

## Partners in healing

*Working with you to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence*



resources for health-care workers, police, Crown attorneys, journalists, policy-makers and researchers

specialized training on how to work with and help victims

information about all aspects of sexual assault and domestic violence, from statistics and research to medical treatment, forensic care and victim impact

## Your source for information, training and resources

For more than 20 years, the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Treatment Centres and its members have been helping victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse. This experience means that we understand their unique needs and have the **knowledge and expertise** to provide them with the specialized care they require.

Together with our partners, we work in a manner that is both compassionate and professional to meet the medical, emotional, social, forensic and legal needs of individuals who have been sexually assaulted or are the victims or survivors of domestic abuse.

In addition to working with victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence on a daily basis, our members are involved in lobbying for change and establishing standards for service delivery across the province. We also provide specialized training and participate in collaborative research projects to further understanding and improve treatment outcomes.

### *How can we help you?*

**The Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres is a network of 35 hospital-based victim-care centres. Our members are the nurses, counsellors, physicians and staff of the centres who provide round-the-clock care and support to women, children and men who have been assaulted or abused.**

**We recognize that the healing process for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence is one that involves many stages, and so we provide both immediate care for physical injuries and a continuum of care for their emotional needs.**

## First responders

Victims of sexual assault and domestic violence require specialized care to address their unique physical and emotional needs.

By bringing the victim directly to your nearest sexual assault/domestic violence treatment centre following a recent assault, or referring them to us so they can get the help they need, you will be ensuring they get the best care available. Visit our website at [www.sadvtreatmentcentres.net](http://www.sadvtreatmentcentres.net) to get the contact information for the centre nearest you.

Want to learn more? We can help your organization by providing your employees or members with specialized training to enable them to better respond to the needs of survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse.



## Medical professionals

Do you ever suspect abuse but are unsure how to proceed? Talk to us. Our team includes specially trained social workers, nurses and physicians who can help you help your patient. Simply contact your local treatment centre. You can find a list of centres on our website at [www.sadvtreatmentcentres.net](http://www.sadvtreatmentcentres.net).

## Legal professionals

When you go to court, you need to know that your expert witness is exactly that. Our members can help your case with knowledgeable testimony or by providing valuable information, resources or training. We are available to testify in criminal cases involving sexual assault and domestic violence. We also have access to relevant research and statistics.

## Media

The issues surrounding sexual assault and domestic violence are complex. The Network can provide you with information about all aspects of sexual assault and domestic violence, from statistics and research to medical treatment and victim impact. We can help you locate and interview experts in the field and can provide you with background, research, statistics and other information.



## Researchers and policymakers

From identifying at-risk groups to evaluating new treatments and procedures, the Network can provide you with the solid, fact-based information you need to develop effective policies and programs. By partnering with us on new research projects, you'll be able to participate in leading-edge studies with an experienced team of health-care professionals who are dedicated to providing victims and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence with the very best in physical and emotional care.

*"Our sexual assault and domestic violence centre is a key partner in our efforts to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. Whenever possible, we encourage our officers to enlist their services and to refer victims to the centre so that they can get the help they need."*

— Daniel C. Parkinson  
Chief of Police  
Cornwall Community Police Service

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