Are We Making a Difference?

Real-life SARTs evaluating changes in the system response

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Welcome

The Sexual Violence Justice Institute equips multidisciplinary teams and allied professionals with the concepts, tools, training, and resources needed to create a victim-centered response to sexual violence within their local communities.

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Two Questions

Type your responses into the chat:

- Where are you calling from?

- Why do you think it is important to evaluate the work of your sexual assault response team (SART)?
The Plan

- **Overview of the evaluation**
  - Priorities for evaluation in a multi-disciplinary team

- **Steps of real-life evaluation**
  - Plan
    - Breaking it down for the team
    - Engaging your team in evaluation
    - Relevance: What’s the right question?
    - Capacity
  - Do
    - Methods
      - Using data to inform your team goals
      - Engaging victim/survivors in evaluation
  - Reflect
  - Apply

- **Resources for SART evaluation**
- **Questions**
What is Evaluation?
Pizza
Criteria includes:
• Crust
• Sauce
• Cheese
• Toppings
Everyday Evaluation:

Frozen Pizza

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAnKvHxGoAQ
What is Evaluation?

- Value judgements we make everyday
- Systematic approach
- Based on established criteria
- Opportunity to learn
- Informs decision-making
Different perspectives

Priorities for SART Evaluation
Creating a Collective Understanding

Sharing Perspectives is essential for →
• Better evaluation
• Better system response
Steps to Evaluate

“Learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience.”

– David Kolb
Identify your Questions
Help your team formulate questions that will guide your evaluation. What do you want to know? What are you curious about? What does success look like?

Identify Sources of Information
Who or what can provide the information you are looking for? Are records accessible? Reliable?

Decide How you will Find Out
What is the best way (method) to getting the information you need?

“If you don’t know where you’re going, you’ll end up somewhere else.”
-Yogi Berra
Where should we start?

What do you wonder about?

How to share with my team
Capacity
DO

Collect Information

- Based on the methods you chose, develop tools to collect information. Assign appropriate team members.

Organize Responses

- Making sense of the data. (analyze)
- What does the information say about the process? What picture does it paint? (interpret)

Review it Together

- Make plans to share with the team. Consider what would be the best way to share the data and time constraints.
Methods

How have you collected information about your program or SART?
Methods

• Interviews
• Surveys
• Focus groups, listening circles, informational group interviews
• Data collection
• Observations
• Review documents

Use them together!
Isanti County
How soon following the sexual assault a report was made to law enforcement?

Suspect drug or alcohol use at the time of the assault

Example from the field
Example from the field:

**Informational group interviews**

- If you wanted to encourage a friend to seek support in response to a sexual assault, what would you tell them?
- We’d like to ask you now about some of the different agencies within the system and your experiences with them. For those of you who have had an experience with law enforcement, how was that experience? What do you wish might have been different about it? What was helpful? Based on your experience, what do you think the community understood about
REFLECT

What did we learn?

How will we use it?

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Negative results are just what I want. They’re just as valuable to me as positive results. I can never find the thing that does the job best until I find the ones that don’t.

—Thomas A. Edison
Build it into your work and planning

Do it again!
For more information or support on doing your own evaluation, contact Jessica Jerney at: jjerney@mncasa.org or (651) 288-7458.

Questions & Thank you

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