


National Sexual Assault Coalition  
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 Working Together To End Sexual Violence

**Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services**

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Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services

**Objectives**

- Understand the barriers and supports for strong rural SA services
- Connect with others working on rural SA projects
- Learn how to use RSP tools in rural SA enhancement projects

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**RSP Rural Projects**

- Deepening Our Roots: Growing Meaningful and Sustainable Sexual Assault Services in Rural Communities
- Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative
- Support and assistance to NSVRC Rural Grants

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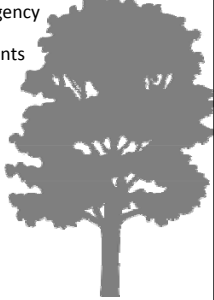
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**Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services**

**Attitudinal, Institutional, Fiscal Barriers**

- Sexual discomfort, lack of education in agency & community
- Desire to avoid unpleasant emotions/events
- History of agency
- Structure of agency
- Lack of data
- Lack of information about SA funding
- National and state funding streams
- Unequal funding distribution
- Unequal marketing



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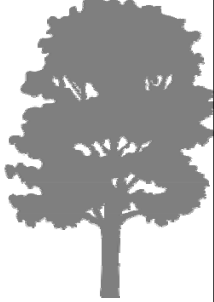
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**Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services**

**Needs of Rural Dual/Multi-Service Agencies**

- Dedicated staff
- Funding streams, equitable allocation of resources
- Marketing for SA services
- Training & TA
- Agency documentation & structural support
- Improved data collection



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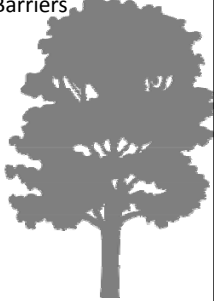
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**Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services**

**Strategies & Tools for Overcoming Barriers**

- Assessment tools
- Core services
- Training Modules on
  - Using assessments
  - Board Support for SA
  - Agency Structure
  - Marketing SA in rural areas



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 This statement is not true I haven't taken action yet I don't really know about this topic This statement is true I take action, feel confident on this I have a lot of knowledge on this topic

Systems	
15. I discuss sexual violence with community partners who provide services to sexual violence survivors, such as health care, law enforcement, and educators.	1 2 3 4 5
16. I have a support system in place within my agency to assist me with any vicarious trauma I may suffer as a result of my working with victims of sexual violence.	1 2 3 4 5
17. I understand my agency's policies and procedures regarding services for sexual violence survivors.	1 2 3 4 5
What do you feel your strengths are in this section?	
Where do you feel challenged?	
Action steps for this section:	

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**Deepening Our Roots**

Training and TA for OVW Rural Grantees

National Training (held February, 2010)

Free Webinars for OVW Rural Grantees

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**Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative**

- The first large scale project to address the challenges of reaching rural sexual assault survivors with concrete and replicable tools and practices.
- A select group of rural dual (DV/SA) agencies will create and test methods to increase service to sexual assault survivors.

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**Sexual Assault Demonstration Initiative**

- The project design uses strengths-based assessments in order to determine best practices and needed action in reaching more sexual assault survivors and providing comprehensive sexual assault services in range of community types, service models, and agency structures
- Selected agencies will receive funding and unlimited technical assistance for three years
- Findings, project evaluation, and tools will be presented to the field at the completion of the project

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**NSVRC Projects**

- Convene national workgroup to help OVW Rural Grantees improve core sexual assault services
- Focus groups
- PSA development
- Training and TA, including site visits & online learning tools

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**NSVRC Projects**

Just Rural! Free training for Rural Grantees

- Addressing Sexual Assault in the Context of Domestic Violence
- Training for advocates AND community partners; SART teams encouraged
- June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Denver
- Registration and information at [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

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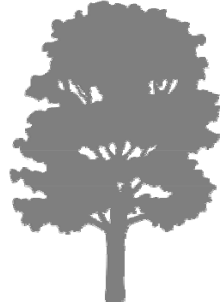
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### Coalition Projects

- What’s happening in your state with rural sexual assault services?
- Is your coalition leading any statewide efforts to enhance rural sexual assault services?




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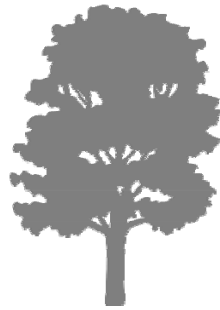
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### Coalition Projects

- Mississippi
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- Utah
- West Virginia




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