

Ending **SEXUAL VIOLENCE** Against Native Women & Children

2017 - A Briefing on the Status of Violence Against Native Women & Children in New Mexico



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Law Enforcement



109 Agencies reported
4,039 Sex crimes
21% Native victims & offenders

Sexual Assault (SA) Service Provider Agencies



22 SA agencies reported
1,631 Clients received services
16% Native survivors
20% Native offenders

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)



1,018 Patients served
19% Native victims
41% Male SANE patients were children

6 Tribes reported a total of 48 sex crimes. (Acoma, Laguna, Pojoaque, Santa Clara, Zuni, Ramah Navajo)

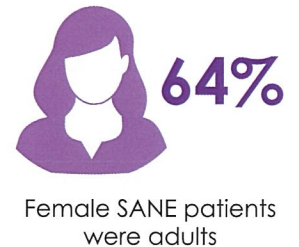
| *CSP | *CSC | *CSCM | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| 8 | 6 | 11 | 25 |
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| 20 | 12 | 16 | 48 |



of Native offenders were the same race/ethnicity as their victims



Assaulted before age 12



Female SANE patients were adults

According to the Sex Crimes Data in New Mexico annual report, Native survivors were most likely to have consumed alcohol &/or other drugs at the time of their assault.

Recommendations

- **Early intervention and prevention outreach and education**
 - o A significant number of children are victimized before age 12. Victims victimized by a relative are less likely to report and seek services.
- **Age-appropriate education in schools & training for school counselors and nurses**
 - o Childhood sexual abuse is a precursor for future sexual assaults.
- **Coordinated Community Response with Law Enforcement and Service Providers**
 - o Witnessing domestic violence as a child increased one's risk to future sexual assault as an adult.
- **Increased mental health outreach and education with community & professionals**
 - o Data shows most survivors received sexual services while seeking help for mental health problems (55%), or because they were encouraged by someone to seek help (49%).
- **Encourage data reporting to NM Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository**
 - o Limited data available for sexual violence tribal communities. Data helps in guiding culturally-appropriate programs, prevention strategies and services.