, Team supervisors, SANEs, three detectives and therapist.

The first case involved a case that I previously staffed where the victim was sitting on her front porch, suspect approached her for a cigarette. She was getting the cigarette and suspect punched her, dragged her into the house and sexually assaulted her. Suspect left behind a slipper and DNA matched the slipper to suspect. The advocate assigned to this case wanted to staff this case and share how the detective involved in this case believed the victim, was very caring and very victim centered. He contacts the advocate to be present at every meeting that he has with this victim. Victim reported that he returns her calls every time she has a questions and provides updates on her case. I want to give a big shout out to Detective Gleicher from Boynton Beach Police Department for his victim centered approach and his sensitivity to the needs of this victim.

The 2nd case involved a suspect who has sexually assaulted multiple victims who are vulnerable, homeless and have been solicited for prostitution and or drugs. West Palm Beach Police Department have 4 cases and in all the cases suspect has reported that the sexual assaults have been consensual and he was just trying to help the victims in these cases. Victims in these cases goes to St. Ann's Place for a meal and after they have eaten hangs out outside the church because they are homeless. Suspect drives a red truck, picks up the victims, offers them a place to stay for the night, takes them to his home and brutally assaults them.

The Outreach Coordinator and I will be working with WPBPD to provide outreach to the homeless community at St. Ann's Place sometime next month. We will provide updates to SART as additional information is available.

Committee Reports:

Community Action Network: Holly Carotenuto, PBCVS Sexual Assault Outreach Coordinator

Holly relayed information regarding upcoming events and the planning for them. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is coming up in April 2020 and the C.A.N. Committee is currently preparing for that. Field of Hope will be April 7 and is bringing the focus back to survivors. This is an event where survivors of sexual assault can come out and plant a message of hope and healing. PBC Animal Care and Control will be present for Field of Hope and will have dogs available for adoption. ACC has committed to waiving adoption fees to sexual assault survivors during the event. Survivor Action Team will be meeting this Saturday (2/29) and will be discussing the "What Were You Wearing" exhibit that will be hosted by Palm Beach State College on April 21. Survivor Action Team has also been invited to speak at FAU. Denim Day is April 29 and all SART members were encouraged to wear jeans in support. Holly invited SART members to attend the Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation and walk where participants will walk from West Palm Beach PD to the PBC Commissioner Chambers in support of SAAM. The next C.A.N. meeting will be March 25 from 9AM-10:30AM at SART.

Training Committee: Molly McConnell, Victim Services Grant Coordinator

Molly reported that Training Committee will begin meeting quarterly with the option of in-person or teleconference calls. Molly will be sending out an email regarding recruitment as some members have retired or have been reassigned. The training committee was created to provide specialized training for all SART members focusing on the immediate and long term needs of sexual assault survivors through the medical, civil, and criminal justice systems.

Legislative Committee: Teresa Hadjipetrou, Delegation Aide, PBC Legislative Affairs on b/o Rebecca DeLaRosa, Director of PBC Legislative Affairs

Teresa provided written information regarding a list of bills. Some items on this list were highlighted by Nicole Bishop and Molly McConnell on her behalf. House Bill 53 (Statute of Limitations for Sexual Offenses) has been withdrawn. House Bill 53 would have extended the statute of limitation for civil actions for sexual battery committed against minor victims until they are 55 years old. This bill also would have replaced language from "Sexual Battery Offenses on Minors" to "Sexual Offenses" as well as replacing the language to reflect a minor victim being under 18 years old instead of a minor victim needing to be under 16. Senate Bill 84 will likely be withdrawn. This bill would have required certain offices, such as emergency rooms, to provide victims of sexual assault information regarding emergency contraception.

Representatives of the Legislative Committee are working hard and are often in Tallahassee at this time due to the legislative session being active starting earlier in January.

Julie Sikorsky took the time to highlight House Bill 727 (an unfunded mandate) which would require:

1. Law enforcement must submit sexual assault evidence kits to the laboratory within **5 days** of receipt (currently 30). If the agency receiving the kit from the medical provider does not have jurisdiction, they must notify the agency with jurisdiction who then must submit to the lab within **5 days**.
2. Crime Laboratories must complete analysis AND upload to CODIS within **60 days**
3. The **Crime Laboratory** shall retain sexual assault evidence kits for a minimum of **20 years** or until survivor reaches 40 years of age if survivor was a minor when offense occurred. (kits from all agencies)
 - a. Based on the definition in the bill, this would include retention of the toxicology kit for 20 years.
4. Law enforcement must notify the survivor of the name, address, and telephone number of the crime laboratory.
5. Creation of a Tracking System for sexual assault evidence kits by **July 1, 2020**.

Julie explained that if passed, this bill would have a significant impact on the forensic lab and the lab in its current capacity would not be able to be compliant with the mandate.

All listed bills are included as an attachment to the minutes.

New Business:

2020 SART Survey Results: Molly McConnell, Victim Services Grant Coordinator

Molly explained as SART is gearing up for the New Year, we want to ensure that SART and the SART process is running efficiently and effectively. Molly reviewing the results and highlighted some information. According to survey participants, the SART meeting location and time is convenient so as a result, SART meetings will continue to be the last Thursday of the month from 2-3pm at the SART center. Most members felt that SART is highly effective and receive training updates. When looking at 2020 to prioritize goals and the importance of SART agenda items, survey results were evenly distributed. Results summary is attached to the minutes.

Community Corner:

Heather Blaise, Reach Program Coordinator, PACE Center for Girls

Heather Blaise provided an overview of the mission and goals of PACE Center for Girls highlighting their Day Program and Reach Program. PACE Center for Girls is a nationally recognized, research-based non-residential program model that features a balanced emphasis on academics and social services, with a focus on the future for middle and high-school aged girls and young women.

The foundation of Pace is our gender-responsive culture where we provide a safe environment that celebrates girls. Pace offers services that take into account how girls learn and develop and our supportive staff members respond to and celebrate each girl's strengths and challenges. The holistic, strength-based, and asset building Pace program model addresses the needs of girls and has garnered recognition nationally as one of the most effective programs in the country for keeping girls from entering the juvenile justice system.

The PACE Day Program is a year-round safe and supportive academic and counseling program to help girls face their past and prepare for their future. Services include: middle and high school education, counseling, life skills, career planning, case management, and transition follow-up care all for girls ages 11-17. PACE's Reach Program is a no cost community-based, gender responsive therapeutic counseling service. This service includes: individual therapy, family support and engagement, case management, life skills education, service-learning, parent-daughter groups and family enrichment nights. This program serves girls ages 8-18 for approximately 4-6 months but can be extended case by case.

Member field discussion: Nicole opened the floor to members to discuss successful collaborations or provide updates.

Detective Brent Joseph of Boynton Beach Police Department announced the 2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is on April 1st. This event was designed to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics. Event flyer is attached to the minutes.

Vickie Siegel, Therapist PBCVS, on behalf of Lucas O'Ryan, Transgender Youth Program Coordinator at Compass Community Center highlighted the upcoming Palm Beach Pride will take place at Bryant Park in Lake Worth on March 28th-29th from 12PM-6PM daily.

Next meeting date: February 27, 2020 @ 2pm – 3pm

Thank you!

HB 53 – Statute of Limitations for Sexual Offenses

- Extends statute of limitations period for civil actions for certain offenses committed against minor victims.
- **Withdrawn (09/20/2019)**

SB 84 – Sexual Battery – 2020

- Requiring certain authorized offices to provide to victims of sexual assault information regarding emergency contraception and its availability, whenever mentioned.
- **Introduced (01/14/2020) This bill is most likely not going to be heard.**

SB 1018 – Exposure of Sexual Organs

- Expanding the punishment from first degree crime to a third degree lawful offense for a second or resulting offense of uncovering or displaying ones sexual organs in a profane or obscene way while out in the open or in perspective on the private premises of another.
- **Passed its last committee (Rules) and is placed on Senate Calendar for 2nd reading which means it will be heard on the floor (hopefully)**

HB 675 – Exposure of Sexual Organs (pt2)

- Effective October 1,2020
- Expands criminal punishments for presentation of sexual organs for second or resulting offense; approves warrant-less captures when law authorization official has reasonable justification to accept that individual has unlawfully exposures sexual organs.
- Florida criminalizes unlawfully exposing or exhibiting one's sexual organs: at any time in the presence of a person younger than 16; in public; on or near a private property.
- **Added to the second (02/17/2020)**

HB 199 – Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation

- Effective July 1, 2020
- "Donna's Law" was made to evacuate the SOL (Statute of Limitation) and grant arraignments to be initiated whenever for any sexual battery offense including an unfortunate casualty younger than 18 at the time the offense is submitted. This bill applies just to a passing offense submitted on or after July 1, 2020.
- **Added to the second reading calendar (02/12/2020)**

SB 7000 – Reporting Abuse, Abandonment, and Neglect -2020

- Effective July 1, 2020
- Alters definition identifying with child on-child sexual abuse and redesigning and explains arrangements and prerequisites right now in s.39.201, relating to reports of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect and the Central Abuse hotline at the Department of Children and Families. It additionally includes a prerequisite that the Central Abuse hotline keep factual reports identifying with reports of child abuse and sexual abuse that are accounted for from or happen in determined instructive settings and include new necessities for examinations identified with reports of child on-child sexual abuse that happen in those instructive settings.
- **On second reading (02/19/2020)**

SB 1146 – Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System – 2020

- Similar – HB 1175
- Effective on July 1, 2020
- To modify criteria for participation in the special risk class of the Florida retirement system to incorporate juvenile justice detention officers I and II juvenile justice detention supervisors with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DDJ). The DDJ will bring about generally 6.2 million yearly in extra retirement commitments to finance these improved advantages for detention officers and supervisors moving from the Standard class to Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System.
- **On Second Reading (02/21/2020)**

HB 333 – Bail Pending

- Effective October 1, 2020
- Expands the list of offenses for which conviction prohibits a court from granting bail to a defendant pending appeal to include any offense requiring registration as a sexual offender or predator, if, at the time of the offense was 18 or older and a minor.

SART Member Survey 2020

Thursday, February 27, 2020

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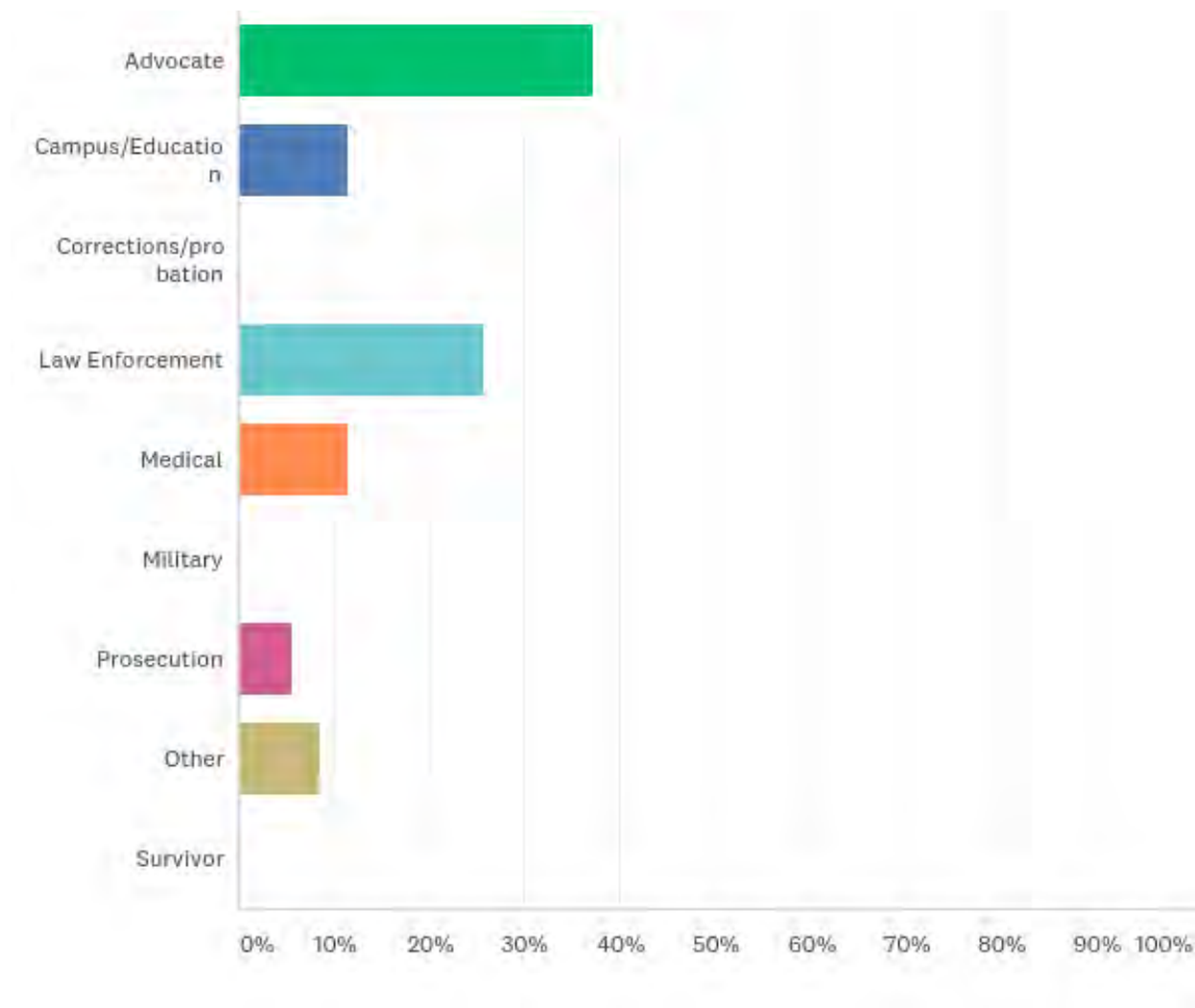
Total Responses

Date Created: Tuesday, February 04, 2020

Complete Responses: 35

Q1: Which discipline best represents your organization?

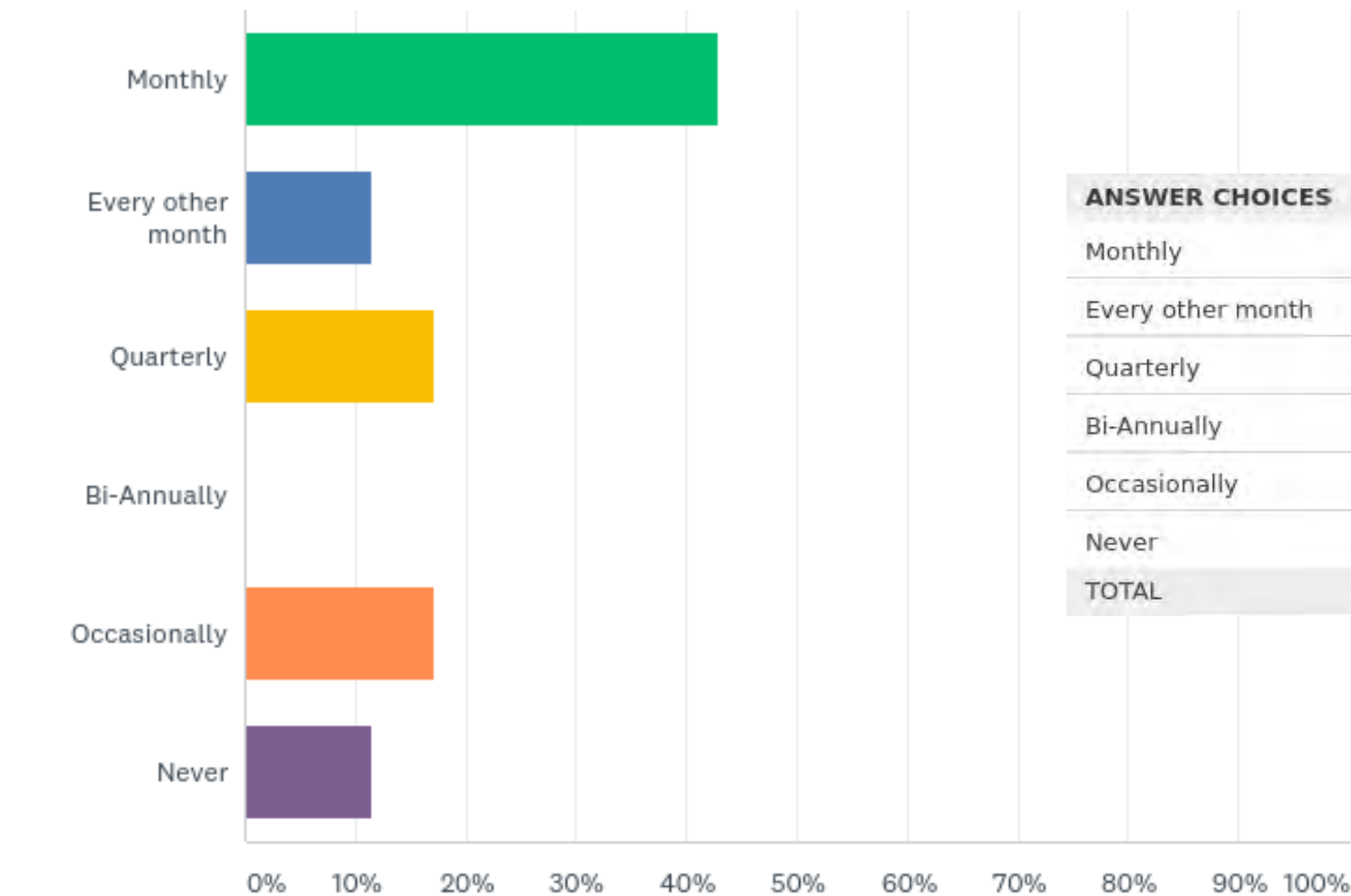
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Advocate	37.14%	13
Campus/Education	11.43%	4
Corrections/probation	0.00%	0
Law Enforcement	25.71%	9
Medical	11.43%	4
Military	0.00%	0
Prosecution	5.71%	2
Other	8.57%	3
Survivor	0.00%	0
TOTAL		35

Q2: I attend SART meetings:

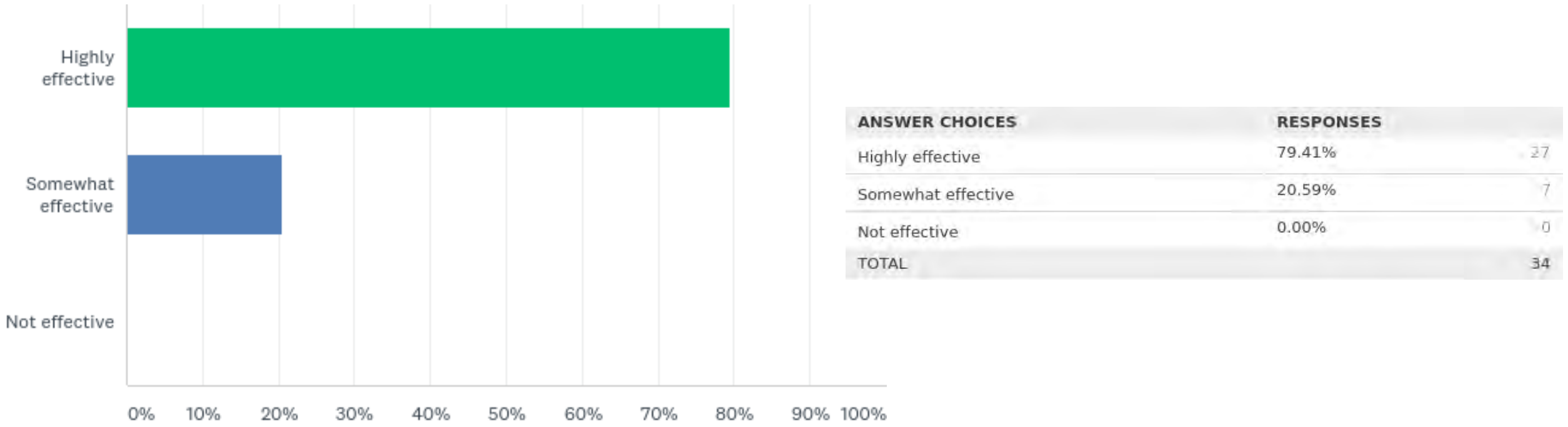
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Monthly	42.86%	15
Every other month	11.43%	4
Quarterly	17.14%	6
Bi-Annually	0.00%	0
Occasionally	17.14%	6
Never	11.43%	4
TOTAL		35

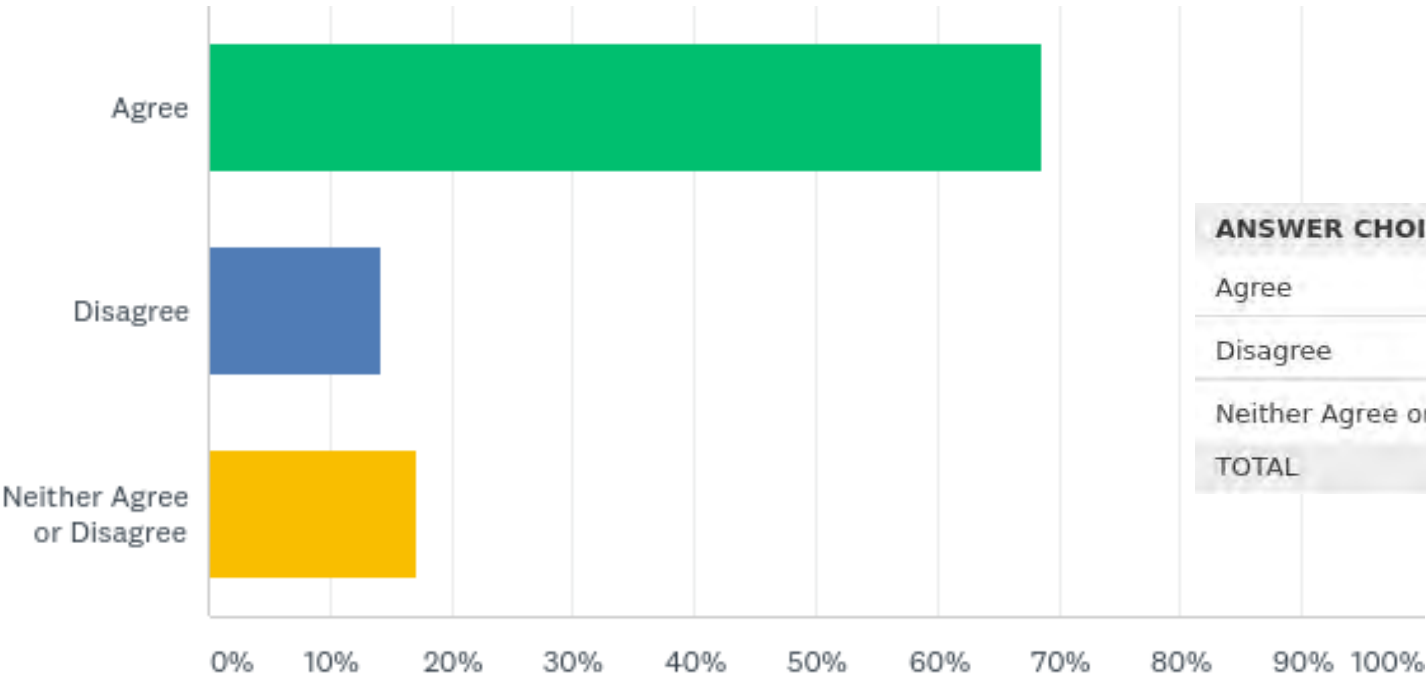
Q3: Rank the effectiveness of SART in meeting the mission: "As a community-wide multidisciplinary coordinating group that promotes a comprehensive compassionate response to sexual violence to all victims."

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



Q4: The current SART meeting day (last Thursday of each month) and time (2 p.m. - 3 p.m.) works for you:

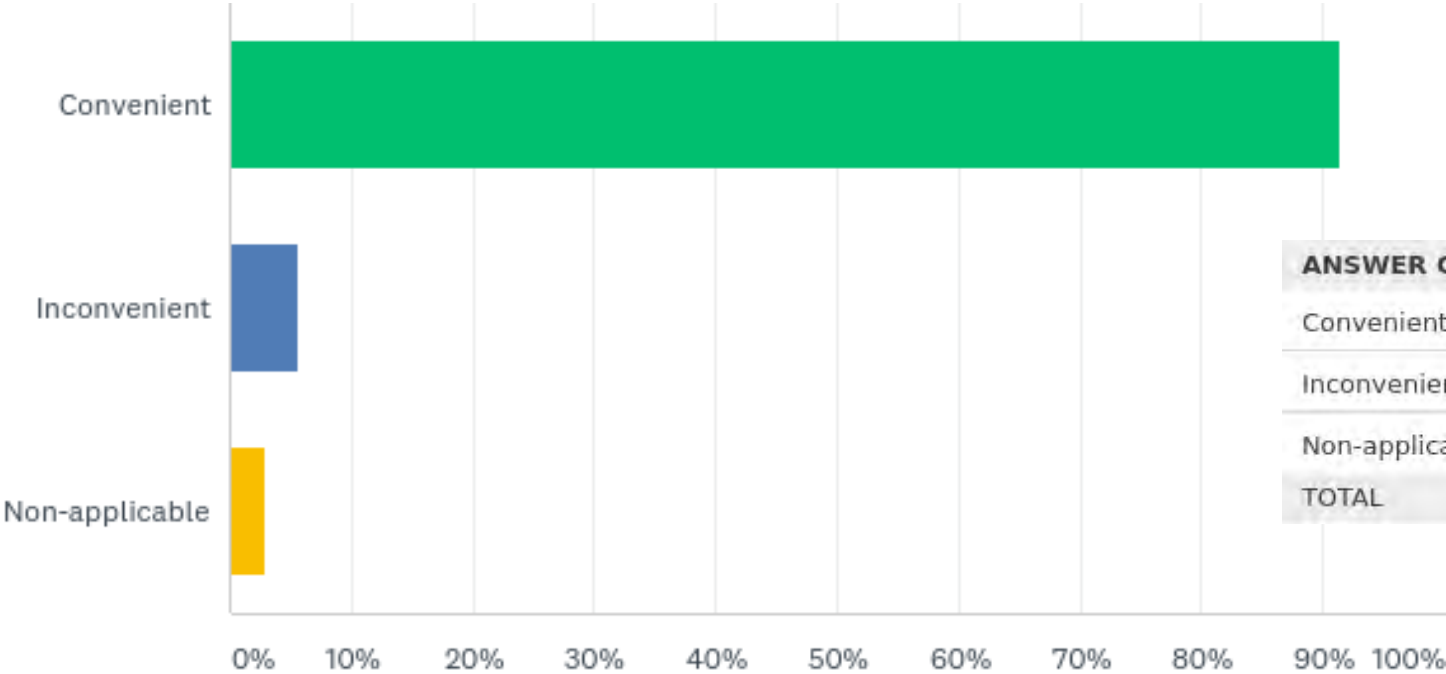
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	68.57%	24
Disagree	14.29%	5
Neither Agree or Disagree	17.14%	6
TOTAL		35

Q5: The location of the monthly SART meetings at the SART Center is:

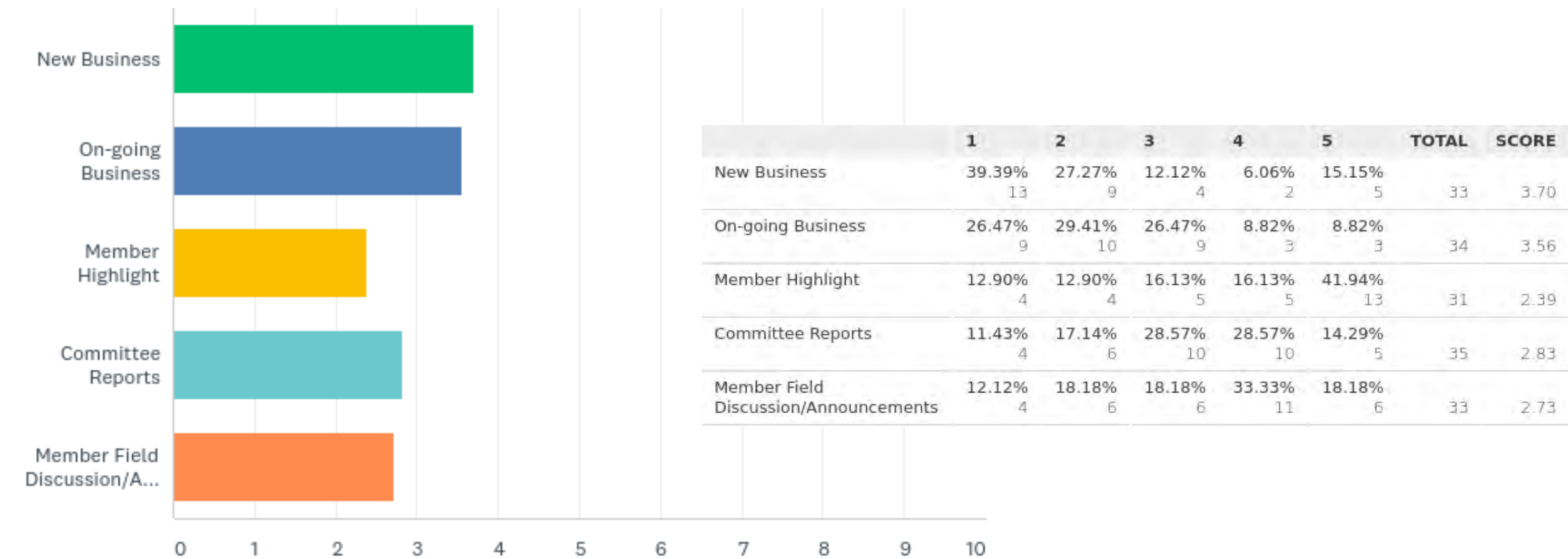
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Convenient	91.43%	32
Inconvenient	5.71%	2
Non-applicable	2.86%	1
TOTAL		35

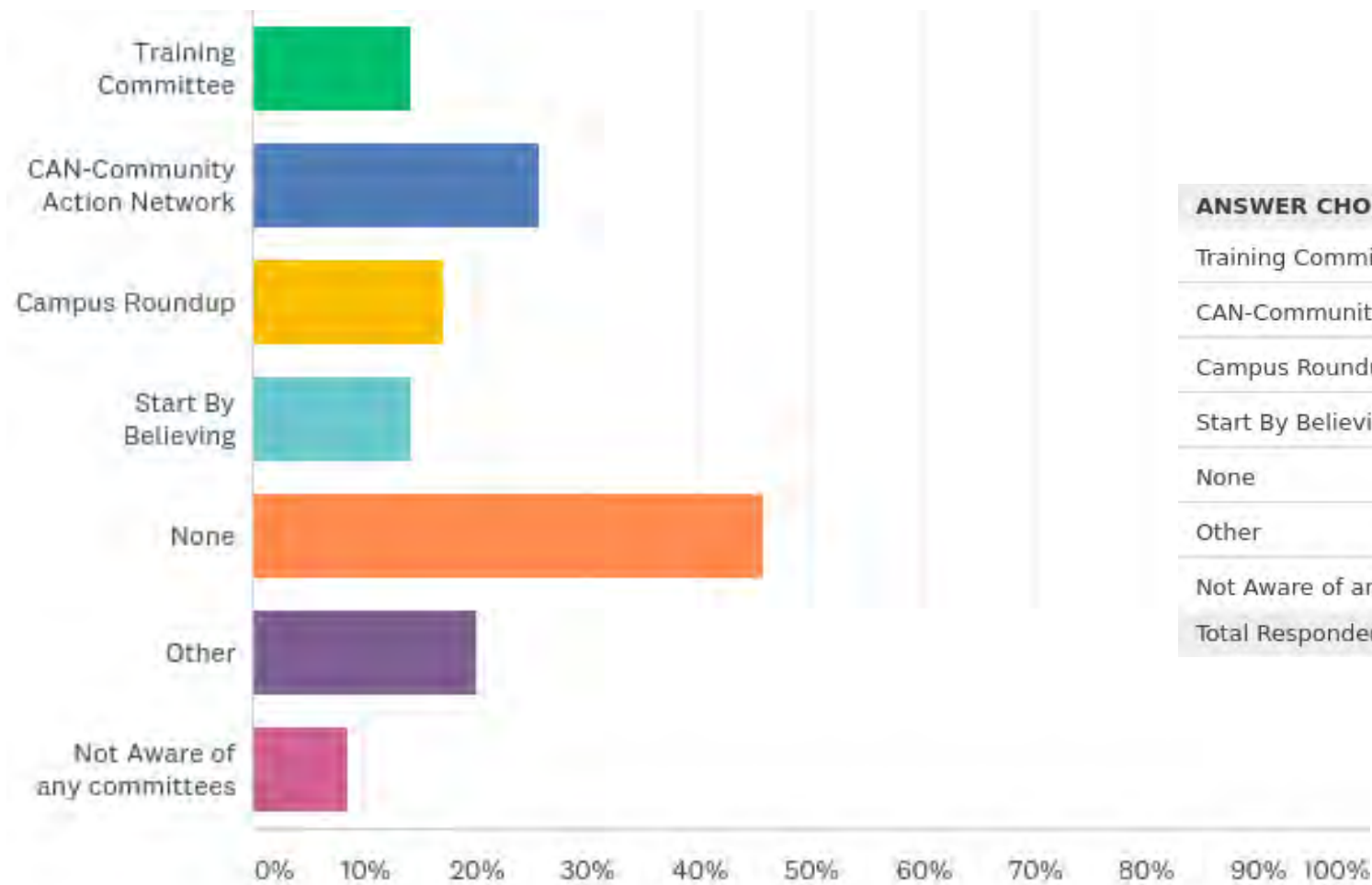
Q6: In terms of importance of agenda items, please rank the following: (1=most important and 6=least important)

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



Q7: As a member of SART, I have served on these committees (check all that apply):

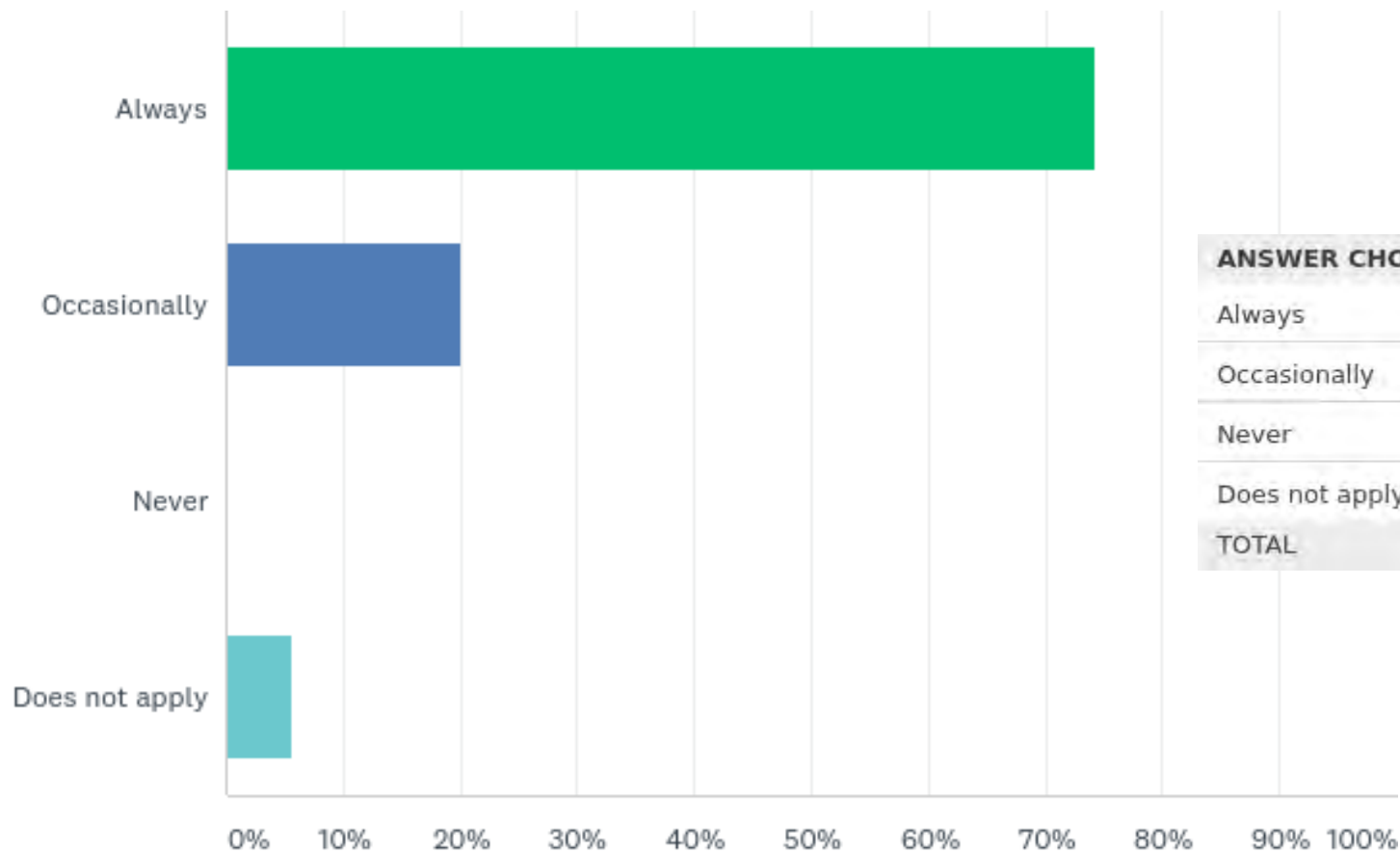
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Training Committee	14.29%	5
CAN-Community Action Network	25.71%	9
Campus Roundup	17.14%	6
Start By Believing	14.29%	5
None	45.71%	16
Other	20.00%	7
Not Aware of any committees	8.57%	3
Total Respondents: 35		

Q8: As a SART member, I am made aware of trainings:

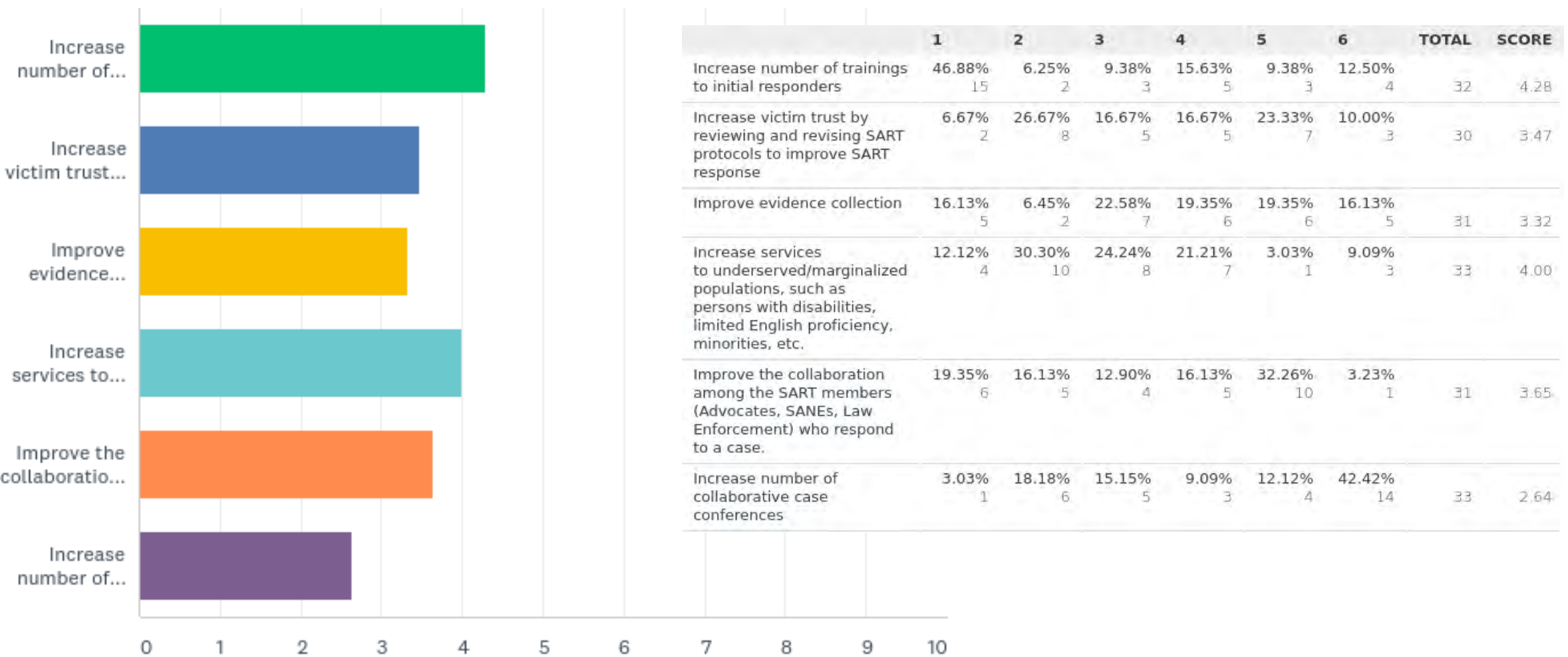
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	74.29%	26
Occasionally	20.00%	7
Never	0.00%	0
Does not apply	5.71%	2
TOTAL		35

Q12: Looking at 2020, prioritize the following goals for continued development (1=highest priority and 6=lowest priority):

Answered: 34 Skipped: 1



2020 SART Member Survey

- ▶ Q9: What trainings do you think would be beneficial for SART members in 2020?
 - ▶ Human Trafficking
 - ▶ Title IX
 - ▶ Trauma Informed Interviewing
 - ▶ Anything Forensics
 - ▶ SART Process Training for Patrol

2020 SART Member Survey

- ▶ Q10: What member highlight topic would you like to hear and/or agency you'd like to learn more about during SART meetings in 2020?
 - ▶ Long-term community resources for victims
 - ▶ SANE - explain role/SANE process
 - ▶ Advocacy process
 - ▶ Local shelters
 - ▶ Highlight a closed sexual assault case and have LE come in to present on case

2020 SART Member Survey

- ▶ Q11: What Legislative topics would you like to learn more about during the SART meetings?
 - ▶ Legislation related to SART & sexual violence investigation
 - ▶ Statute of limitation in Florida
 - ▶ Computer crimes related to sexual assault

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to survivors of sexual offenses;
3 providing a short title; creating s. 960.0013, F.S.;
4 defining terms; providing for the attachment and
5 duration of survivor rights; providing that a survivor
6 has the right to consult with a sexual assault
7 counselor during certain examinations and have such
8 counselor present during certain interviews; providing
9 for confidentiality of certain communications between
10 the survivor and such counselor; prohibiting a medical
11 provider from charging a survivor for certain incurred
12 costs; requiring a medical provider to inform a
13 survivor of specified information before commencing a
14 certain medical examination; requiring a law
15 enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney
16 to inform a survivor of specified rights before
17 commencing an interview; prohibiting a law enforcement
18 officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney from
19 discouraging a survivor from receiving a certain
20 medical exam; providing that a survivor has the right
21 to have counsel present and the right to prompt
22 analysis of the survivor's sexual offense evidence
23 kit; requiring a medical provider to notify the
24 appropriate law enforcement agency within a certain
25 time after collecting such kit; requiring the law

26 enforcement agency to take specified actions after
27 taking possession of such kit and to provide certain
28 information to the survivor; providing requirements
29 and periods of retention for a crime laboratory;
30 prohibiting the use of such kit under certain
31 circumstances; providing requirements for law
32 enforcement officers and medical providers upon
33 initial contact with a survivor; requiring law
34 enforcement officers and prosecutors to provide
35 certain information to a survivor upon his or her
36 written request; creating a cause of action;
37 authorizing the Attorney General to bring an action
38 for injunctive relief; providing a defense to such
39 actions; authorizing a person to bring an action for
40 injunctive relief or damages, or both; requiring the
41 Attorney General, in consultation with the Department
42 of Law Enforcement and by a certain date, to establish
43 a system for tracking such kits; providing reporting
44 requirements for law enforcement agencies and
45 departments tasked with the collection, maintenance,
46 storage, or preservation of such kits; providing
47 reporting requirements for the Auditor General;
48 providing annual reporting requirements for the
49 Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of
50 Health, and the Auditor General; amending s. 943.326,

51 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the
52 act; providing an effective date.

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54 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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56 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Sexual Assault
57 Survivors' Bill of Rights."

58 Section 2. Section 960.0013, Florida Statutes, is created
59 to read:

60 960.0013 Sexual assault survivors' rights.-

61 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

62 (a) "Crime laboratory" means the statewide criminal
63 analysis laboratory system established in s. 943.32.

64 (b) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in
65 s. 943.10 and includes any person employed by the Department of
66 Law Enforcement and any person employed by a private security
67 service at an educational institution.

68 (c) "Medical provider" means any qualified health care
69 professional, a hospital, another facility that provides
70 emergency medical services, or a facility that conducts a
71 medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination of a
72 survivor.

73 (d) "Sexual assault counselor" has the same meaning as in
74 s. 90.5035(1)(b) and includes a victim advocate working in a
75 rape crisis center as defined in s. 794.055(2)(d).

76 (e) "Sexual assault survivor" or "survivor" means a victim
77 of sexual battery as that term is defined in s. 794.011(1).

78 (f) "Sexual offense evidence kit" means any human
79 biological specimen collected by a medical provider during a
80 forensic physical examination from an alleged survivor,
81 including, but not limited to, a toxicology kit.

82 (2) ATTACHMENT AND DURATION OF RIGHTS.—

83 (a) The rights provided to survivors in this section
84 attach whenever a survivor is subject to a medical evidentiary
85 or forensic physical examination, as provided in s. 943.326, and
86 during any interview conducted by a law enforcement officer,
87 prosecutor, or defense attorney.

88 (b) A survivor retains all rights under this section at
89 all times regardless of whether the survivor agrees to
90 participate in the legal or criminal justice systems or consents
91 to a medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination to
92 collect a sexual offense evidence kit.

93 (3) RIGHT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNSELOR AND SUPPORT PERSON;
94 CONFIDENTIALITY.—

95 (a) A survivor has the right to consult with a sexual
96 assault counselor during a medical evidentiary or forensic
97 physical examination, as provided in s. 943.326, and the right
98 to have a support person of the survivor's choosing present
99 during such examination.

100 (b) A survivor has the right to have a sexual assault

101 counselor present at all times during any interview conducted by
102 a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney.

103 (c)1. Communications between a survivor and a sexual
104 assault counselor are confidential and privileged, including
105 information disclosed in the presence of any third persons
106 during a medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination,
107 or during any interview conducted by a law enforcement officer,
108 prosecutor, or defense attorney.

109 2. The presence of a sexual assault counselor does not
110 operate to defeat any existing privilege otherwise guaranteed by
111 law.

112 3. A survivor's waiver of the right to a sexual assault
113 counselor is privileged.

114 4. Notwithstanding any waiver of privilege, a survivor's
115 communications with a sexual assault counselor or waiver of the
116 right to a sexual assault counselor are not admissible into
117 evidence for any purpose except with the consent of the
118 survivor.

119 (4) RIGHT TO EXAMINATION; RIGHT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT
120 COUNSELOR; WRITTEN NOTICE OF RIGHTS.—

121 (a) Costs incurred by a medical provider for the medical
122 evidentiary or forensic physical examination of a survivor may
123 not be charged directly or indirectly to the survivor.

124 (b) Before a medical provider commences a medical
125 evidentiary or forensic physical examination of a survivor, the

126 medical provider shall inform the survivor of the following:

127 1. His or her right to consult with a sexual assault
128 counselor, to be summoned by the medical provider before the
129 commencement of the medical evidentiary or forensic physical
130 examination, and his or her right to have at least one support
131 person of his or her choosing present during the medical
132 evidentiary or forensic physical examination, unless a sexual
133 assault counselor or support person cannot be summoned in a
134 reasonably timely manner;

135 2. If a sexual assault counselor or support person cannot
136 be summoned in a reasonably timely manner, the ramifications of
137 delaying the medical evidentiary or forensic physical
138 examination;

139 3. His or her right to shower at no cost upon completion
140 of the medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination,
141 unless showering facilities are not available; and

142 4. His or her rights pursuant to this section and other
143 relevant law, which must be written in a document developed by
144 the Attorney General and signed by the survivor to confirm
145 receipt.

146 (5) RIGHT TO NOTICE BEFORE INTERVIEW.—

147 (a) Before commencing an interview of a survivor, a law
148 enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney shall
149 inform the survivor of the following:

150 1. His or her rights pursuant to this section and other

151 relevant law, which must be written in a document developed by
152 the Attorney General and signed by the survivor to confirm
153 receipt.

154 2. His or her right to consult with a sexual assault
155 counselor during any interview conducted by a law enforcement
156 officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney, to be summoned by the
157 interviewer before the commencement of the interview, unless a
158 sexual assault counselor cannot be summoned in a reasonably
159 timely manner.

160 3. His or her right to have at least one support person of
161 his or her choosing present during any interview conducted by a
162 law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney, unless
163 the law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense attorney
164 determines in his or her good faith professional judgment that
165 the presence of a support person would be detrimental to the
166 purpose of the interview.

167 4. For interviews conducted by a law enforcement officer,
168 his or her right to be interviewed by a law enforcement officer
169 of the gender of his or her choosing. If such a law enforcement
170 officer is not available, his or her right to refuse such
171 interview.

172 (b) A law enforcement officer, prosecutor, or defense
173 attorney may not discourage a survivor from receiving a medical
174 evidentiary or forensic physical examination.

175 (6) RIGHT TO COUNSEL.—A survivor retains the right to have

counsel present during all stages of any medical or physical examination, interview, investigation, or other interaction with any representative from the legal or criminal justice systems in this state. Treatment of the survivor may not be affected or altered in any way as a result of the survivor's decision to exercise such right.

(7) RIGHT TO PROMPT ANALYSIS OF SEXUAL OFFENSE EVIDENCE KIT.—

(a) A survivor has the right to the prompt analysis of a sexual offense evidence kit as provided in s. 943.326. A medical provider shall, upon conducting a medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination to collect a sexual offense evidence kit, inform the survivor that:

1. The sexual offense evidence kit must be transported to the crime laboratory and analyzed within 65 days unless the survivor requests, in writing, at any time before analysis, that the crime laboratory defer analysis of the sexual offense evidence kit.

2. The crime laboratory must retain the sexual offense evidence kit for a minimum of 20 years, or until the survivor reaches 40 years of age if the survivor was a minor when the sexual offense occurred, before it is destroyed.

3. If the survivor has requested deferred analysis under subparagraph 1., the survivor may request that the crime laboratory analyze the sexual offense evidence kit at a later

201 date. However, such analysis must occur before the expiration of
202 the required retention period in subparagraph 2.

203 (b) A medical provider shall, within 24 hours after
204 collecting a sexual offense evidence kit, notify the law
205 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the alleged offense
206 of such fact.

207 (c) A law enforcement agency that receives notice under
208 paragraph (b) shall take possession of the sexual offense
209 evidence kit from the medical provider. Upon taking such
210 possession, the law enforcement agency shall:

211 1. Submit the sexual offense evidence kit to the crime
212 laboratory and assign a criminal complaint number to such kit
213 within 5 days after receipt of notice; or

214 2. If the law enforcement agency determines that it does
215 not have jurisdiction over the alleged offense, notify the law
216 enforcement agency having jurisdiction over such assault within
217 5 days after taking possession of the sexual offense evidence
218 kit. After receiving such notice, the law enforcement agency
219 having jurisdiction over such assault shall take possession of
220 the sexual offense evidence kit and submit such kit to the crime
221 laboratory within 5 days after receipt.

222 (d) Any law enforcement agency that submits a sexual
223 offense evidence kit to a crime laboratory shall, immediately
224 after such submission, notify the survivor of the name, address,
225 and telephone number of the crime laboratory and all of the

226 information specified in paragraph (a).

227 (e) A crime laboratory that receives a sexual offense
228 evidence kit on or after July 1, 2020, shall analyze such kit
229 and upload any available DNA profiles into the Federal Bureau of
230 Investigation's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) as provided in
231 s. 943.325 within 60 days after receipt, unless the survivor
232 requests in writing that the crime laboratory defer analysis of
233 such kit.

234 (f) The crime laboratory shall retain the sexual offense
235 evidence kit for a minimum of 20 years, or until the survivor
236 reaches 40 years of age if the survivor was a minor when the
237 sexual offense occurred, before it is destroyed.

238 (g) A survivor has the right to be informed, upon request,
239 of the results of the analysis of his or her sexual offense
240 evidence kit and whether the analysis yielded a DNA profile or
241 DNA match with the named perpetrator or a suspect already in the
242 CODIS as provided in s. 943.325. The survivor has the right to
243 receive this information through a secure and confidential
244 message in writing from the operator of the statewide DNA
245 database, which must include the telephone number of the state
246 forensic laboratory.

247 (h)1. A defendant or person accused or convicted of a
248 crime against a survivor has no standing to object to any
249 failure to comply with this section, and the failure to provide
250 a right or notice to a survivor under this section may not be

251 used by a defendant to seek to have the conviction or sentence
252 set aside under rule 3.850, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.

253 2. The failure of a law enforcement agency to take
254 possession of a sexual offense evidence kit as provided in this
255 section or to submit such kit to the crime laboratory for
256 analysis within the time specified in this section does not
257 alter the authority of a law enforcement agency to take such
258 possession, submit such kit, or upload the DNA profile obtained
259 from such kit into the CODIS as provided in s. 943.325. The
260 failure to comply with this section does not constitute grounds
261 in any criminal or civil proceeding for challenging the validity
262 of a database match or any database information, and any
263 evidence obtained from such DNA profile may not be excluded by a
264 court on such grounds.

265 (i) A sexual offense evidence kit may not be used:

266 1. To prosecute a survivor for any misdemeanor crime or
267 any crime defined in chapter 893; or

268 2. As a basis to search for further evidence relating to
269 any unrelated misdemeanor crime or any crime defined in chapter
270 893 that may have been committed by the survivor.

271 (8) NOTICE TO SURVIVORS.—

272 (a) Upon initial interaction with a survivor, a law
273 enforcement officer or a medical provider shall provide the
274 survivor with a document, to be developed by the Attorney
275 General and signed by the survivor to confirm receipt, which

276 explains the rights of survivors pursuant to this section and
277 other relevant law in clear language that is comprehensible to a
278 person proficient in English at a fifth-grade level, accessible
279 to persons with visual disabilities, and available in all widely
280 used languages in this state. Such document must include, but is
281 not limited to:

282 1. A clear statement that a survivor is not required to
283 participate in the legal or criminal justice systems or receive
284 a medical evidentiary or forensic physical examination in order
285 to retain the rights provided in this section and other relevant
286 law.

287 2. Telephone and Internet means of contacting nearby rape
288 crisis centers and sexual assault counselors.

289 3. Law enforcement protection available to the survivor,
290 including temporary protection orders, and the process to obtain
291 such protection.

292 4. Instructions for requesting the results of the analysis
293 of the survivor's sexual offense evidence kit.

294 5. State and federal compensation funds for medical and
295 other costs associated with the sexual offense, and information
296 on any municipal, state, or federal right to restitution
297 available to the survivor if there is a criminal trial.

298 (b) A law enforcement officer shall, upon written request
299 from a survivor, furnish, within 15 days after receipt of such
300 request, a free, complete, and unaltered copy of all law

301 enforcement reports concerning the sexual offense, regardless of
302 whether the report has been closed by the law enforcement
303 agency.

304 (c) A prosecutor shall, upon written request from a
305 survivor, provide:

306 1. Timely notice of any pretrial disposition of the case
307 as provided in s. 16(b)(6)a., Art. I of the State Constitution.

308 2. Prompt and timely notice of the final disposition of
309 the case, including the conviction, sentence, and location and
310 time of incarceration as provided in s. 960.001(1)(a)7.

311 3. Timely notice when a convicted defendant receives a
312 temporary, provisional, or final release from custody, escapes
313 from custody, is moved from a secure facility to a less-secure
314 facility, or reenters custody as provided in s. 16(b)(6)a., Art.
315 I of the State Constitution.

316 4. A convicted defendant's information contained in a
317 sexual offender registry, if any.

318 (9) CAUSE OF ACTION.-

319 (a) This subsection applies to all violations of this
320 section, regardless of whether they are subject to any other law
321 of this state, and does not supersede, amend, or repeal any
322 other law of this state under which the Attorney General may
323 take any action or conduct any inquiry according to law.

324 (b) Each person, corporation, agency, officer, or employee
325 who has a responsibility to survivors under this section and

326 other relevant law shall make reasonable efforts to become
327 informed of these rights and responsibilities to ensure that
328 survivors and witnesses receive the information and services to
329 which they are entitled under applicable law.

330 (c) If the Attorney General believes from satisfactory
331 evidence that any person, corporation, agency, officer, or
332 employee has failed to make efforts as required under paragraph
333 (7) (a) or has violated any of the rights in this section, the
334 Attorney General may bring an action in the name and on behalf
335 of the people of the state to enjoin such acts or practices,
336 including proceeding for any survivors directly or indirectly
337 affected by such act or omission.

338 (d) If, after investigation, the Attorney General
339 determines that there is a reasonable cause to proceed with an
340 action, and before any violation of this section is sought to be
341 enjoined, the Attorney General shall give notice by certified
342 mail to the person against whom the proceeding is contemplated
343 and allow such person an opportunity to demonstrate in writing
344 within 5 business days after receipt of notice why proceedings
345 should not be instituted against such person, unless the
346 Attorney General finds, in any case in which he or she seeks
347 preliminary relief, that giving the notice and opportunity is
348 not in the public's best interest.

349 (e) In any action under this subsection, it is a complete
350 defense that the act or practice is subject to and complies with

351 the rules and regulations of, and the laws administered by, any
352 department, division, commission, or agency of the United States
353 as such rules, regulations, or laws are interpreted by the
354 department, division, commission, or agency of the federal
355 courts.

356 (f) In connection with any proposed proceeding under this
357 section, the Attorney General may take evidence, make a
358 determination of the relevant facts, and issue subpoenas in
359 accordance with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

360 (g) In addition to the right of action granted to the
361 Attorney General pursuant to this subsection, any person who has
362 been injured by reason of any violation of this section or the
363 rights provided in this section may bring an action in his or
364 her own name to enjoin such unlawful act or practice, or to
365 recover his or her actual damages or \$1,000, whichever is
366 greater, or both actions. The court may increase the award of
367 damages to an amount not to exceed three times the actual
368 damages, up to \$6,000, if the court finds the defendant
369 willfully or knowingly violated this section.

370 (h) The court may award reasonable attorney fees to a
371 prevailing plaintiff.

372 (10) CREATION OF TRACKING SYSTEM FOR SEXUAL OFFENSE
373 EVIDENCE KITS.—By July 1, 2020, the Department of Legal Affairs
374 shall establish, in consultation with the Department of Law
375 Enforcement, a system for tracking sexual offense evidence kits

376 which allows a survivor to track by telephone or Internet the
377 location and status of the survivor's kit. Once established,
378 whoever administers a kit shall furnish the survivor with
379 written instructions, which must be developed by the Department
380 of Legal Affairs, regarding how to use and access the tracking
381 system.

382 (11) REPORTING ON THE INVENTORY OF SEXUAL OFFENSE EVIDENCE
383 KITS.—

384 (a) Initial inventory report of unanalyzed sexual offense
385 evidence kits.—

386 1. By October 1, 2020, each law enforcement agency and
387 department tasked with the collection, maintenance, storage, or
388 preservation of sexual offense evidence kits shall create and
389 submit to the Auditor General an initial inventory report of all
390 kits being stored by such agency or department which have not
391 been submitted for analysis as of July 1, 2020.

392 2. By January 1, 2021, the Auditor General shall prepare
393 and submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
394 House of Representatives, and post on its publicly accessible
395 Internet website, a report identifying the number of unanalyzed
396 sexual offense evidence kits being stored by each law
397 enforcement agency or department, the date on which each kit was
398 collected, the corresponding statute of limitations for
399 prosecution of the crime associated with each kit, and a plan,
400 developed in consultation with such agency or department, for

401 analyzing such kits.

402 (b) Annual report.—

403 1. After the submission of the initial inventory report
404 described in subparagraph (a)1., the Department of Law
405 Enforcement and the Department of Health shall annually obtain
406 from each law enforcement agency and department tasked with the
407 collection, maintenance, storage, and preservation of sexual
408 offense evidence kits an updated inventory of the unanalyzed
409 sexual offense evidence kits being stored by the agency or
410 department, the number of kits collected by each law enforcement
411 agency or department since the last inventory was created, the
412 date each kit was collected, the number of kits analyzed and
413 remaining unanalyzed by each agency or department, the amount of
414 time taken for each kit to be analyzed, and the corresponding
415 statute of limitations for prosecution of the crime associated
416 with each kit.

417 2. By March 1, 2021, and each March 1 thereafter, the
418 Auditor General shall compile all of the data obtained by the
419 Department of Law Enforcement and the Department of Health into
420 an annual report, which must be posted on its publicly
421 accessible Internet website and submitted to the President of
422 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

423 (12) LEGAL PROCEDURES.—

424 (a) In a civil or criminal case relating to a sexual
425 offense, a survivor has the right to be reasonably protected

426 from the defendant and persons acting on behalf of the defendant
427 as provided in s. 16(b)(3), Art. I of the State Constitution.

428 (b) A survivor has the right to be free from intimidation,
429 harassment, and abuse as provided in s. 16(b)(2), Art. I of the
430 State Constitution. A court shall make reasonable efforts to
431 provide the survivor and his or her family members, friends,
432 witnesses, and attorneys with a secure waiting area that is
433 separate from the waiting area of the defendant and the
434 defendant's family members, friends, witnesses, and attorneys,
435 and separate from the prosecutor's office.

436 (c) A survivor has the right to be treated with fairness
437 and respect for his or her privacy and dignity as provided in s.
438 960.001 and s. 16(b)(1), Art. I of the State Constitution. A
439 court shall, upon the request of the survivor, clear the
440 courtroom of all persons when the survivor is testifying
441 regarding the sexual offense in any civil or criminal trial,
442 except that parties to the case and their immediate family
443 members or guardians, attorneys, and personnel working at the
444 attorney's direction; officers of the court, jurors, newspaper
445 reporters or broadcasters, and court reporters; and, with the
446 consent of the survivor, witnesses designated by the prosecutor
447 may remain in the courtroom.

448 (d) A survivor may not be asked or required to submit to a
449 polygraph examination as a prerequisite to filing an accusatory
450 pleading, as provided in s. 960.001(1)(t), or to participating

451 in any part of the legal or criminal justice systems.

452 (e) A survivor has the right to be heard through a
453 survivor impact statement at any proceeding involving a
454 postarrest release decision, plea, sentencing, postconviction
455 release decision, or any other proceeding in which a right of
456 the survivor is at issue, as provided in s. 960.001(1)(k), and
457 the right to provide a sentencing recommendation to the
458 probation department official conducting a presentence
459 investigation, as provided in s. 16(b)(6)d., Art. I of the State
460 Constitution.

461 Section 3. Section 943.326, Florida Statutes, is amended
462 to read:

463 943.326 DNA evidence collected in sexual offense
464 investigations.—

465 (1) A sexual offense evidence kit~~,~~ or other DNA evidence
466 ~~if a kit is not collected,~~ must be submitted to a member of the
467 statewide criminal analysis laboratory system under s. 943.32
468 for forensic testing within 5 ~~30~~ days after receipt of the
469 evidence by a law enforcement agency, regardless of whether the
470 alleged victim has chosen to exercise his or her right to file a
471 report of the sexual offense to the law enforcement agency,
472 unless the victim requests in writing that the criminal analysis
473 laboratory defer analysis of the sexual offense evidence kit÷

474 ~~(a) Receipt of the evidence by a law enforcement agency if~~
475 ~~a report of the sexual offense is made to the law enforcement~~

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476 ~~agency; or~~

477 ~~(b) A request to have the evidence tested is made to the~~
478 ~~medical provider or the law enforcement agency by:~~

479 ~~1. The alleged victim;~~

480 ~~2. The alleged victim's parent, guardian, or legal~~
481 ~~representative, if the alleged victim is a minor; or~~

482 ~~3. The alleged victim's personal representative, if the~~
483 ~~alleged victim is deceased.~~

484 (2) An alleged victim or, if the alleged victim is a
485 minor, his or her parent, guardian, or legal representative,
486 unless such person is the alleged assailant, if applicable, the
487 person representing the alleged victim under subparagraph
488 ~~(1)(b)2. or 3.~~ must be informed of the purpose of submitting
489 evidence for testing and the right to request testing under
490 subsection (1) by:

491 (a) A medical provider conducting a forensic physical
492 examination for purposes of a sexual offense evidence kit; or

493 (b) A law enforcement agency that collects other DNA
494 evidence associated with the sexual offense ~~if a kit is not~~
495 ~~collected under paragraph (a).~~

496 (3) A collected sexual offense evidence kit must be
497 retained in a secure, environmentally safe manner for a minimum
498 of 20 years, or until the survivor reaches 40 years of age if
499 the survivor was a minor when the sexual offense occurred,
500 before it is destroyed ~~until the prosecuting agency has approved~~

501 ~~its destruction.~~

502 (4) By July 1, 2021 ~~January 1, 2017~~, the department and
503 each laboratory within the statewide criminal analysis
504 laboratory system, in coordination with the Florida Council
505 Against Sexual Violence, shall adopt and disseminate guidelines
506 and procedures for the collection, submission, and testing of
507 DNA evidence that is obtained in connection with an alleged
508 sexual offense. The timely submission and testing of sexual
509 offense evidence kits is a core public safety issue. Testing of
510 sexual offense evidence kits must be completed no later than 60
511 ~~120~~ days after submission to a member of the statewide criminal
512 analysis laboratory system.

513 (a) The guidelines and procedures must include the
514 requirements of this section, standards for how evidence is to
515 be packaged for submission, what evidence must be submitted to a
516 member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system, and
517 timeframes for when the evidence must be submitted, analyzed,
518 and compared to DNA databases.

519 (b) The testing requirements of this section are satisfied
520 when a member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory
521 system tests the contents of the sexual offense evidence kit in
522 an attempt to identify the foreign DNA attributable to a
523 suspect. If a sexual offense evidence kit is not collected, the
524 laboratory may receive and examine other items directly related
525 to the crime scene, such as clothing or bedding or personal

526 items left behind by the suspect. If probative information is
527 obtained from the testing of the sexual offense evidence kit,
528 the examination of other evidence should be based on the
529 potential evidentiary value to the case and determined through
530 cooperation among the investigating agency, the laboratory, and
531 the prosecutor.

532 (5) A violation of this section does not create:

533 (a) A cause of action or a right to challenge the
534 admission of evidence.

535 (b) A cause of action for damages or any other relief.

536 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.



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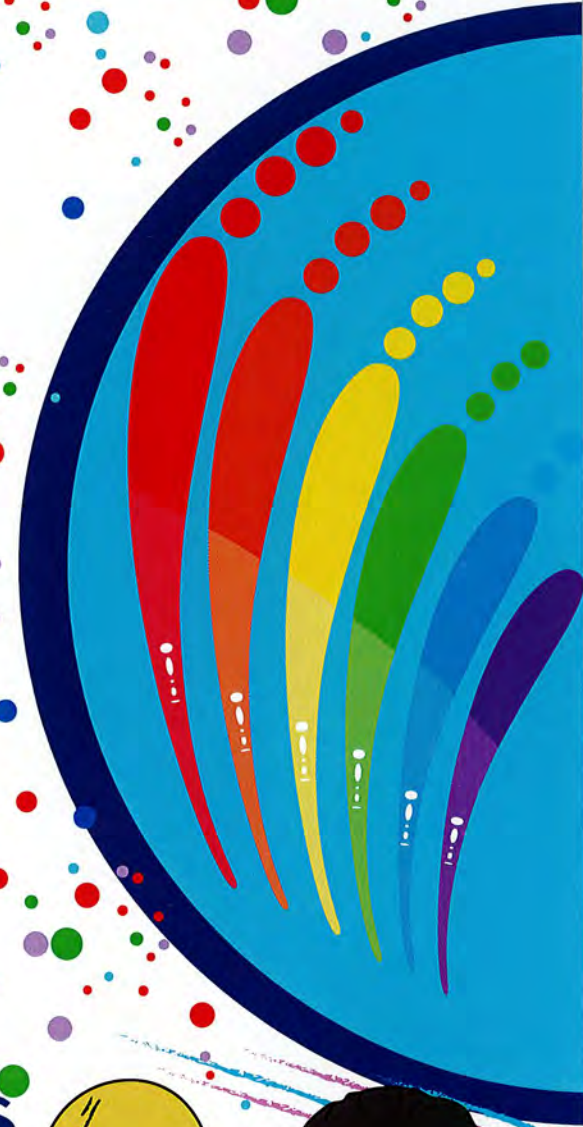
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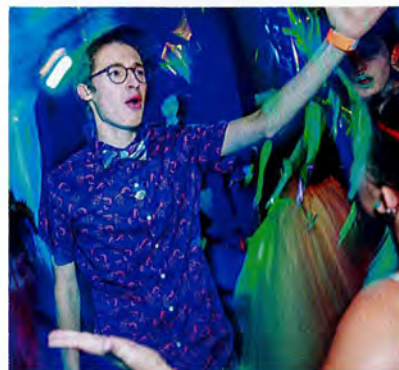
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