



A MESSAGE FROM
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Survivors of rape, molestation, and other forms of sexual assault rely on you – nurses, physicians, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, and prosecutors – to treat their physical wounds, provide them with justice, and help them endure severe emotional trauma while beginning the difficult recovery process.

In the criminal justice system, we rely on those who first treat victims of sexual assault to collect the evidence used to identify, prosecute, and convict the assailants – crucial steps to providing some sense of peace and security in the victims' otherwise shattered lives. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the front line in the fight against sex crimes, and makes you one of the most important people in victims' lives.

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

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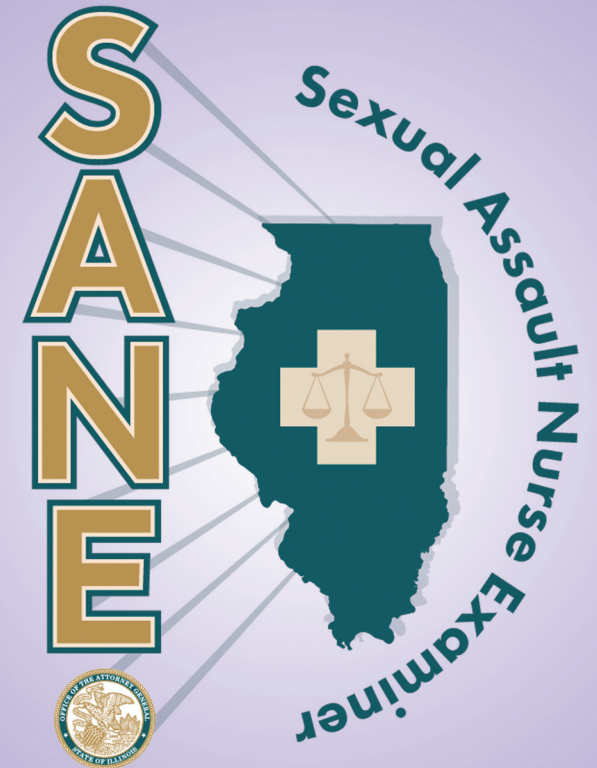
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SEXUAL ASSAULT
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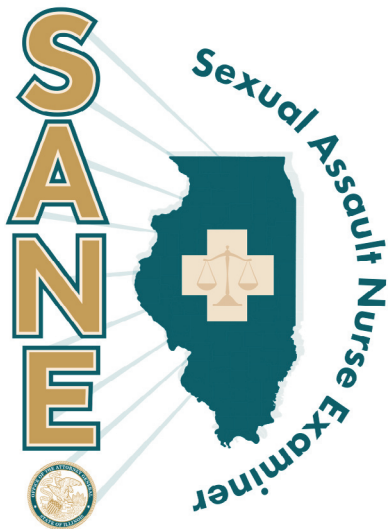


What is SANE?

A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered or advanced practice nurse who has received specialized training to provide comprehensive, trauma-informed, patient-centered care to survivors of sexual assault. A physician or physician assistant who completes the same specialized training is a sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE).

Benefits of a SANE:

- Improved trauma informed patient care
- Improve evidence collection and documentation
- Reduced risk of re-traumatization
- Increased likelihood to report to law enforcement
- Increase prosecution rates and conviction
- Increase collaborative relationships between disciplines



Interested in becoming a SANE?

- To practice as a SANE in Illinois, one must complete:
 - 40hrs of SANE didactic training consistent with the International Association of Forensic Nurses SANE Educational Guidelines
 - Clinical training requirements as outlined in the Illinois Clinical Training Log
- The Office of the Illinois Attorney General started the Illinois SANE Training Program through a grant received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- The mission of the Illinois SANE Training Program is to increase the number of SANEs working in Illinois by providing high quality, consistent education and support for registered nurses and other professionals who serve sexual assault survivors
- The Illinois SANE Training Program provides FREE training throughout the state each year

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

Types of SANE trainings offered

Foundation to Provide Sexual Assault Patient Care in the Emergency Room Training is a 4-hour training that will assist medical professionals in deciding whether to pursue becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) or Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE). It is designed to improve the response to sexual assault patients by providing an overview of factors involved in sexual violence and the complex steps needed to perform a medical forensic examination and evidence collection.

Adult/Adolescent SANE Didactic Training is a 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians on how to provide comprehensive care to the adult/adolescent sexual assault patient.

Pediatric/Adolescent SANE Didactic Training is a 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians on how to provide comprehensive care to the pediatric/adolescent sexual assault patient.

Adult/Adolescent SANE Clinical Training is a 2-day clinical training designed for medical professionals who have completed the 40-hour didactic Adult/Adolescent SANE Training. The training consists of hands-on examinations involving the use of standardized patients and will assist individuals with the completion of their clinical training log.

Illinois Sexual Assault and Medical Forensic Services Training is a 2-hour on-line training made available for emergency department clinical staff to meet the training requirements established in the Sexual Assault Survivor Emergency Treatment Act.