Data Collection and Analysis

Surveying Your Community Partners about the Occurrence of Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA)

Before any change can be successfully implemented, there first needs to be a clear understanding of the prevalence of the problem. Gathering data from community partners can help to demonstrate the need for a Coordinated Community Response. It can also be helpful for compiling a comprehensive list of resources available in your community for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and highlighting gaps in community resources.

Relevant data to gather may be:
- Number of DV/SA-related calls to law enforcement
- Number of DV/SA cases referred to the District Attorney's office
- Percentage of cases prosecuted vs. charges dismissed
- Percentage of jury trial for those prosecuted
- Percentage of convictions of those prosecuted
- Percentage of domestic abuse and harassment injunctions granted vs. denied
- Number of SANE exams provided
- Number of cases referred to Child Protective Services that contained an element of DV
- Knowledge of the programs/services that the DV/SA organization provides, and how to access them
- Knowledge of the impact of trauma
- Whether or not each organization/agency has a workplace policy on DV
- The co-occurrence of homelessness and domestic violence victimization
- Percentage of perpetrators of DV/SA that complete sex offender or batterer's treatment

Team Activity
On the next page, you will find a sample activity on interagency data analysis that can be facilitated with your team. A fictitious sample community, with a sample story and sample data, were created for this activity. This type of data, however, can be collected in your community and analyzed using the same questions provided.

Sample County SART Meeting – Interagency Data Analysis
Sample County, Wisconsin
County Population: 100,000

Background

Sample County organized a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in 2011. Advocacy, Law Enforcement, and the District Attorney's Office were the original three disciplines at the table. Establishing a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program in their county was one of their first goals. The SANE Program began operating at a local hospital in the beginning of 2013. This team has been working over the past several years to activate their SART through understanding how trauma impacts their work, building relationships, establishing best practice protocols for a coordinated victim centered and offender focused response, and evaluating effectiveness. The Sample County SART Leadership Team has collected and compiled data from each agency from the past three years.

Discussion Questions
Review the data that has been provided by each discipline for the past three years. Together as a team, discuss the following questions:

- Thinking about the data overall, what most got your attention?
- What surprises you? What concerns you?
- Who are you serving? Who are you NOT serving?
- What does the data show you about the relationship between the four community agencies and how they are working (or not working) together?
- What emerging trends do you see?
- What appear to be key issues or problem areas? What appears to be successful?
- What are the numbers that you want to know more about? What, specifically, do you want to know?
- What questions do you have about terminology/language used across disciplines?
- What would you like to see here that is missing?
- How, specifically, is this information helpful to your team?
- What implications of the data for your work, your protocols, and your practices?
- What might be possible next steps?

Questions from: *Are We Making a Difference? Sexual Assault Response Teams Assessing Systems Change: A Resource for Multidisciplinary Team Leadership. Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault - Sexual Violence Justice Institute.*

Sample Data

Advocacy Agency					Victim Demographics								
Year	Victims Served	Victims Who Reported to Law Enforcement	Victims Who Did NOT Report to Law Enforcement	Community Referrals Made	Male-Identified	Female-Identified	0-18	19-39	40+	American Indian	Asian	Black	White
2014	350	61	289	266	31	319	175	142	33	60	30	30	230
2013	294	34	260	197	22	272	145	126	23	30	27	17	220
2012	203	19	184	124	6	197	107	75	21	20	13	10	160

SANE Program			Patient Demographics								
Year	Forensic Exams Performed	SANEs subpoenaed to testify	Male	Female	0-18	19-39	40+	American Indian	Asian	Black	White
2014	54	3	9	46	26	17	11	8	6	4	36
2013	26	1	4	22	7	21	9	3	2	1	20
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Law Enforcement					Victim Demographics								
Year	Sexual Assaults Reported to Law Enforcement	Unfounded	Closed	Referred to District Attorney	Male	Female	0-18	19-39	40+	American Indian	Asian	Black	White
2014	75	40	18	17	5	70	38	25	12	13	10	6	46
2013	44	25	9	10	3	41	22	14	8	7	5	3	29
2012	25	17	3	5	1	24	12	8	5	3	2	1	19

District Attorney's Office								Victim Demographics							
Year	Referred to District Attorney	Charged by Prosecution	Case Declined by Prosecution	Case Dismissed	Plea	Not Guilty	Conviction	Male	Female	0-18	19-39	40+	American Indian	Asian	Black	White
2014	17	9	8	3	3	1	2	2	15	9	5	3	3	1	3	10
2013	10	5	5	2	2	1	0	1	9	5	4	1	2	2	1	5
2012	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	4