Safe Harbor Statewide Model Protocol Project

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Who are MNCASA and SVJI?

**MNCASA** represents approximately 60 sexual assault victim advocacy programs statewide. Our work focuses on technical assistance, policy change, training, prevention awareness and resource development.

**SVJI** is a project of MNCASA dedicated to promoting justice for victims of sexual violence through multidisciplinary collaboration, leadership and resources.
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- SVJI in collaboration with the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office and community stakeholders to be determined soon
- Time frame: March 2014–September 2015
- Likely areas for development:
  - Law enforcement
  - Prosecution
  - Medical
  - Advocacy/Social Services
  - Corrections
History

- SVJI is a federal technical assistance provider
  - 12 Minnesota teams
  - 2 national teams
Protocol Development Process

Distinction between No Wrong Door Model and the Statewide Safe Harbor Model Protocol
  ◦ Principles vs. Application

Protocol process for Statewide Model:
  ◦ Design phase
  ◦ Orientation and Preparation
  ◦ Needs assessment
  ◦ Protocol development
  ◦ Preparation for Implementation

Adaptation
Experiences of the ‘System’

Figure 3.1: Multidisciplinary Focus Group
The victim is the one person all agencies have in common, and arguably the one with the most at stake. All agencies and professionals can ultimately support similar goals of protection, prevention, and healing. The best way to accomplish these goals is to make a commitment to being victim-centered at the outset, with input from victims on a regular basis. –Patricia Toth, J.D.
Victim–Centered: What Is It?

- Primary goal in interacting with the teen or exploited youth is about finishing your case handling tasks.
- Primary goal in other work on the case is about what makes the case better.
- Primary goal in interacting with the victim is intervening in the trauma AND using all of our the tools/skills at our disposal to do our best for the case without re-victimizing the teen or exploited youth.

Case–Centered

Victim/Survivor Centered
A Shift From This...
To This....
Victim–Centered

- What does it mean to you personally and professionally?
- What is the difference between victim–centered and case–centered? For example ...
  - End goal – not at the expense of the victim
  - Ensuring victim safety
  - Respecting victim’s privacy
  - Avoiding judgment
  - Avoiding re-victimization
  - Victim self-agency and knowledge; support
  - Justice looks different to every victim
During this Conference ...

- Facilitated conversations
  - Laying the groundwork for protocol development
Thank You!

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