

SEXUAL ASSAULT WORKSHOP AGENDA

September 4th and 5th, 2025
Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel
Sioux Falls

Day One

September 4th, Thursday

8:00am-9:00am: Workshop registration

9:00am-9:30am: Welcome from Sioux Falls Police Chief, Jon Thum

9:30am-11:00am: Sexual Assault Case Study: Deputy States Attorney, Crystal Johnson with SFPD CAP Detective, Pat Mertes

11:00-11:15: Break

11:15-11:30: Sexual Assault Workgroup Update: Chrissie Young, Director for the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

11:30-12:30: Lunch

12:30p-1:30pm: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Information: Jen Canton, MSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P, International Association of Forensic Nurses Forensic Nursing Project Director

1:30-1:45: Break

1:45-3:45: Trauma-Informed Practices When Working With Victims and Survivors of Sexual Assault: Dr. Christine Murray, Ph.D., LCMHC & LMFT (NC), LPC & LMFT (PA)

Topics to be covered:

- What is trauma?
- Why is it important for professionals in all disciplines to understand and apply trauma-informed approaches when working with victims and survivors?
- What steps are recommended for implementing trauma-informed practices in multidisciplinary community settings?
- What foundational information about the intersections between trauma and mental health should all professionals understand when it comes to working with victims and survivors?

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:30pm: Q&A Panel Discussion with Deputy States Attorney, Crystal Johnson; SFPD CAP Detective, Pat Mertes; International Association of Forensic Nurses Forensic Nursing Project Director, Jen Canton; and Dr. Christine Murray

Day Two

September 5th, Friday

9:00-9:15: Welcome, Housekeeping, Transition to One of Two Tracks

SANE TRACK: The intended audience for this track are SANEs.

9:15-12:00: SANE Courtroom Training with Tracey Decker, Attorney Consultant and Advisor for The Network. This track will include a mock trial with direct and cross examination and a Q& A Panel.

ADVOCATE TRACK: This track is intended for advocates.

9:15-10:45: Understanding the Long-term Healing Journey for Survivors of Interpersonal Violence with Dr. Christine Murray

Topics to be covered:

- What is important for victim advocates to know about the connections between short-term crisis services and the long-term journey for survivors?
- What are the common challenges that survivors often face along the long-term healing journey?
- What steps can survivors and supporters (including victim advocates and other allied professionals) take to promote sustainable, long-term healing and recovery for survivors?

(Note: This discussion will be grounded in the Pathways for Supporting Survivors Model that I've been developing through her Source for Survivors resource: <https://www.sourceforsurvivors.info/about.html>.)

10:45-11:00: Break

11:00-12:00: Understanding the Criminal Justice Process with Cindy Schmit