

## Northern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (NACASA)

NACASA is the sexual assault medical/forensic response program for adults and adolescents in northeastern Arizona

### COMMUNITY IMPACT:

- ❑ Serves as the critical “first response” for victims of rape
- ❑ Provides services 24/7 via law enforcement (or crisis line for non-reporting victims)
- ❑ Oversees specially trained sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) - **no one else provides this service in northeastern AZ; best practice emphasizes trained examiners complete Code-R kits**
- ❑ Leverages volunteers, clinic space, in-kind contributions



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- ❑ NACASA was in jeopardy of closing in 2007 – community partners, including the City of Flagstaff, came together to save the program because of its critical importance in the community
- ❑ NACASA has a cost effective program model in which SANEs take voluntary call and only get paid when they perform an exam. The coordinator is supported by a four-way partnership with the city contributing 1/4<sup>th</sup> (decreased support in recent years).
- ❑ NACASA care results in better health outcomes for the victim, and better case outcomes with increased offender accountability due to forensic integrity of evidence
- ❑ Emergency Dept is the wrong environment for exams and FMC agrees, as indicated by financial support

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## NACASA Statistics

- ▣ 2009: 54 exams done by NACASA SANEs
- ▣ 2010: 60 exams done by NACASA SANEs
- ▣ 2011: 90 exams done by NACASA SANEs
- ▣ 2012: 92 exams done by NACASA SANEs

NACASA has done extensive outreach, in conjunction with the CCRT, to let victims of rape know help is available.

The trend shows that more victims are coming forward. Sexual assault remains the most under-reported crime, however, we are serving more victims than ever!

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## Overview of Funding/Expenditures

- ▣ 2012 Contributions:
  - Coconino County - \$18,821
  - FMC Foundation - \$18,821
  - City of Flagstaff - 15,627
  - North Country - \$18,000 in-kind (office space for coordinator, exam space, etc.)
    - ▣ Supports salary/benefits for Program Coordinator
- ▣ Exam revenues: average of \$725 billed per exam x 92 = \$66,700
  - \$32,200 payment to SANEs for exams
  - \$7,500 medications for victims
  - \$1,000 support group supplies
  - \$1,500 office supplies
  - \$6,000 medical program supplies (catheters, saline, dye, gloves, etc.)
  - \$5,000 travel expenses (coordinator - to meetings and four NACASA sites)
  - \$13,500 ongoing medical forensic and other trainings to maintain team for coverage; precepting expenses for SANEs
    - ▣ This program costs every penny in support and revenue dollars to operationalize the program for victims

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If NACASA goes away there would be serious negative impacts:

- ❑ Victims of sexual assault would endure long waits in the Emergency Room and there would be no guarantee of trained medical forensic providers
- ❑ Inferior quality of evidence collected and documentation resulting in poor prosecution and public safety outcomes
- ❑ Victims would not receive victim-centered care to reduce trauma and facilitate healing
- ❑ No collaboration with medical SANEs on the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) – a critical part of coordinated community response to rape
- ❑ Bottom line: victims of rape would suffer more

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Questions?

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