

What Survivors Want What Your CCRT/SART Can Do

Ideally, SAAM is more than a month; it's a timestamp of commitment to survivors in our communities. The coordination and connections SARTs and CCRTs have can be key in committing to survivors in our communities during SAAM and sustaining past April. Check out the survivor feedback on what they want to see communities commit to for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and beyond, and some ideas from our team on how your CCRT/SART can act on the feedback. Thank you to the survivors who shared their feedback to create this resource!

TRAININGS FOR JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS ON THE EFFECTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND TRAUMA

- ☐ Create a training or education workgroup
- ☐ Invite judges and attorneys to your SART/CCRT
- ☐ Schedule a training, panel, or forum at your courthouse

TALK TO YOUR POLICYMAKERS

- ☐ Follow OAESV's [policy work](#) and [legislative newsletter](#)
- ☐ Devote some meeting time to contacting legislators
- ☐ Participate in OAESV's annual Advocacy Day

CASE FILE REVIEW

- ☐ [Assess](#) if your team is ready for case file review
- ☐ [Prepare](#) for a case review
- ☐ Commit to a case file review in April and schedule your next one

GET SURVIVORS CONNECTED WITH EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES

- ☐ Host a resource panel or fair
- ☐ Commit to a new partnership
- ☐ Hold a training for landlords, employers, HR managers, or therapists
- ☐ Raise funds or apply for grants to help provide therapeutic and housing resources to survivors

CREATE SPACE FOR SURVIVORS TO EMBRACE THEIR VOICES, AND SHARE THEIR PAIN AND HEALING

- ☐ Sponsor and market a support group
- ☐ Ask for survivor [feedback](#)
- ☐ Ask survivors, "What does justice look like for you?" or "What does the ideal response look like?"
- ☐ Create space for survivors in your community (check out this awesome [survivor memorial](#) in Minnesota!)

EXPEDITE TIMELINES BETWEEN REPORTING AND PROSECUTION

- ☐ Explore your team's policies and map them in your protocol to keep everyone on the same page
- ☐ Create resources or campaigns to educate your community about reporting processes and timelines
- ☐ Talk to your policymakers

CENTER INFORMATION THAT SUPPORTS SURVIVOR HEALING

- ☐ Create a trauma-informed, survivor-centered social media campaign or media interview
- ☐ Conduct a community forum, town hall, or panel discussion
- ☐ Explore the options for survivors in your community. What options exist within and outside of justice systems?
- ☐ Use your meeting time to break into small groups to distribute survivor-centered materials

EXPLORE WAYS TO RELIEVE STRESS FOR SURVIVORS DURING TESTIMONY

- ☐ Discuss the ways your team can prepare survivors for questioning, hearing testimony, and courtroom language
- ☐ Establish a best practice for emotional and physical safety planning
- ☐ Read OAESV's "Being Trauma Informed in Legal Systems" SAAM 2022 resource

MAKE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MORE THAN ONE MONTH

- ☐ Give the same energy every month to create long-term change
- ☐ Evaluate what your community needs and when it needs it