

Friends, Family and Intimate Partners

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Issue: A SART currently uses the phrase "significant other" as the catch-all for family, friends, and intimate partners. What terms do other SARTs use?

Background: The SART is updating their survivor packet and wants to know what other communities call family, friends, and intimate partners.

The following list includes responses from around the country, in order of their popularity:

- Significant others
- Intimate partners
- No catch-all phrase for family, friends and intimate partners - they are referenced specifically as 'friends', 'family', or 'partners'
- Support system
- Loved ones
- Secondary victims- along with an explanation.
- Some communities also refer to secondary victims as:
 - A victim of a battery and who later discloses a rape - the rape becomes a secondary victimization
 - A victim's caretaker who is supporting a primary victim but later discloses victimization by the same perpetrator