Most survivors never report their sexual assault because they fear they'll be blamed for the assault or mistreated in the criminal justice process.

Survivors of color, those whose English is limited, and people with disabilities often face more barriers and concerns about whether they can trust the criminal justice system to support them.

Survivors need alternative options to hold sexual assault perpetrators accountable and prevent future attacks.

SEEK THEN SPEAK is a new program that can be linked from any agency website, including police departments, sexual assault and domestic violence advocacy centers, other government and community agencies, and culturally specific organizations





### FOR MORE INFORMATION

EVAWI created **SEEK THEN SPEAK** as a new pathway to justice for sexual assault survivors. If your agency is interested in offering this innovative tool, contact us at SeekThenSpeak@evawintl.org.



seekthenspeak.app



a self-guided tool

## SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION WHEN YOU NEED IT



BEGIN REPORTING WHEN YOU ARE READY







### **SEEK: EXPLORE OPTIONS**

### **SPEAK: BEGIN REPORTING**

When survivors access the program, **SEEK** provides critical information on:

- Sexual Assault
- · Crime Victim Rights
- Victim Advocacy
- · Medical Care / Forensic Exams
- · Reporting to Police

Emphasis is placed on answering realworld questions survivors are likely to have about these options, including how to initiate the process, whether there are any costs involved, and whether they can bring a support person with them.

SEEK
SEPEAK

BEGIN REPORT

This program is designed to address sexual assault crimes, not sexual harassment or violations of policies (at work, on campus, in the military, etc.).

Do you want to learn more about how sexual assault crimes are defined?

Yes

NO

An additional section of **SEEK** is specifically designed for support people, providing concrete tips for how to respond to survivors.

If they choose, survivors can then begin the process of reporting to police by responding to self-guided interview questions through **SPEAK**.

These questions have been crafted to reproduce the investigative interview conducted by a law enforcement officer who is well-trained in the neurobiology of trauma and the impacts of sexual assault victimization. Prompts guide survivors through careful documentation of the evidence most critical to the investigation. They are reminded they can provide as much or as little information as they choose.



The interview also serves as an educational function, explaining why questions are asked, how the information will be used, and what the survivor's rights are throughout the process.

#### CREATE PDF REPORT

If a survivor begins reporting in **SPEAK**, the program generates a PDF they can provide to law enforcement.

Survivors can download this PDF to their own device, and either:

- (1) Save it for later
- (3) Email it to the police department
- (2) Print it (either to give to police or simply to store while they decide), or
- **(4)** Give to a sexual assault advocacy center to submit to police on their behalf.

The program does not save information; all data is deleted after report generation.

# SPEAK SUPPORTS MORE THAN 100 LANGUAGES

Law enforcement, health care, and other professionals can offer victims this program to begin reporting anytime they are waiting for services, or when interpretive services are unavailable. Translation is browser-based, so the report is generated in the language the survivor used. Questions are printed in English, but responses appear in the survivor's own language.