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Virtual Practicum
Sexual Assault: The Medical Forensic Examination

The Virtual Practicum offers training on every aspect of a patient-centered sexual assault medical forensic examination. It is a valuable training tool for health care professionals as well as law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic scientists, emergency medical services, victim advocates, and others.

Continuing Education

The Virtual Practicum offers 19.5 hours of comprehensive training, easily accessed by individuals, small groups, or instructor-led classes. It is an excellent supplement for in-person training, as well as a valuable refresher course to help maintain proficiency.

Creating Change

We created the Start by Believing campaign to change the way we as a society respond to sexual assault. Knowing how to respond is critical, because a negative response can worsen the trauma and foster an environment where perpetrators face no consequences. Start by Believing stops this cycle of silence by improving our personal and professional reactions.

But what next? After Start by Believing, how do we help survivors to heal?

Seek Then Speak provides survivors and support people with the tools they need to gather information, explore options, and take action. Survivors can even start the process of reporting to law enforcement if they wish. Seek Then Speak helps close gaps in service delivery to promote justice and healing.

startbybelieving.org
seekthenspeak.app

Our Mission

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Are You Prepared To Handle Challenging Investigations?

Law enforcement investigations can be particularly challenging when they involve sexual assault, intimate partner violence, human trafficking, or stalking. Yet training programs often fail to equip investigators with the real-world skills they need to handle these complex investigations. This means prosecutors don’t get the thorough, well-documented investigations they need to file charges. And victims often withdraw without the critical support they need.

We can do better than this. To hold more offenders accountable, we must provide law enforcement the training and resources they need to do their jobs well. And we must enhance the services we provide to support victims through the entire criminal justice process. **EVAWI is here to help.**

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EVAWI offers vital resources to improve criminal justice and community responses to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and stalking.

**Conferences** offer advanced training and best practices on a wide range of subjects, presented by leading national experts.

**Webinars** deliver state-of-the-art instruction, through live events and hundreds of recordings available online.

The **OnLine Training Institute** enhances critical skills in sexual assault investigation, prosecution, and victim support.

The **Virtual Practicum** presents interactive training for professionals on every aspect of a sexual assault medical forensic exam.

**Training Bulletins** highlight emerging issues, new resources, upcoming events, and developments in the field.

Our **Resource Library** offers an array of helpful documents, videos, and other tools.

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Training On a Wide Variety of Topics

- Sexual assault dynamics and impact
- Trauma-informed interviews
- Investigative strategies and tactics
- Effective report writing
- VAWA forensic compliance
- Investigating sexual assault against people with disabilities
- False reports and unfounded cases
- DNA and sexual assault investigations
- Forensic examinations for victims and suspects
- Drug and alcohol facilitated sexual assault
- Untested kits and cold case investigations
- Collaboration between law enforcement and victim advocacy

The **OLTI Is Just What You Are Looking For**

The OnLine Training Institute (OLTI) provides comprehensive training to improve professional responses to sexual assault. Fortunately, many common challenges facing investigators and prosecutors can be overcome with specific techniques for conducting high-quality interviews, collecting thorough evidence, and writing compelling reports.

Currently, the OLTI offers 19 training modules and 216 contact hours. Users can work through modules at their own pace, completing review questions and practical exercises, earning a certificate of completion which may be used to apply for continuing education.

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For years prior to the Nassar case, I attended EVAWI conferences and training. They were and are my go-to source of continuing education and training in best practices. EVAWI helped prepare me to take on the Nassar case and become the prosecutor I was.

**Angela Povilaitis, JD**
Staff Policy Attorney

My overall conference experience was nothing short of amazing. Although virtual, it met all of my expectations and more.

**Marcia Marshall**
Regional Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
US Navy

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As a professional attempting to stay on the cutting edge of policies, procedures, groundbreaking information, and innovative techniques, I have found your training bulletins and online training invaluable. Not only is the information state-of-the-art and in-depth, it is constantly updated and improved upon as new realizations and evidence and data comes to light.

**David R. Thomas**
Program Manager II
International Association of Chiefs of Police