North Country HealthCare

Northern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (NACASA)

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What is NACASA?

- Sexual assault response program providing medical forensic examinations for victims
- Volunteer medical providers specially trained to provide comprehensive care to victims, gather forensic evidence and give expert testimony in court
- Provide 24/7 call to law enforcement agencies in Coconino and Navajo Counties, the Navajo and Hopi Nations and Grand Canyon National Park
- Treat victims 16 years of age and older
Services Provided

- Medical forensic examinations (Code-R Kit) in a confidential, calm, quiet setting
- STI prophylaxis & emergency contraception
- Change of clothing
- Behavioral Health services
- No cost to the victim – examinations paid for by the county of jurisdiction, the FBI for tribal cases and National Park Service for cases from Grand Canyon National Park

In the future:

- One free follow-up medical examination

Standard Protocol

- Victim reports assault to law enforcement
- Law enforcement contacts Victim/Witness Services
- VWS Advocate works with victim
  - Crisis intervention
  - Safety planning
  - Inform victim of their rights
- Law enforcement dispatches NACASA
- Victim is transported to NACASA
- Law enforcement can interview victim at NACASA
- Law enforcement receives Code-R kit and transports to DPS Crime Lab
Why do we need NACASA?

- Victim centered concept — all disciplines come together to address the needs of the victim first
  - Law enforcement
  - Victim advocates
  - Medical team
  - Prosecution
- Better health for the victim both physically and emotionally
- Potential for better case outcome; increased offender accountability
- Emergency Room is the wrong environment

NACASA Caseload

2007 - 53 cases
- 42 Coconino County
- 7 FBI/NPS
- 3 Navajo County
- 1 Apache County

2008 - 58 cases
- 39 Coconino County
- 13 FBI/NPS
- 5 Navajo County
- 1 Yavapai County
Community Outreach

- NAU Homecoming Bar Campaign
- Sexual Assault Survivor’s Support Group
- Take Back The Night
- Partnership with Northland Family Help Center
- Multiple Community presentations on sexual assault dynamics and prevention

3 Year Community Funding Agreement

- 1st year - $41,880
  - $13,960 each from Coconino County, City of Flagstaff and Flagstaff Medical Center
- 2nd - $56,477
  - $18,825 each from Coconino County, City of Flagstaff and Flagstaff Medical Center
- 3rd year - $58,061
  - $19,353 each from Coconino County, City of Flagstaff and Flagstaff Medical Center