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No More Harm: Untested Sexual Assault Kits and Communities of Color

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Our Mission

To forge a national commitment to help victims of crime rebuild their lives.
National Center for Victims of Crime

- Advocacy to secure resources, rights, and protections for victims.
- Training and technical assistance.
OVW SAK Backlog TTA Project Overview

- Project goal:
  - to ensure that communities have the tools to create a victim-sensitive approach to sexual assault kit backlog reduction.
OVW SAK Backlog TTA Project Overview

- Victim Roundtable and Interviews
  - Report available online
- Online Resource Library
  - Policies and protocols on notification
  - State and Federal laws, pending legislation
  - Reports and resources
- Provide Technical Assistance
- Webinar Series
Upcoming Webinars

- December 11th, 2:00 PM (EST). Untested Sexual Assault Kits and Crime Victims’ Rights with Susan Howley, NCVC Public Policy Director.
- January 14th, 2:00 PM (EST). Sex Offending and the Testing of Rape Kits with Dr. David Lisak.
- March 14th, 2:00 PM (EST). Cold Case Sexual Assault Prosecutions with Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor.
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Untested Sexual Assault Kits and Communities of Color

NO MORE HARM
Project 400 Context

- Population and demographics
  - Detroit
  - Suburban Detroit

Scope of the untested SAK problem
A Context for Untested Kits and the impact on Communities of Color
NO MORE HARM
Critical Points of Dialogue

- Read the community response
- Know your community – ALL of your community
- Make no assumptions
Case scenarios

- “Why are you here now?”
- “Why didn’t you follow up at the time of my assault?”
- “What do you want from me?”
- “This isn’t even one of the worst things that has happened to me.”
NO MORE HARM
Critical Points of Dialogue

- Where does apology fit in?
- How do we meet victim/survivors where they are NOW?
- Will traditional sexual assault approaches and services work?
Educate yourself and your team that will be responding to the untested kits about the context of SA in the Communities of Color in your area.

Be proactive and intentional

Culturally Relevant vs. Culturally Competent
Engage a broad range of stakeholders

Be intentional in responding to Communities of Color.

Working with the community is critical – the response of the community can affect the victim/survivor willingness to move forward.

Sharing this information with you is not intended to be a recipe but rather things that you should consider and include in your training/protocol development etc.
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Thank you!

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