



# Protocol Training

Sexual Assault Protocol & Partner Abuse Protocol

Kingston Frontenac Anti-Violence Coordination Committee

# Today's Agenda

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- ▶ Guest Speakers
- ▶ Purpose of Protocols
- ▶ Sexual Abuse Protocol
- ▶ Break
- ▶ Partner Abuse Protocol
- ▶ Scenarios
- ▶ Wrap up & Evaluations

# KFACC - Who are we?



# Who Are The Signatory Partners?

## Partner Abuse and Sexual Assault Protocol

- ▶ Kingston & Frontenac County Crown Attorney's Office
- ▶ Kingston General Hospital- Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program
- ▶ Kingston Interval House
- ▶ Kingston Police
- ▶ Ontario Provincial Police-Frontenac
- ▶ Sexual Assault Centre Kingston
- ▶ Victim/Witness Assistance Program
- ▶ Victim Services of Kingston & Frontenac

# Who Are The Signatory Partners?

## Partner Abuse Protocol

- ▶ Military Police, CFB Kingston
- ▶ Ontario Works, City of Kingston
- ▶ The Salvation Army Supervised Access Program
- ▶ K3C Kingston Community Counselling Centres
- ▶ Kingston Probation and Parole Services
- ▶ Family & Children Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington
- ▶ Land O'Lakes Community Services

# Who Are The Signatory Partners? Sexual Assault Protocol

- ▶ Queens University-Human Rights Office

# Guest Speakers

The background features a series of overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in various shades of orange and brown. These shapes are primarily located on the right side of the frame, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The colors range from light tan to deep, dark brown. The overall composition is clean and modern, with the text 'Guest Speakers' centered in a bold, orange font.

# Goals of Protocols

- ▶ Create a comprehensive, predictable and standardized community response
- ▶ Improve services accessed by victims and survivors
- ▶ Improve working relationships between those organizations that provide those services
- ▶ Support and facilitate the efforts of service providers working victims/survivors



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# SEXUAL ABUSE PROTOCOL

*“Sometimes just the act of sharing a painful secret can relieve some of the pain.”*  
*Survivor*

# Sexual Abuse Protocol

- ▶ Applies to all victims/survivors who are 16 years of age and older at the time of DISCLOSURE
- ▶ The protocol addresses sexual assault which may or may not include physical assault
- ▶ Does not apply to incidents of harassment that do not include a component of sexual assault.

# What is “Sexual Assault”?

- ▶ Sexual assault is a term used to refer to all incidents of unwanted sexual activity.
- ▶ Must *freely* and *enthusiastically* consent to sexual activity and must understand the act to which they consented to.
- ▶ More common than you think
  - ▶ 1/3 girls and 1/5 boys under 18
  - ▶ Around 85% of victims/survivors know the offender

Unwanted  
comments

Sexting  
without  
consent

Sexual  
harassment

Rape

# THERE ARE 460,000 SEXUAL ASSAULTS in Canada every year



Source: Johnson, "Limits of a Criminal Justice Response: Trends in Police and Court Processing of Sexual Assault," in Sheehy, *Sexual Assault in Canada: Law, Legal Practice and Women's Activism*, 2012.

# Goals & Objectives of the Sexual Assault Protocol

- ▶ Promote self care and recovery
- ▶ Allow for victims/survivors to make informed decisions
- ▶ Minimize re-victimization
- ▶ Coordinated, consistent response

# Goals & Objectives of the Sexual Assault Protocol

- ▶ Recognize and be sensitive to vulnerabilities and barriers encountered
- ▶ Encourage education of service providers in the area of sexual assault
- ▶ Enhance victims/survivors confidence levels in service providers
- ▶ Increase communities ability to respond effectively

# What Victims/Survivors Want & Need From YOU

- ▶ To be believed, regardless of the choices that were made to ensure their survival at the time of the assault.
- ▶ To be considered a victim/survivor of sexual assault when ANY unwanted sexual contact occurs.
- ▶ To be considered a victim/survivor of sexual assault regardless of the relationship with the assailant
- ▶ To have the same credibility as the victims of any other crime



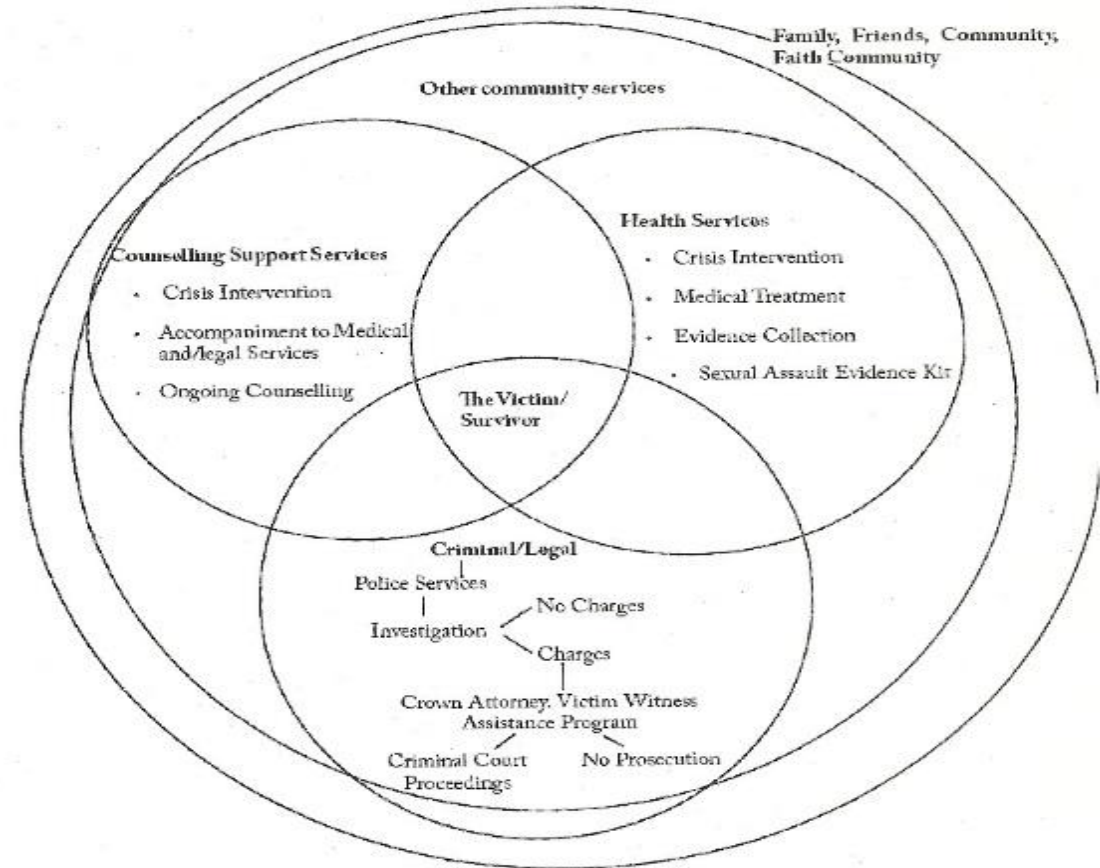
# What Victims/Survivors Want & Need From YOU

- ▶ To be asked questions only relevant to the court case or medical treatment
- ▶ To keep their sexual history private
- ▶ Not to be exposed to prejudice
- ▶ Not to be judged on rape myths and stereotypes
- ▶ To be empowered to determine their own needs and how to meet those needs

# What Victims/Survivors Want & Need From YOU

- ▶ To be provided on information about his/her rights
- ▶ Not to be forced to report to the police if they choose not to
- ▶ To be protected from future assault
- ▶ To receive supports only after giving consent
- ▶ To be aware of all possible legal and medical options

## DIAGRAM OF SYSTEM ACCESS POINTS AND SERVICE OPTIONS



The diagram reflects the different services and access points that a victim/survivor can choose when looking for services in Kingston and Frontenac County.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> The Sexual Assault Emergency Response Protocol committee of Kingston and Frontenac County thanks the Sexual Assault Network (SAN) of Ottawa for allowing the use of the above diagram.

# Diagram of System Access Points

**BREAK!**



# Partner Abuse Protocol

*“I am not what happened to me. I am what I choose to become” Carl Jung*

# Partner Abuse Protocol

- ▶ Broad base of community support
- ▶ Participatory approach
- ▶ Applies to all non-offending members of the family

# What is “Partner Abuse”?

A broad spectrum of coercive, threatening, and violent behaviours within a current or previous relationship.

- Emotional & psychological abuse
- Financial control and abuse
- Physical abuse; up to and including murder
- Sexual violence
- Stalking/harassment

- **25%** of all violent crimes reported to police involve family violence.
- **70%** of the victims of police-reported family violence are girls or women.
- Police-reported rates of intimate partner violence are highest among women **25-34** years of age.
- **25%** of all police-reported violence against children and youth are committed by a family members.
- **65%** of spouses accused of homicide had a history of family violence involving the victim. This was most often the case when the spousal victim was estranged from their partner, including those divorced and separated.





# Goals & Objectives of the Partner Abuse Protocol

## 1. Approach to service delivery

- ▶ Support and assist in a sensitive manner
- ▶ Believe that offenders must be held accountable
- ▶ Victims are not responsible
- ▶ Priority attention to the victim and their families.

# Goals & Objectives of the Partner Abuse Protocol

## 2. Cooperation and Collaboration

- ▶ Ensure 24/7 network of support
- ▶ Ensure timely and appropriate referrals are made

# Goals & Objectives of the Partner Abuse Protocol

## 3. Accessibility

- ▶ Avoid denied access to critical and life-saving services
- ▶ Ensure that our services are barrier - free

# What Victims and Survivors Want & Need from YOU

- ▶ To be believed
- ▶ Recognition of the unique experiences of children
- ▶ Education, advocacy, social action
- ▶ Fair and objective complaint policy
- ▶ Not treated in a dismissive manner
- ▶ Care and attention

# Associated Agencies & Organizations

- ▶ Dawn House Women's Shelter
- ▶ HIV/AIDS Regional Services
- ▶ Kingston Community Legal Clinic
- ▶ FCMHS
- ▶ Pathways for Children and Youth
- ▶ Kingston Frontenac Housing Corporation
- ▶ Kingston Military Family Resource Centre
- ▶ MCIS Language Services
- ▶ Legal Aid Ontario
- ▶ Limestone Mediation

# Scenarios

- ▶ At your table discuss scenario
- ▶ 15 minutes to go over
- ▶ Discuss



QUESTIONS?

EVALUATIONS



Thank You!



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