

WHAT IS A SANE?

A sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) is a registered nurse with advanced training in the forensic examination of sexual assault victims and is credentialed by the Board of Nursing. A SANE conducts the forensic examination, collects and preserves physical evidence, and testifies in legal proceedings.

WHAT IS A SART?

A sexual assault response team (SART) is a multidisciplinary team response to victims of sexual assault. The team consists of law enforcement personnel, a SANE nurse, and a sexual assault victim advocate.

THE BENEFITS OF SANES AND SARTS

☒ SANE and SART programs across the country have been proven to increase reporting and conviction rates in the states where these models have been in place for a number of years. In fact, according to the Allen County Indiana Superior Court Records, convictions for rape have increased from 20% to 60% since the inception of the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center in 1994.

☒ Advances in specialized equipment used in the forensic examination have vastly improved visualization of microscopic traces of injury, thereby lessening the prosecution's burden of proving consensual vs. nonconsensual sex.

☒ Strict protocol guidelines utilized by the SANEs and SARTs decrease the chances of evidence collection mistakes and lapses in the chain-of-custody which reduces the defense of inadmissible evidence.