



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, March 31st, 2022

Call to Order:

Carol Messam-Gordon, Program Coordinator, Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center (PBCVS)

Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests:

Carol Messam-Gordon welcomed all who were in attendance at the meeting and facilitated introductions.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the January 28th, 2021 meeting were approved without any changes.

On-Going Business:

Forensic Report: Joy Radford Cole, SANE Manager, PBCVS

Nicole informed SART members that we will no longer be using the name “SANE” Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner” instead we will be using the name Forensic Nurse. Our Forensic nurses will be trained over the next few years to not only work with Sexual Assault cases also to work with Intimate Partner Violence cases. Nicole stated that the process to change their names within the county has begun, therefore moving forward this report will be the Forensic Report.

Joy reported on the Sexual Assault Responses for January and February.

For January, SANEs responded to 16 calls and conducted 13 forensic exams. In the total call-outs, there was 1 non-reporting victims. 8 exams were completed at the Butterfly House and 5 were completed at a local Palm Beach County Hospital ER. In January, the SANEs responded to 100% of the callouts.

For February, SANEs responded to 17 calls and conducted 12 forensic exams. In the total call-outs, there was 3 non-reporting victim. 9 exams were completed at the Butterfly House and 3 were completed at a local Palm Beach County Hospital ER. In February, the SANEs responded to 100% of the callouts.

Child Protection Team Report: Alison Hitchcock, Executive Director, Child Protection Team

Alison provided the child abuse and child sexual abuse CPT case statistics for January and February

January 2022

- 937 Abuse Reports Screened
- 101 Cases Opened
- 207 Services Provided
- 16 Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Exams were completed
- 10 Sexual Assault Kits were completed

February 2022

- 943 Abuse Reports Screened
- 135 Cases Opened

- 189 Services Provided
- 16 Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Exams were completed
- 4 Sexual Assault Kits were completed

Laboratory Testing Updates: Julie Sikorsky, Forensic Laboratory Manager, PBSO

Julie updated SART members on the rape kit backlog, the timeframe for processing sexual assault kits, the number of kits tested and the numbers remaining. Julie's team is still reviewing Pre SB 636 cases.

- ▶ Crime Lab sent to SID for review:
 - ▶ ~1,000 cases without SAKs to SID for additional review (older cases)
 - ▶ SID has completed the review of 872 cases, 86 remaining (down 18 cases)
Classified as:
 - ▶ Does not need analysis (no physical evidence, etc.)
 - ▶ To be outsourced for DNA analysis
 - ▶ Additional research needed for possible evidence (forwarded to review list)
 - ▶ **Current cases** without a DNA request after *monthly* evidence vault query:
 - ▶ 5 Post SB 636 cases without a SAK
 - ▶ 8 Post SB 636 cases with a SAK
- ▶ Total SA cases reviewed (pre & post SB 636): 11,231 (up 166 cases)
 - ▶ 10,076 analyzed or do not need analysis (up 138 cases)
 - ▶ 388 identified to be outsourced (up 37 cases) (100 outsourced, 288 awaiting)
 - ▶ 23 identified to be processed in-house with *Rapid DNA analysis* (same)
 - ▶ 85 requested to be processed in-house (screening/DNA) *analysis* (up 9 cases)
 - ▶ 26 Other pending (same)
 - ▶ 633 cases pending additional review for possible SA evidence for DNA analysis (down 18 cases)
 - ▶ 482 are from PBSO or merged agencies
 - ▶ 151 are from non-PBSO agencies (Have begun to reach out for these agencies to do research)
- ▶ Pre SB636 Cases
 - ▶ Profiles entered into CODIS: 910 profiles from 852 cases (no change)
 - ▶ From evidence: 764 (no change)
 - ▶ Suspect samples: 146 (no change)
 - ▶ CODIS hits (across all agencies): 336 (up 2 hits)
 - ▶ 13 arrests made: 9=PBSO, 4=WPBPD (no changes)

SART Case Staffing's: Rene Boone, PBCVS SART Supervisor

Rene updated SART members on the sexual assault case staffing held in February and March. Thirteen cases were staffed. In attendance were Advocates, Coordinators, Team Supervisors, SANEs, and Law Enforcement. Rene provided three case summaries:

Case 1: 28 year old Female

The victim stated that she met the suspect who sexually assaulted her on Fetlife. The victim agreed to meet up for S&M play. While they were having sex, the suspect became very rough and started beating her. The victim used her safe word several times and asked the suspect to stop, however, he ignored her and continued. The suspect continued to be rough.

The victim contacted VSRCC after going to the ER and requested a SAK, she chose not to report at the time. The victim stated she was fearful to report because; LE would not believe her and was afraid the suspect may return and hurt her more. After a few days, the victim decided to report. Per the victim and the advocate – the interaction

with the detective made a huge difference. The detective was victim-centered, patient, and started by believing the victim and listening to the victim.

The victim stated that she knew she was experiencing trauma and was having the start of a panic attack as she was meeting with the detective; however, the detective was speaking to her in a calming tone and she said she did not feel judged. The advocate commended Det. Hanley with Boca PD for how he dealt with the victim on this case.

Case 2: 43 year old Female

The victim was brought to the ER by her ex-husband because she had bruises all over her body and no recollection of what took place. The victim remembers being out with her boyfriend and having a drink at his house and then waking up at her home which she currently shares with her ex-husband. The victim stated that she was in pain and had bruises all over.

The victim initially declined to have a SAK completed and receive services. The detective followed up with the victim immediately after meeting at the ER and when the detective spoke to the victim the second day she did want to have a SAK done and meet with Law Enforcement.

While investigating, it was discovered that the boyfriend took videos of the victim which showed that the victim appeared to be intoxicated and was being told by the boyfriend (suspect) to do obscene gestures/things while fully nude. The suspect then sent the videos to the victim's coworkers, family, and her children.

Through the tenacity of Det. Wilson with PBSO and not walking away when the victim did not want to do, anything at first, there was been an arrest on this case.

Case 3: 14 year old Female

The victim had been sexually assaulted by her stepfather for years. The victim and her mother traveled from Orlando to West Palm Beach to meet with Detectives from West Palm Beach PD. The victim provided evidence and her mother was scheduled to do a controlled phone call.

The advocate working the case commended the entire team at WPBPD (Det. Maldonado, Det. Tatum and Det. Tomas) for how they handled this case.

While meeting, the victim became very upset about her cell phone being taken from her for the investigation. The mother stated she would not be able to afford another phone for the victim. The detectives went above and beyond (to the point they were going to go get a cell phone for the victim) to make sure the victim had a cell phone (they were able to get someone to come in and dump the victim's phone so they could return phone to her). The detectives were very supportive to both the mother and the victim during the control call. The suspect was arrested.

The advocate has referred the family to therapy services in their area and will continue to work with the family during the court procedure in PBC.

If you would like to join our staffing or are interested in staffing a case please reach out to either Rene at eboone@pbcgov.org or Carol at cmessamg@pbcgov.org, both can be contacted at 561-625-2568 Option 1 or SART staffing is normally the 2nd Friday of the month.

Committee Reports:

Community Action Network: Brieana Salter, PBCVS Project Coordinator

Carol provided SART members the CAN report on behalf of Brieana. She informed members that during the last CAN meeting, March 30th, 2022, CAN members discussed the Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2022. Members had the opportunity to highlight all the events that would be taking place during SAAM 2022 at their agencies. Florida Atlantic University informed members that they will be hosting their annual “It’s on Us” week, the second week of April. They spoke about their Denim Day event which they will be hosting on April 8th.

Carol stated that Winter Jones, PBCVS Project Coordinator provided information on behalf of the Girls Coordinating Council and Girls Voice Task force to CAN members about the upcoming events. She stated that their one year symposium will take place on October 14th, 2022 at Palm Beach State College and on October 8th, 2022 there will be a 5K Run/Walk at Okeetee Park. As information is provided, Kristen will share with SART.

Carol informed SART Members that more information relating to SART will be shared later on in the meeting.

For more information on SAAM please reach out to Brieana at bsalter@pbcgov.org or Carol at cmessamg@pbcgov.org.

Training Committee: Kristen Ferguson, PBCVS Project Coordinator

Kristen informed SART members that the next Training Committee meeting will be held on April 26th, 2022 at 2:00pm. Kristen reminded SART members that they are still looking for new members to join the training committee. For more information or ways to join, please reach out to Kristen at kferguso@pbcgov.org.

Legislative Committee: PBC Legislative Delegation & Abby Ross, Legislative Aide for Sen Berman

Carol informed SART members that Abby Ross would not be in the SART meeting, however as new information is provided, SART members would be updated via email.

New Business:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2022 Highlight

Carol informed SART members that the theme of Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2022 is “Centering Survivors in care, community and change”. Some of the events that will be taking place are below:

Field of Hope will be held on April 5th, 2022 starting at 5pm at the Palm Beach County SART Center. This years event will be held on Day of Action and we need #604strong.

Yoga in the Glades is being hosted by the PBCVS Therapy Department on April 19th, 2022 starting at 6pm at the Palm Beach County Library in Belle Glades. Space is limited, so those who would like to attend please register.

PBCVS and Palm Beach County Library Systems will be collaborating to host multiple events in honor of SAAM 2022.

Virtual Story Time is on April 12th, 2022 starting at 10:30am. The story time is for children ages 3-5 years old. The name of the book is #Goldilocks: A Hashtag Cautionary Tale.

Virtual Book Discussion is on April 20th, 2022 starting at 6:30pm. The book “Credible: Doubt Accusers and Protect Abusers”, dives into why society doubts accusers and protects abusers while exploring how we decide who’s telling the truth when it comes to sexual misconduct, and what are the hidden forces and biases that shape how victims and survivors are treated.

“Red Flags in Cyberspace” (Training for Parents) is on April 26th, 2022 from 6:15pm-7:15pm. We are encouraging parents to join in to learn tools, tricks, and tips on how to recognize red flags that exist in cyberspace and how to communicate effectively with when checking in, being proactive and what tips parents

Virtual Denim Day Discussion will be hosted by PBCVS Therapy Department on April 27th, 2022 starting at 5:30p on Zoom.

“Red Flag on the Play” (For Students Grades 9-12) is on April 6th, 2022 from 4pm-6pm (participants will receive 2 Community Service Hours!) Calling all high school students to learn how to recognize red flags in online and in-person relationships and preventative actions to take.

Carol encouraged SART members to participate and share the upcoming events with their contacts. Flyers are below.

2021 SART Member of the Year

Carol informed SART members that there were 4 amazing nominees for the SART member of the year. Voting will officially start on March 31st and will end on Friday, April 8th, 2022. She encouraged members to take the time to read through each of the nominees and cast their vote!

Detective Amy Hoffman from PBSO

Forensic Nurse Yuna Jewelewicz from PBCVS

Detective Brittini Peck from Boca Raton PD

Detective Megan Vickery from Delray Beach PD

The link to vote is below: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMOTY22>

Crime Victims Week

Carrie Gale, PBCVS DUI Homicide Project Coordinator spoke with SART members about all the amazing events taking place during National Crime Victims Week. Carrie encouraged members to participate and share all the upcoming events. She also provided members with her contact information should they need any information. Please see Carrie’s contact: 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org

Community Corner:

Taylor Santiago, Community Health Program Manager, Health Council of Southeast Florida

Ms. Santiago provided an in-depth presentation about the correlations between Sexual Health and Substance Abuse. She provided members with information about the programs her agency has available for individuals within Palm Beach County. She also provided information on the sexual health and the risk factors associated with it. She had interactive case scenarios for SART members to participate in. The HCSEF presentation and flyer can be located at the end of the minutes. Ms. Santiago encouraged SART members to contact her for questions or trainings, her email is tsantiago@hcsef.org

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

Next meeting date:

SART General Meeting, April 28th, 2022, 2pm-3 pm

SART Law Enforcement Meeting, May 26th, 2022, 2 pm-3 pm

Thank you!

Understanding the Relationship between Sexual Health & Substance Abuse

Presented by: Taylor Santiago, Community Health Program Manager

Who We Are

Defined in Florida State Statute 408.033

- I. One of 11 local health planning council
- II. We cover a 5 county services area: Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River.
- III. Our core funding focuses on health planning activities:
 - ▶ Development of strategies to improve the health of the residents (CHA)
 - ▶ Establishment of priorities for implementation (CHIP)
 - ▶ Collect data and conduct analyses and studies related to health care needs in the region, with special focus on vulnerable populations
 - ▶ Partner with the state to plan for services at the local level for people living with HIV
 - ▶ Provide care coordination for individuals living with HIV
 - ▶ Promote public awareness of community health needs
 - ▶ Advise and assist state and local governments on the development of health plans
 - ▶ Identify local resources for assisting the uninsured and underserved population with health coverage needs

HIV Programs

► Prevention



- Rapid HIV testing
- Education
- Outreach
- Community events

► Ryan White

- Medical Case Management
- Non-Medical Case Management

ENDING THE EPIDEMIC DURING THE PANDEMIC

WHILE **COVID-19** HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE, WE KNOW OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BE GREATLY IMPACTED BY THE **HIV EPIDEMIC**



1 IN 7
PEOPLE WITH HIV ARE
UNAWARE OF THEIR
STATUS
KNOW YOUR STATUS!


Data Source: CDC, 2018

**IN PALM BEACH COUNTY,
NEARLY
1 IN 3**
PEOPLE WITH HIV ARE
NOT IN CARE
LET'S GET CONNECTED!


Data Source: FL DOH, 2019

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HIV/STD EDUCATION


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AND MORE!




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Opioid Prevention Program

- ▶ Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)
 - ▶ Linkage to recovery and other support services
 - ▶ Detox
 - ▶ Inpatient/outpatient
 - ▶ 12 step
 - ▶ MAT
 - ▶ Medical
 - ▶ One-on-one client engagement
 - ▶ Outreach
 - ▶ Education

OPIOIDS: THE HIDDEN EPIDEMIC IN THE PANDEMIC

STRUGGLING WITH OPIOIDS DURING COVID-19? YOU ARE NOT ALONE

TYPES OF OPIOIDS




PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:
OXYCONTIN
VICODIN
PERCOCET

STREET DRUGS:
HEROIN
SYNTHETIC
FENTANYL


3 IN 5

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HCSEF
Health Council of
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A HEALTHIER

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MEDICAL SOCIETY

Community Health Advocates

- ▶ Based on the Community Health Worker model, HCSEF uses this as an innovative way to reach those most vulnerable folks by meeting them where they are
- ▶ HCSEF has CHAs across all teams and programs
 - ▶ HIV prevention
 - ▶ HIV case management
 - ▶ Opioid prevention
 - ▶ COVID education



Let's Talk About Sexual Health and Risks

Methods to Improve Sexual Health Outcomes

- ▶ Routine HIV/STI testing
- ▶ Increase condom use
- ▶ Open conversations with sex partner(s)
- ▶ Open conversations with healthcare provider(s)

Understanding Risk Factors for HIV and STI acquisition

- ▶ Sexual networks
- ▶ History of HIV/STIs
- ▶ Using alcohol or other substances prior to or during sexual encounter(s)
 - ▶ Includes other illicit substance use such as intravenous drug use

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**How does using alcohol and
other substances affect one's
sexual health?**

Scenario # 1

Your client Rebecca is a 21 year old female who has just disclosed to you that her boyfriend recently has been making her use intranasal drugs prior to sex. Rebecca mentioned that she is on birth control but also uses condoms as a protective barrier from HIV/STIs. She has noticed that she is now having discharge and irritation which she believes may be a STI. Rebecca is unsure if condoms have been used consistently with her boyfriend since she started using substances with him. How has using substances potentially affected her sexual health?

As her counselor, what would be your next step with Rebecca?

Scenario # 1 Potential Resolutions

- ▶ Recommend Pap smear, HIV/STI testing
 - ▶ Speak about increase condom use and education Rebecca about other protective barriers
- ▶ Provide education on PrEP - if interested, make referral to PrEP provider
- ▶ Speak to Rebecca about recent drug use. Inquire if she is interested in accessing recovery or other support services



Substances and Their Link to Risky Behaviors

1. **Alcohol.** Excessive alcohol consumption, notably binge drinking, can be an important risk factor for HIV because it is linked to risky sexual behaviors and, among people living with HIV, can hurt treatment outcomes.
2. **Opioids.** Opioids, a class of drugs that reduce pain, include both prescription drugs and heroin. They are associated with HIV risk behaviors such as needle sharing when infected and risky sexual behaviors, and have been linked to outbreaks of HIV and viral hepatitis. People who are addicted to opioids are also at risk of turning to other ways to get the drug, including trading sex for drugs or money, which increases HIV risk.
3. **Methamphetamine.** “Meth” is linked to risky sexual behaviors, such as having more sexual partners or sex without a condom, that place people at greater risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Meth can be injected, which also increases HIV risk if people share needles and other injection equipment.
4. **Crack cocaine.** Crack cocaine is a stimulant that can create a cycle in which people quickly exhaust their resources and may engage in behaviors to obtain the drug that increase their HIV risk.
5. **Inhalants.** Use of amyl nitrite (“poppers”) has long been linked to risky sexual behaviors, illegal drug use, and sexually transmitted diseases among gay and bisexual men.

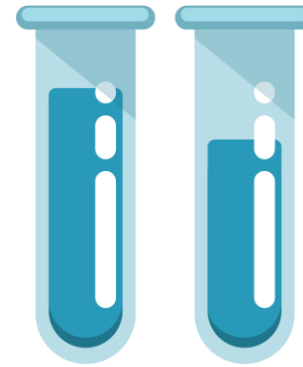
Scenario # 2

Your client Marcus actively uses intravenous opioids and also has Hepatitis C. When Marcus is unable to make it to a syringe exchange bus, he shares needles with his friends. Marcus feels that he cannot get treated for Hepatitis C because he does not plan on getting into recovery anytime soon but he is feeling the affects of the Hepatitis. Marcus is also concerned about contracting HIV and he is sharing needles and injection equipment with other people as well as having unprotected sex with multiple partners-many of them being anonymous.

As his counselor, what would be your next step with Marcus?

Scenario # 2 Potential Resolutions

- ▶ Refer to infectious disease care for the following:
 - ▶ Hepatitis C treatment
 - ▶ HIV/STI testing (treatment, if needed)
- ▶ Provide education on PrEP - if interested, make referral to PrEP provider
 - ▶ Could be done with ID provider
- ▶ Speak to Marcus about recent drug use. Inquire if he is interested in accessing recovery or other support services



Thank You!!

- ▶ Questions, comments, concerns
- ▶ Contact Information:

Taylor Santiago, Community Health Program Manager

(561) 323-8541 cell (call/text)

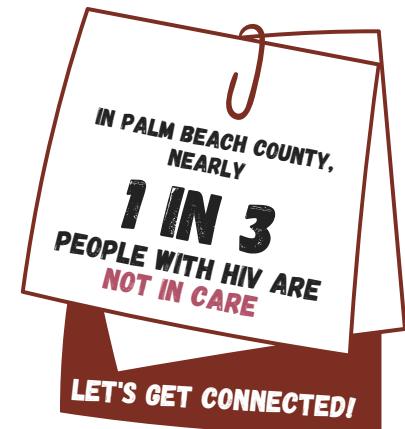
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Schedule of Events

SAAM 2022

April 5 –PBCVS Day of Action:
“Field of Hope” 5pm-7pm

April 6 – PBCVS Start by Believing Day

April 12-PBCVS/PBCLS: Story Time 11am
(For children ages 3-5)

April 15 - PBCVS Teal Ribbon Day

April 20 – PBCVS/PBCLS: Book Discussion:
“Credible: Doubt Accusers and Protect Abusers”

April 26 - PBCVS/PBCLS/ PP “Red Flags in Cyberspace”
(Training for Parents) 6:15pm-7:15pm

April 27-PBCVS/PBCLS /PP “Red Flag on the Play”
4pm-6pm (For Students Grades 9-12)
(Receive 2 Community Service Hours!)

April 27- PBCVS Denim Day

April 27- C.A.N. Meeting 9:00am-10:30am

April 28 – PBCVS SART Meeting
2:00pm-3:00pm

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#604Strong
#SAAM2022
#CreateChangePBC

  PBCVictimServices

QUESTIONS?

Contact Briana Salter
bsalter@pbcgov.org | (561) 625-2526



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6th Annual



Day of Action

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

We Need You!

To raise awareness by standing **604 strong** in our

FIELD OF HOPE

Representing the number of adult and child survivors assisted by Victim Services in 2021

APRIL 5, 2022 • 5-7PM

Palm Beach County Victim Services
4210 N. Australian Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER!



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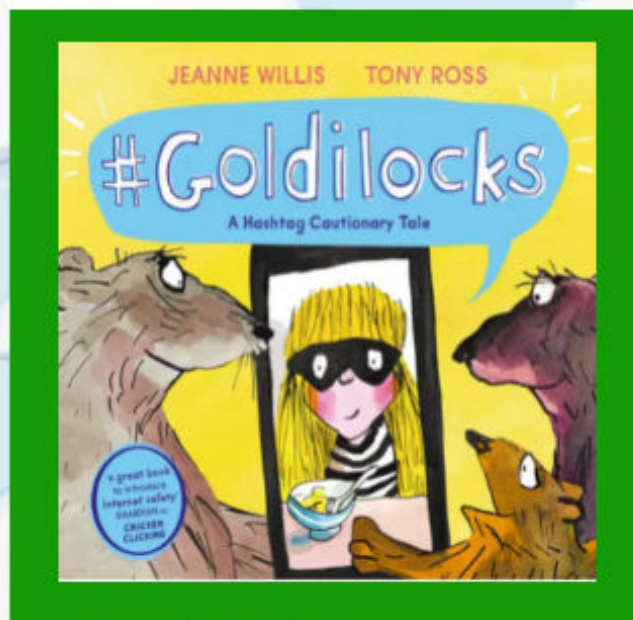
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STORYTIME

#GOLDILOCKS: A HASHTAG CAUTIONARY TALE

TUESDAY APRIL 12TH

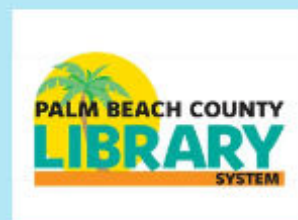
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VIRTUAL

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PAPA BEAR SEES GOLDILOCKS
EATING HIS #PORRIDGE ONLINE?**

**JOIN US AS WE FIND OUT IN THIS CAUTIONARY TALE
ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY!**

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD





Trauma Sensitive Yoga

Join us for an evening of Trauma Sensitive Yoga followed by (optional) participant-led discussion



PBC Library - Belle Glade Branch

725 NW 4th St, Belle Glade, FL 33430

Tuesday, April 19 2022 from

6:00pm-8:00pm



PLEASE REGISTER!

RESERVE YOUR SPACE!



REGISTER HERE:

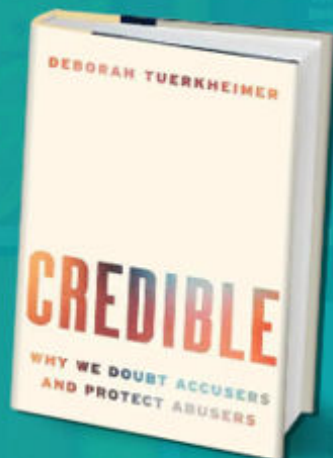
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trauma-sensitive-yoga-belle-glade-registration-309821001957>

To learn more about the Trauma Sensitive Yoga model, please visit: <https://www.traumasensitivelyoga.com/about>

*Limited number of yoga mats will be available to borrow



BOOK DISCUSSION



Wednesday April 20, 2022
6:30PM-7PM

To Register:

<http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25283>

Credible: Why we Doubt Accusers and Protect Abusers

By: Dr. Deborah Tuerkheimer

It explores how we decide who's telling the truth when it comes to sexual misconduct, and what are the hidden forces and biases that shape how victims and survivors are treated.



Denim Day 2022

Join Palm Beach County Victim Services on Wed, April 27, 2022, 5:30-6:30pm for an Info Session and Panel Discussion in honor of Denim Day 2022.

Wear your jeans today to show your protest against sexual violence.



For more information and to register for the event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr98cp3x>

RIGHTS
ACCESS
EQUITY
for all victims



Week-At-A-Glance

**National Crime Victims'
Rights Week**

**April 24-30,
2022**

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

MEET & GREET

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

OPENING CEREMONY PRESS CONFERENCE

Location: West Palm Beach Police Department, Community Room
600 Banyan Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Description: Please join us for the Opening Ceremony Press Conference. The West Palm Beach Police Chief, the Office of the State Attorney, US Representative's Office, Palm Beach County Commissioner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been invited to give briefings and open the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week for Palm Beach County. A testament will be given by Keynote Speaker, Joél Junior Morales, the Foundation Manager at Contigo Fund in Orlando, Florida, so attendees can understand the impact crime has, not only for the individual, but for the community. Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center's *Officer of the Year Award* will take place at the Opening Ceremony to illustrate the hard work and commitment of law enforcement in our community.

Contact: Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org



INFO AND REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country
Child Abuse Hotline
800-633-5155

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
800-THE-LOST®

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration Helpline
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889

VictimConnect Resource Center
855-4-VICTIM

Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement
(VOICE)
855-48-VOICE

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

“CEREMONY IN THE GARDEN”

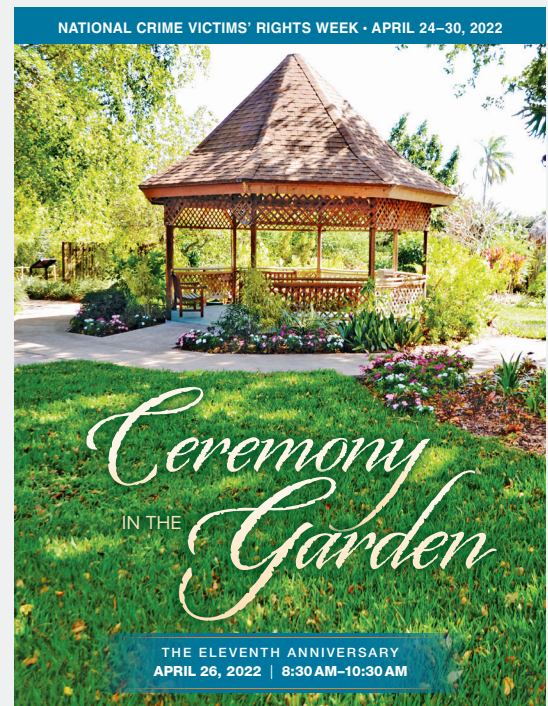
Honoring All Crime Victims in Palm Beach County

Location: Mounts Botanical Garden
& Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center
559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
(Enter at Golf Street from Military Trail; drive to end of street and turn left into Clayton Hutcheson Complex. Follow the red, white and blue balloons for directions.)

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victim Services
& Certified Rape Crisis Center

Description: Join Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center, Palm Beach County Victims’ Rights Coalition members, invited dignitaries, members of the community, victim advocates, crime victims, and surviving family members for the **11th Anniversary of the Ceremony in the Garden**. We will honor all crime victims in Palm Beach County by highlighting and engaging in healing activities to include their personal stories, the presence of Therapy Dogs and the opportunity to participate in Guided Relaxation. Join us for a continental breakfast before the event. Your presence will be our honor and very much appreciated.

Contact: Kelly Dambra at 561-274-1500



TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



Scan QR Code
to register

LIEUTENANT MARK WYNN TRAINING

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

Description: The Coalition for Independent Living Options is excited to announce that Lieutenant Mark Wynn will be presenting a virtual training on domestic violence. He will be speaking from the perspective of victims, advocates and law enforcement. Register via link. Donations are accepted and will be donated to domestic violence victims. A suggested donation is \$25.

Registration: Register now at
<https://forms.gle/EWpt6DcXNQsfEamV7>

Contact: For information and registration, please contact
Laura Cusack at 561-544-7337 or lcusack@cilo.org

VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK
VIRTUAL
SPEAK EVENT

APRIL 26TH, 2022 1:00 PM – 4:30

The Coalition for Independent Living Options is hosting a webinar with Lieutenant Mark Wynn, a survivor of domestic violence, who has dedicated his life to ending family violence. Mark has held positions as a Victim Advocate, a Police Officer, a consultant, and program supervisor victim rights.

Register with the link below to join us for education on working with victims. Donations are accepted and will be donated to domestic violence victims.
Suggested donation is \$25.

Topics

- Victimization from a Victim's perspective
- Advocating for victims
- Working with victims as law enforcement.

Register at
<https://forms.gle/EWpt6DcXNQsfEamV7>

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
PROGRAM EVENT

WANT TO FIGHT CRIME? KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR BEST WEAPON!

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Delray Beach Police Department Detectives and Officers

Description: Delray Beach Police Department detectives and officers will provide education and tips regarding violent crime prevention, residential/business burglary prevention, fraud/scam prevention (including bitcoin) and active killer (run/hide/fight).

This training is open to the general public, including the business community, the elderly, people from religious institutions, school staff and anyone interested in learning what to do to deter criminals, prevent crime and react safely and effectively during an incident.

Registration: Contact Dawn Terrizzi at terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com or 561-243-7858 to register.



**National Crime Victims'
Rights Week**
April 24–30, 2022

WANT TO FIGHT CRIME? KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR BEST WEAPON!

Learn how to prevent burglaries, scams, and other crimes. Delray Beach Police detectives will tell you what you need to know to keep yourself safe.

During Victims' Rights Week 2022, the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition is partnering with DBPD to host a 2-hour training aimed to educate and empower on the following topics:

- Fraud/Scam Prevention
- Burglary Prevention
- Violent Crime Prevention
- Active Killer (run/hide/fight)



WHEN: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022

WHERE: Virtual Workshop



To register, please contact Dawn Terrizzi at (561) 243-7858 or email terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com.



NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK • APRIL 24–30, 2022

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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to register

“RED FLAGS IN CYBERSPACE”

(Training for parents)

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Renee Rivers from Planned Parenthood

Description: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center and Palm Beach County Library System team up with Planned Parenthood to present **Red Flags in Cyberspace**. Learn tips to recognize red flags on the Internet and how to communicate these dangers with your children.

Registration: Register now at:
<http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25308>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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to register

“RED FLAGS ON THE PLAY”

(For students grades 9-12)

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Renee Rivers from Planned Parenthood

Description: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center and Palm Beach County Library System team up with Planned Parenthood to present **Red Flags on the Play**. Learn how to recognize red flags online and in-person relationships and preventative actions you can take. Attendees will earn 2 hours of community service.

Registration: Register now at:
<http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25310>



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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to register

DENIM DAY 2022

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center Therapists, Isobel Aitken and Christel Brydegaard

Description: In honor of Denim Day 2022, this info session and panel discussion with professionals in the community is focusing on the purpose of Denim Day and the topic of consent.

Registration: Register now at: <https://tinyurl.com/mr98cp3x>

Contact: Isobel Aitken at iaitken@pbcgov.org

BY WEARING JEANS ON DENIM DAY, YOU

- *Send a message to survivors that you support them in their healing*
- *Commit to become more educated*
- *Break the silence surrounding sexual violence*

DENIM DAY
IN FL & USA

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN INVITATION TO RAPE

MAKE A SOCIAL STATEMENT WITH YOUR FASHION STATEMENT WEAR JEANS WITH A PURPOSE

Make a statement.
#denimday

DENIM DAY +
EST. 1999

PBC VICTIM SERVICES AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER
24 HOUR RAPE HOTLINE
561.833.RAPE (7273) or 866.891.RAPE (7273)
NATIONAL HOTLINE: 800.656.HOPE

PEACE OVER VIOLENCE
ONE ON ONE. TIME BY TIME.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

6:00 PM

PROGRAM EVENT

CANINES FOR COMFORT

Location: Boynton Beach Police Department
2100 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Presenter: Boynton Beach Police Department
Therapy Dog Program

Description: Meet Palm Beach County first responder therapy dogs and learn about how they help victims.

Registration: Email marrerob@bbfl.us by 4/25/22

Contact: Barbara Rodriguez-Marrero, Victim Advocate
Boynton Beach Police Department



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April 24–30, 2022

RIGHTS, ACCESS, EQUITY, for all victims
Help crime survivors find their justice.

CANINES FOR COMFORT

Meet Palm Beach County first responder therapy dogs
and learn about how they help victims.

April 28, 2022
6 p.m.

Boynton Beach Police Department
2100 High Ridge Road
Boynton Beach



SEATS ARE LIMITED. RSVP REQUIRED.
EMAIL MARREROB@BBFL.US BY 4/25/22.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022



11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

REGISTRATION

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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40TH ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK AWARDS LUNCHEON

Location: Embassy Suites – West Palm Beach
1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Description: We will feature Keynote Speaker Jeff Xavier, a survivor of the June 12, 2016 Pulse Nightclub Massacre. After surviving the mass shooting, Jeff now uses his voice to advocate for Latinx, People of Color, and the LGBTQ communities, as well as survivors of crime and OneBlood Blood Centers. Jeff has been featured on Discovery, CNN, BBC, Telemundo, Univision and in Men's Health magazine.

Contact: Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org

Cost: \$40.00 per person before April 22, 2022

- Please register by April 22, 2022 online at:
<https://pbcvrc.weebly.com/victims-rights-week-luncheon-2022.html>
- For online payments and donations: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LAWC5C8QSRQYW
- Or: send check payable to:
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition
Attn: Carrie Gale
P.O. Box 893
West Palm Beach, FL 33402
(Please write "**VRC Luncheon**" in the memo portion)
- Limited seating "at the door" is \$45.00 per person – Cash or check only; no credit cards.
- We will also have fabulous prizes for our ticket auction. Proceeds from our auction are used to fund our annual events supporting crime victims, their rights and their families!



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION

8:30 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

In Memory of Annette Andre, Special Victims' Advocate

Location: Town of Palm Beach Shores
90 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores, FL 33404

Registration: To register for the walk, please visit www.sa15.org

Contact: Ellen Mark at 561-355-7278 or emark@sa15.org
Kathy Aguirre at 561-355-7192 or kaguirre@sa15.org

THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

10th Annual

WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

In Memory Of Annette Andre – Special Victims' Advocate



10th Annual Walk for Victims' Rights

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

****Registration is FREE and begins at 8:00 a.m.****

Where: Town of Palm Beach Shores - 90 Edwards Lane,
Palm Beach Shores, Florida 33404

Contact: Ellen Mark @ (561) 355-7278 emark@sa15.org

Kathy Aguirre @ (561) 355-7192 kaguirre@sa15.org

To register for the walk, please visit www.sa15.org

40TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Jeff Xavier

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Embassy Suites
1601 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Registration is \$40.00 per person
through April 22, 2022.

Limited seating “at the door” @
\$45.00 per person – cash or check only;
no credit cards.

MENU

Please select
one meal choice per registrant:

Chicken Marsala

-or-

Honey Ginger Salmon

-or-

Vegetarian Option

Includes: Salad, Chef's Choice of Rice or Potatoes,
Fresh Vegetable Medley and Chef's Dessert

TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): **1 for \$1.00 • 6 for \$5.00 • 13 for \$10.00 • 30 for \$20.00**
SPECIAL TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): **1 for \$5.00 • 3 for \$10.00**

REGISTRATION FORM

List below the individual(s) who will be attending from your agency, **and** their meal selection from the Menu Selection above:

1) _____
Name Agency Meal

2) _____
Name Agency Meal

3) _____
Name Agency Meal

4) _____
Name Agency Meal

5) _____
Name Agency Meal

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Name Agency Meal

7) _____
Name Agency Meal

8) _____
Name Agency Meal

9) _____
Name Agency Meal

10) _____
Name Agency Meal

Please register and pay online at <https://pbcvrc.weebly.com/victims-rights-week-luncheon-2022.html> **and**
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LAWC5C8QSRQYW

Or, make checks payable to Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition and write **“VRC Luncheon”** in the memo portion. Mail registrations and checks to Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition, P.O. Box 893, West Palm Beach, FL 33402. For additional luncheon information, please contact Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org.

The following agencies are members of the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition and are committed to making 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week a success:

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)
Alzheimer's Community Care
Area Agency on Aging
Boynton Beach Police Department
Catholic Charities
Child Rescue Coalition
Center for Family Services
Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO)
Compass
Delray Beach Police Department
FAU Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Guardian ad Litem
Home Safe
Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches
Office of the Attorney General
Office of the State Attorney
Palm Beach County Early Learning Coalition
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center
Parents of Murdered Children
Speak Up For Kids
West Palm Beach Police Department
YWCA Harmony House



**On behalf of the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition Members,
Thank You for Supporting National Crime Victims' Rights Week!**



**Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners**

Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor
Gregg K. Weiss, Vice Mayor
Maria G. Marino
Dave Kerner
Maria Sachs
Melissa McKinlay
Mack Bernard

REDFLAGS

IN

CYBERSPACE

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2022

6:15PM-7:15PM

PARENTS, PLEASE JOIN US TO LEARN TOOLS AND TIPS ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE RED FLAGS THAT EXIST IN CYBERSPACE AND HOW TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WHEN SPEAKING WITH CHILDREN ABOUT THEM.

**ARE YOUR CHILDREN SAFE
ONLINE?**

TO REGISTER:

[HTTP://EVENTS.PBCLIBRARY.ORG/NODE/25308](http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25308)



RED FLAG ON THE PLAY

EARN 2 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!

Calling all high school students to learn how to recognize red flags in online and in-person relationships and the preventative actions to take.

To Register

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**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 27, 2022 4PM-6PM**

