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Dear Friend:

Survivors of rape, molestation and other forms of sexual assault rely on you as a medical provider to treat their physical wounds, provide them with justice and help them endure severe emotional trauma while beginning the difficult recovery process.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners are crucial in ensuring that sexual assault patients receive more compassionate care. Specially-trained nurses can reduce re-traumatization of patients and improve the quality of forensic evidence collection, which may increase prosecution rates of offenders. No matter what role you play in this critical process, your invaluable work places you on the frontline in the fight against sex crimes and makes you one of the most important people in victims' lives.

I would like to invite you to attend the **Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Didactic Training** on April 8-11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois. Instructions regarding the pre-coursework will be released on March 6, 2025, and students must complete the pre-coursework by Thursday, April 3, 2025.

The **Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training** is an important 40-hour training designed to improve our response to sexual assault patients in Illinois. The training is comprised of a combination of pre-coursework and live training in Urbana. Participants can complete the pre-coursework at their convenience; however, the assignments must be completed prior to the due date provided.

This training is for registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians who will be providing medical forensic services to sexual assault patients under the age of 18 in an Emergency Room or Approved Pediatric Health Care Facility. Applicants must have a license in good standing, acknowledge the requirements of the training including submitting a current resume, complete the pre-coursework prior to the date listed above, have an established mentor (must be a Child Abuse Pediatrician, PA SAFE, or SANE-P) who has received specialized training in the care of both acute and non-acute sexual assault patients and is performing those exams on a routine basis using the ISP SAECK, work in a pediatric treatment facility's emergency department or have developed a clinical plan with an emergency department and be available for the in-person training. Individuals who have previously completed didactic training are invited to re-attend as space allows.

The nursing objectives for the training are as follows:

Review the History, Reporting and Dynamics of Child Maltreatment ▪ Review Sex Offender Characteristics ▪ Describe the History and Role of Forensic Nursing and the Pediatric SANE ▪ Discuss Collaborating with Community Agencies ▪ Describe the Role of the Medical Component and Examiner in Child Sexual Abuse Cases ▪ Discuss Child Growth and Development ▪ Explain Physical and Behavioral Indicators of Child Abuse ▪ Explain Developmental Ano-Genital Anatomy ▪ Recognize Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), Pregnancy, Testing and Prophylaxis Options for the Pediatric Patient ▪ Review Discharge and Follow-up Planning and Management ▪ Recognize Conditions Mistaken for Abuse ▪ Observe and Assess Physical Examination Findings ▪ Review Medicolegal Photography ▪ Discuss Taking the Medicolegal History in a Pediatric Examination ▪ Review Medicolegal Documentation in the Pediatric Examination ▪ Review Injury Identification and Classification ▪ Review the Illinois Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (IL SAECK) ▪ Examine Evidence Collection ▪ Describe the Role of the Forensic Scientist ▪ Examine a Mock Trial and SANE Testimony ▪ Describe Illinois Child Abuse Laws ▪ Explain Mandated Reporting Requirements for Child Abuse and Neglect ▪ Review the Illinois Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act (SASETA) ▪ Discuss Ethics ▪ Discuss Vicarious Trauma ▪ Review Illinois Pediatric SANE Clinical Requirements ▪ Evaluate the Course and Learning

For more information regarding the Illinois SANE Program, the content of the training or nursing contact hours, please contact sane@ilag.gov.

This training program will help all of us work together to better serve and protect Illinois residents from the painful effects of sexual assault. There is no charge for this training and an application form is attached. I hope you can join us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Raoul', written in a cursive style.

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Attorney General

The SIU School of Medicine is preapproved as a continuing education provider pursuant to section 1300.130, subsection (c), (1), (B) and (P) of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Nurse Practice Act. Nurses may receive a maximum of 40 contact hours for completing this activity.

Criteria for successful completion of the Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Didactic Training include completion of the pre-coursework, attendance at the entire event, and submission of a completed evaluation form.

Nurse planners and presenter(s) have declared no conflict of interest.

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