

SART TOOLKIT

Sexual Assault Response Team Toolkit

Crime Victim Compensation Discussion for SARTs

- Victim notification
 - When are victims notified about crime victim compensation?
 - How are victims notified about crime victim compensation?
 - Are victims notified in every case?
 - Are victims notified more than once? During follow-up?
 - Are victims notified as part of the medical/forensic examination? What happens if victims do not receive a medical/forensic examination?
 - Is the SART monitoring or evaluating this process to ensure all victims are notified? Is this on a checklist?
 - Does your state offer electronic filing? Does the victim have access and assistance?
 - Is anyone following up to ensure the paperwork was completed and sent in?
- Hospital compensation
 - How are hospitals being compensated for the medical/forensic examination?
 - Are all hospitals in your state being compensated at the same rate?
- Process
 - Which agencies assist victims in applying for compensation?
 - How are those agencies notified when a victim needs support to apply?
 - Is it always the same agency in all cases?
- Information/training for SARTs
 - Are any services provided to victims automatically covered by victim compensation when there is no other payee?
 - What types of expenses are covered? Which are not?
 - Are there other agencies in your area that may pay for items crime victim compensation is unable to cover?

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- What are the eligibility requirements?
- How do state compensation and private insurance work together?
- What kinds of losses might a victim suffer that would not be compensated?
- What types of documentation of expenses are required?
- Accessibility
 - Are compensation forms available in multiple languages?
 - What reading level is required to fill out the forms?
 - Are the forms accessible to individuals with disabilities?
- Problem solving
 - Where do victims apply if multiple jurisdictions are involved?
 - If crime victim compensation is unable to pay, are there other resources in the community?
 - Will victim compensation accept applications where a report to law enforcement has not occurred? Will they accept a letter from a medical/forensic examiner or an advocate that describes specific safety concerns that prevent a victim from reporting?
 - When intimate partner violence includes a sexual assault, will victim compensation pay for costs associated with the assault?

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