

The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

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SAKI Grantees

There are currently **41 SAKI Grantee Sites**:

- 16 statewide sites
- 1 multi-county site
- 8 county level sites
- 16 city level sites



SAKI Training and Technical Assistance Team Role

- Provide customized TTA to SAKI Grantees
- Address long-term needs including capacity building, interagency coordination and strategic priorities
- Facilitate cross-site communication and learning
- Develop TTA curricula and materials that align with policy and implementation needs
- Disseminate and assist with implementation of evidence-based practices

SAKI Providing Multidisciplinary Outreach

The SAKI Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) program offers expertise and assistance for collecting and processing forensic evidence, investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases, and supporting survivors of sexual assault.

SAKI Training Topics

- Multidisciplinary team response
- Law enforcement and cold case investigation
- Prosecution challenges
- SANE participation
- Understanding DNA Analysis
- Victim advocacy and victimcentered approaches

• On site TTA:

- **31** SAKI TTA Team Site Visits completed
- 24 On-site Technical Assistance and Training events, ~1,200 attendees

• Virtual TTA:

- 18 Written briefs on 7 topics
- **18** Webinars completed, **total ~900 attendees**
- SAKI Online Discussion Forum with **175 users**

SAKI TTA Partners















TTA for Your Success

- Assigned Site Liaison to serve as your primary POC
- Development Plans to organize and identify site needs and plans to address immediate and long-term gaps
- Flexible TTA process for sites to request technical assistance
- Timely and responsive TTA administered in a variety of formats, including: in-person, web-based (virtual) meetings, regional events
- On-site TTA provided by qualified subject matter experts

SAKI TTA Resources

- SAKI website <u>http://sakitta.org</u>
 - Upcoming and archived webinars
 - Regional training events
 - Practitioner resources
- SAKI Researcher and Analyst Working Group monthly calls
 - Cross-site information sharing for researchers, analysts, and those interested in research-practitioner partnerships in SAKI
 - Discussions include uses/implications of data, practical and operational issues related to research, data collection and analysis, reporting, etc.
- SAKI TTAlks newsletter and discussion forum
- SAKI Virtual Academy coming soon!
- SAKI Toolkit coming soon!



What's next?

- Introduction to your SAKI Site Liaison
- SAKI Welcome Packet
 - Highlight key webinars
 - Overview of PMT requirements
 - Guidance on conducting and inventory and creating or implementing a testing plan
 - Overview of evidence tracking, cold case investigation, and media relations
- Site Visits and Development Plans
- National SAKI Meeting Spring 2018

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