



Mapping Victim Services Data for SAVS

Office of Crime Victim Services

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Statutory Requirements -Section 165.93(3), Wis. Stats., requires the Department of Justice to collect the following information from all SAVS grantees.

- These numbers should reflect both primary and secondary victims of sexual assault
- Numbers reported should reflect the sexual assault statistics for the entire agency, not just the sexual assault victims served by the SAVS grant.

A. Report the number of persons served by type of sexual assault victim service listed.

The statistics should reflect all primary and secondary sexual assault victims served by the agency and not just the number of victims served with the SAVS grant.

1. Personal Advocacy

Personal Advocacy defined as agency addresses victim's/survivor's self-identified needs through an ongoing supportive process of listening, providing emotional support, identifying options, problem solving and skills development.

Report the number of victims provided services such as securing rights, remedies and services from other agencies; locating emergency financial assistance, intervening with employers, creditors and others on behalf of the victim; assisting in filing losses covered by public and private insurance programs including workman's compensation, unemployment benefits, etc. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Providing victims with their rights as a victim both criminal and/or civil cases.
- Assisting victims with HUD paperwork and the VISPAT application.
- Accompanying victims to connect with social service programs may include: W2, WIC, Forward Services, Badger Care, energy assistance, rent assistances, etc.
- Personal/Individual Advocacy.
- Employment counseling and/or advocacy.
- Intervention with Landlord, employers, or other financial systems.
- Landlord support victim's rights about lock out abuser act, changing locks, eviction due to SA allowing victims to stay in their home.
- Assistance with housing applications and/or leasing information.
- Safety planning with schools, and other education resources including McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for transportation to school, and enrolling children into school.
- Transportation Assistance-Provide Gas cards, taxi vouchers, and providing physical transportation. (May include material assistance).
- Coordinating transportation with medical transportation services.
- Coordinate transportation to court hearings and other important appointments.
- Case management for Sexual Assault Survivors.
- Crisis counseling by an advocate (unlicensed professional).



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- Children/Teen individual advocacy counseling, and support (unlicensed professional).
 - Play therapy for children.
 - Financial education and/or Budgeting classes or sessions to achieve self-sufficiency.
 - Providing essentials such as food box, diapers, hygiene products, etc. to meet the physical needs of the victim/survivor and their families.
 - Educating victims on cycle of abuse and power and control.
 - Building victims and survivor's self-esteem, self-awareness, and self-empowerment.
 - Provide food box, hygiene products, clothing, emergency cell phone with prepaid add minutes, etc. to meet the basic needs of victims and survivors.
 - Emergency Shelter nights, hotel vouchers, or transitional living.
 - Gift cars for needs such as medications, fuel/transportation, dietary needs, clothing, household supplies,

2. Systems Advocacy

System advocacy defined as agency acts on behalf of and in support of victims to ensure their interests are represented and their rights upheld. This includes legal and medical accompaniment/advocacy as well as the development of cooperative relationships with community partners in order to improve systems response to all survivors. Agencies do not need to report the number of CCR, SART or other networking meetings.

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Advocates may connect with local hospitals or medical facilities with victims to establish care.
- Providing victims with the resources and contact information to different health care needs.
- Forensic SANE exam accompaniment or advocacy.
- Supporting victims through multiple interviews that typically occur at the hospital.
- Law Enforcement meeting prep and/or coordination of that meeting.

2A. Criminal justice support/advocacy

Report the number of victims the agency provided support, assistance, and advocacy at any stage of the criminal justice process including post-sentencing services and support. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Notify and inform victims and survivors of criminal court case.
 - Status of case.
 - Bail/Bond hearings.
 - Jury trials.
 - No contact waivers.



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- Appeals.
 - Subpoenas.
 - Probation and parole meetings.
 - Vine-link resources.
 - Notify victims and survivors of the release or movement of abuser within the prison/jail system.
 - Assistance writing their victim impact statements.
 - Provide information and support of their options of reading the victim impact statement at court or do they want to submit their response for others to read on their behalf.
 - Assist with gathering supportive letters, testimony on their behalf, and communicating with both victim and victim witness staff.
 - Assist victims with requestion restitution and gather evidence, quotes, and past invoices.
 - Accompany victims and survivors to meeting with District Attorneys interviews.
 - Assist victims with communication to the DA's office and victim/witness.
 - Support victims when they wish to speak to the prosecuting attorney.
 - Collaborating with Victim/Witness and the victim to prepare for future court dates, possible incidents, safety planning at court, what to expect at a hearing or jury trial.

2B. Emergency legal advocacy

Report number of victims the agency assisted in filing temporary restraining orders, injunction and other protective orders, elder abuse petitions, and child abuse petitions. This may include the number of victims the agency provided support to during child custody and visitation proceedings when directly connected to sexual violence cases and taken to ensure the health and safety of the victim. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Provide and assist victims with filing a petition for temporary restraining order.
- Help gather evidence, pictures, text messages, emails, etc. that will help the victim succeed at their Injunction hearing.
- Educate victim and provide resources to ensure they know when the abuser has been served, safety planning.
- Support victim as an advocate serve representative at Injunction hearings Wisconsin state statue.
- Notify and inform victim and survivors of civil court cases.
 - Restraining orders.
 - Notice of hearing.
 - Court hearing.
 - Subpoena.
 - Provide information regarding serving their defendant with temporary restraining order.
 - Divorce
 - Court dates



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- Provide information regarding serving their defendant with divorce paperwork.
 - Parenting classes.
 - Filing paperwork.
 - No contact orders.
 - Bail/Bond condition.
 - 72 Hour no contact from law enforcement.
 - No contact order from probation and parole.
 - Assistance filing divorce, or child custody cases.
 - Provided information and resources for supervised visitation.
 - Child custody exchanges.
 - Assist victims and families through CHIPS cases- meeting goals and support while working with CPS or other similar programs.
 - Providing victims with their rights as a victim both criminal and/or civil cases.
 - Assisting with legal paperwork such as TROS, divorce, victim impact statement, and/or criminal justice related assistance and notifications of hearings.
 - Restitution assistance.
 - Accompany victims during law enforcement interviews.
 - Prepare and assist victims that wish to report their abuse.
 - Civil matters such as custody, dependency, juvenile court actions, etc.
 - Eviction hearings and process.
 - Restraining order extensions.

2C. Medical advocacy

Report the number of victims the agency provided support, assistance, and advocacy for medical care related to the sexual assault/abuse. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Advocates may connect with local hospitals or medical facilities with victims to establish care.
- Providing victims with the resources and contact information to different health care needs.
- Forensic SANE exam accompaniment or advocacy.
- Supporting victims through multiple interviews that typically occur at the hospital.

3. Information/referral

Information and referral is defined as agency provides and maintains current information pertaining to appropriate community resources.

Report the number of in-person contacts with victims during which time services and available support are identified. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)



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Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Referring to a culturally specific or by-and-for organizations.
- Referring victims to Victim Witness.
- Referring to another shelter if yours is full or at capacity.
- Referring victims to HUD, WIC, Human Services, BadgerCare, W2 programs.
- Providing victims local community resources (Material assistance, rent assistance, energy assistance, etc.)
- Referrals to support groups, substance abuse, hospitals for SANE, etc.
- Referrals to mental health services.
- Referrals to vocational education.
- Referral for animal abuse. Example, if pets are not allowed in shelter and collaborating with humane society and/or other animal boarding safe space until the victim is able to find a safe home for themselves, families, and pets.

4. Support groups

Support groups are regular facilitated meetings for victims/survivors of sexual violence and/or survivor allies (e.g. family members, partners) with a supportive and educational focus.

Report the number of people that attended support groups. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault services may include:

- Providing and facilitating support groups to victims of crime (adults, teen, youth, and/or family.)
- Peer support groups.
- Other groups that bring victims together to support their healing process.
- Family group activity.
- Youth group activity.

5. Therapy

Agencies that receive SAVS funding are not required to provide this service; however, some agencies do provide this service and it is important to record the number of victims that receive this service directly from SAVS grant recipients.

Report the number of victims the agency provided intensive professional psychological and/or psychiatric treatment. This includes the evaluation of mental health needs as well as the actual delivery of psychotherapy. Do not include the number of victims referred to therapy. (this number should not exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Providing counseling or therapy by a licensed professional



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- Other licensed therapy including alternative healing practices.

6. Community outreach and prevention education

Community outreach and prevention education provided by your agency to increases awareness and understanding about sexual violence through community outreach and engagement.

Please report the following:

a. Number of community education/prevention/outreach presentations. Do not include awareness events such as health fairs, parades, or take back the night.

b. Number of people attending community education/ prevention/outreach presentations. Do not include awareness events such as health fairs, parades, or take back the night. (This number may be duplicated.)

B. The total number of unduplicated sexual assault victims receiving services from the agency.

C. The number of persons who requested but did not receive sexual assault services.

24-hour crisis response – (agency provides a telephone number with 24-hour immediate access to a person trained in providing sexual violence crisis counseling/intervention, information, and referrals.)

Report the number of calls the agency received from victims and the general public needing sexual assault services and information. (this number may exceed the number listed for item b.)

Sexual assault victim services may include:

- Crisis calls from victims and survivors.
- Crisis call from a concerned family member and/or friend about a victim.
- Crisis calls from PREA victims.
- Crisis calls from law enforcement, court personnel, or any other system who is reaching out for a concerned victim or survivor.
- Follow-up calls from police reports, criminal complaints, referrals, and/or other system partner reaching out about services or outreach events.
- Do not track calls from donors, board members, volunteers, other staff, or any other calls that are not specifically related to crime victim services.