



Description of Story County SART

The Story County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), formed in 1997, consists of specially trained professionals from nine agencies who provide a community coordinated response to sexual assaults. Members of SART represent the fields of law enforcement, health care, advocacy, counseling, and prosecution. SART identifies barriers that keep sexual assault survivors from seeking services and works to overcome those barriers through its sensitive, survivor-centered approach. SART offers medical, legal, and emotional support for sexual assault survivors, age 13 and older.

How SART Helps

When a survivor of sexual assault contacts a Story County SART agency, a three-person team is dispatched. This team consists of a sexual assault nurse examiner, an advocate, and a law enforcement officer. The nurse, advocate, and officer explain their roles on the team and services they are able to provide. Survivors decide which resources they want to use and can decline to meet with any professionals. In a sexual assault, choice was taken away from the person sexually assaulted. SART wants to give that choice back and will respect any decisions made by a survivor.

Participating Agencies

Law Enforcement: Ames Police Department, Iowa State University Police, Story County Sheriff's Office

Health Care: ISU Student Health Center, Mary Greeley Medical Center, Planned Parenthood of Ames

Advocacy: Assault Care Center Extending Shelter and Support (ACCESS)

Counseling: ISU Student Counseling Service

Prosecution: Story County Attorney's Office

Contacting SART

Call 292-5378 to speak with an ACCESS volunteer who can provide information and activate SART.

For More Information

To obtain more information or to schedule a training session on SART, please contact Kris Olds, Coordinator, Story County SART, 168 Armory Bldg., Ames IA 50011-3034; 515-294-3116 (office); 515-294-8241 (fax); hapriess@iastate.edu.

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