



ACAR is a non-profit organization comprised of rape crisis centers across the state of Alabama. They provide technical assistance, training, and guidance for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). These trainings are possible due to funding through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).



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**SART / SANE**

Sexual Assault Response Team /  
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

***A Team Effort in the Fight  
for Sexual Assault Victims***



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# Sexual Assault Response Team / Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM

SART is a multidisciplinary team designed to help meet the needs of sexual assault victims. The SART meets regularly and is made up of various agencies and organizations. The team consists of the following:

- Forensic Nurse Examiner (SANE)
- Law Enforcement
- Victim Advocates
- District Attorneys' Office
- Various Other Organizations



***Teamwork is essential in order to meet the needs of sexual assault victims.***

## SART/SANE PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Minimal wait time for the sexual assault victim
- Victim more thoroughly examined by a specially trained nurse
- Examinations of sexual assault victims provided 24-hours, 7 days a week
- Cases closed quicker from proper evidence collection leading to guilty pleas
- Assists prosecutor by providing SANE as an expert witness in court
- Serves as a network in the community and provides updated information on sexual assault issues
- A SANE program located within a caring, secure atmosphere for rape kit procedures with SANE trained nurses, free clothing, prophylactic antibiotics for possible exposure to STDs, and pregnancy prevention options.
- Support for Alabama Crime Victims' Compensation claims
- Medical and Legal Advocacy

## SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER



A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a Registered Nurse who has been specially trained to provide comprehensive, uninterrupted care to sexual assault survivors, including conducting the forensic collection of evidence within 72 hours.

The goal of the SANE Program is to minimize the physical and psychological trauma to the victim and to maximize the probability of collecting and preserving the physical evidence of an assault for potential use in the legal system.