



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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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.

In the criminal justice system, we rely on those who first treat victims of sexual assault to collect the evidence used to identify, prosecute and convict the assailants – crucial steps to providing some sense of peace and security in the victims' otherwise shattered lives. 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 Training** to improve our response to sexual assault patients.

The **Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training** is an important 40-hour training designed to educate registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians performing sexual assault medical forensic examinations. The training is comprised of a combination of pre-coursework and live training in Bloomington. Participants can complete the pre-coursework at their convenience; however, the assignments must be completed prior to the due date provided. Instructions regarding the pre-coursework will be released on September 5, 2024, and students must complete the pre-coursework by Thursday, October 3, 2024. The SANE training will be held **October 9-11, 2024**, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois.

This training is for registered nurses, advanced practice providers and physicians. Applicants must have a license in good standing, acknowledge the requirements of the training including submitting a recent resume, complete the pre-coursework prior to the date listed above and have an identified mentor (must be a Child Abuse Pediatrician, SANE-P, or PA SAFE practicing in Illinois) 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.

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](mailto: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.

Kwame Raoul  
Attorney General

*This activity has been submitted to the SIU School of Medicine Office of Continuing Professional Development for approval to award 40.0 Contact Hours. The SIU School of Medicine Office of Continuing Professional Development 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.*

*Criteria for successful completion of the SANE training include attendance at the entire event and submission of a completed evaluation form.*

*Nurse planners and faculty have declared no conflict of interest.*