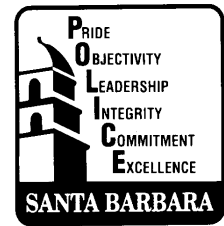




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STESA Services Update



Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) is what was formally known as the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center.

STESA Services:

- STESA works with ages 13+
- 24 hour hotline: **(805) 564-3696**
- Provides counseling and support services for survivors and their significant others
 - Walk-ins, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm at 433 East Canon Perdido St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 - Ongoing counseling
- Legal and medical accompaniments and advocacy

Confidentiality Policy: We cannot release any information regarding our clients without a written consent from the client stating otherwise

- We DO NOT provide shelter
- We CANNOT interpret/translate between clients and professionals

What do you do if...

You respond to a call for service and you identify that the victim is a sexual assault survivor. The survivor is 12 years old and is accompanied by family. Which agency do you call? CALM or STESA?

The procedure to follow is:

- Call the 24hr hotline immediately after you have identified you are working with a sexual assault survivor.
- Call us- even if you are unsure if it is a sexual assault
- Call us for on-campus school disclosures as well
- 30-minute response time
- We do not take referrals from law enforcement, we must be physically present during the initial report in order to follow-up with a client

What do you do if....

The survivor you contact states they **do not** want an advocate, after LE informs them of their right for an advocate?

The procedure to follow is:

Once STESA Advocate is present

- Please brief advocate on case/circumstances
- Allow for the advocate and survivor to meet privately for 5-10mins

SART

Once you establish the incident falls within the 120 hour window, that the survivor is aware of all their options and you receive continuous verbal consent for exam, then you can contact the SANE on-call.

*Two calls must be made: one to STESA and one to SANE. Calling one does not activate the other team member.

What the SANE needs:

- Officer contact info
- Age of survivor
- Language
- Time of incident
- Snippet of incident
- Strangulation?
- Full name & correct spelling of survivor's name
- Case Number
- Disabilities/special accommodations

This is to help the nurse who may have questions or concerns about any injuries.

- Adult/Adolescent exams 12 yo and up (all nurses)
- Pediatric exams 11 yo and below (2 physicians)
- Will need:
 - FI
 - contact SART Medical Director, Dr. Carrick Adam.
 - contact Sarah Valverde, SART Coordinator
- Adults with developmental delays may need FI first, case by case consult with SANE

*All our nurses are monolingual English, STESA cannot serve as translators because it's a medical/legal exam, and paperwork is available in Spanish

SANE ETA

- Different depending on nurse (Ventura, SB, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Solvang)
- Have STESA, (an advocate) present early, let the SANE know if survivor decides not to have exam
- Code for key lockbox and alarm is [REDACTED]

Please keep in mind...

- Timely pick-up of kits is greatly appreciated. SANE may have 2 cases in one night.
- Restricted Exam – which is initiated by STESA, does not involve LE.
 - *LE only picks up evidence kit
- Sexual Assault Survivor's Bill of Rights Card PC 680.2/ AB 1312 *

Forensic Medical Exam (up to 120 hours after incident) i.e SART Exam

- Interview (past medical/sexual behavior history)
- Physical exam (photography documentation with HD video camera)
- Pelvic exam (photography documentation with HD video camera)
- Medical treatment (STI prevention, Plan B, HIV PEP per risk)

SANE cannot determine whether sex was consensual or not, nor whether rape occurred or not. SANE does not send exam “results” to the patient, since these do not go into a patient’s medical record.

*When there is no nurse on-call, contact Sarah Valverde, SART Coordinator, to schedule an exam with the next available nurse. Please speak to team members in private about any issues/problems, as well as let the SART Coordinator know.

UPDATES

STESA: New Survivor Resource Center in IV

SART: Evidence Freezers in LO and SB (24hr storage only)

STESA: LEAs to call them even if victim/survivor is being treated in Ventura, as they are now able to cross county lines.

DOJ: Requests nurses ask about not only consensual sex prior to assault but also any consensual touches prior to assault, requests LEAs obtain and submit consensual partner reference swabs ASAP.