

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

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Partnerships outside the criminal justice world

- Non-profit victim advocates from rape crisis centers
- Volunteers and student interns
- SANEs
- Non-profit advocates from domestic violence programs
- Community

Rape Crisis Centers

Scope/range
of victims

Trust
of victims

Community
relations and
access

Victim options/
Victim Voices

Volunteer/Intern Help

- Counting and logging over 11,000 SAKs from Detroit Police Department Property Room
 1. Police brought SAKs into a conference room
 2. Police officer remained in the room
 3. Prosecutor (frequently volunteering their time) sat in the conference room to oversee the logs
 4. Volunteers/interns filled out a log of information on each SAK

Domestic Violence Programs

- Some programs are dual domestic and sexual violence
- Crisis intervention services such as crisis line and/or outreach to emergency rooms
- Advocacy services that can provide confidentiality
- Emergency shelter

SANEs

(Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners)

- Medical and Forensic expertise
- Experience with sexual assault victims
- Aware of community resources for victims

Community

- A multi-disciplinary partnership can be key in community relationships and access to information
- Collaboration core can be offender-focused and victim centered

Examples

- NFSTC/NIJ support of the Michigan Public Safety Project
- Current NIJ/SAK grant to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office
- The OVW supported *400 Project*

THANK YOU
for your important work!!

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Sharing the Same Goals with Different Roles/Responsibilities

- Shared goals:
 - ❖ Safe communities
 - ❖ Justice for victims
 - ❖ Catching the “bad guys”
- Different roles:
 - ❖ Respecting the differences
 - ❖ Accepting healthy conflict