

Region 9

2026 Regional Sexual Assault Response Plan

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OVERVIEW

During the 2015 Regular Legislative Session, the Louisiana Legislature passed ACT No. 229, which addresses the treatment and billing of survivors of a sexually-oriented criminal offense. The legislation, which is now R.S. 40:1216.1, was enacted to ensure survivors have access to a forensic medical examination in every parish and to ensure no hospital or healthcare provider bill a survivor for any healthcare services rendered in conducting a forensic medical examination.

R.S. 40:1216.1 mandates the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to coordinate an annual sexual assault response plan for each of its nine regional health service districts. Each plan shall incorporate a sexual assault response team protocol and the uniform protocol for human trafficking established by the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (per ACT No. 267, 2025 Regular Session), when developed. In OPH Region 9, the Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (JPCO SANE) Program officially serves as the OPH Southeast Region 9's regional sexual assault response team (since May 20, 2024) and will perform the forensic medical exams (FMEs) at the designated facilities in St. Tammany, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Livingston, and Washington Parishes. See APPENDIX A for the JPCO SANE PROGRAM ALGORITHMS. Also, the JPCO SANE Program Team will continue to collect regional FME data from the designated facilities in Region 9 for policy development, process improvement, training, etc. The coroners in Region 9 have agreements in place with the JPCO SANE Program to perform the FMEs in the Region 9 designated facilities/ERs. However, the emergency room physicians/designated providers will continue to perform the adult FMEs in all designated facilities when the JPCO SANE Program Team is unavailable.

Input was solicited from the OPH Region IX coroners and other regional SAR partners in the October 1, 2026 meeting regarding any updates and/or changes needed for the 2026 SAR Plan. See APPENDIX E for a copy of notices sent to stakeholders about the SAR planning meeting, a list of the individuals and organizations that were provided notice, and the method and timing of the notice provided. See APPENDIX F for a list of the individuals and organizations in attendance at the meeting.

The following 2026 OPH Southeast Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Plan includes the consensus-recommended updates/changes (See APPENDIX H) and will be submitted to the LDH Secretary for approval. The plan also meets the statutory mandates of Louisiana R.S. 40:1216.1 and of ACT No. 267 of the 2025 Regular Session, as outlined below, and includes the procedures, which shall constitute minimum standards for the operation and maintenance of hospitals:

- a) Provide an inventory of all available resources and existing infrastructure in the region and clearly outline how the resources and infrastructure will be incorporated in the most effective manner. **(Pages 4-6)**
- b) Clearly outline the entity responsible for the purchase of sexual assault collection kits and the standards and procedures for the storage of the kits prior to use in a forensic medical examination. **(Page 7)**
- c) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for a survivor to receive a forensic medical examination, as defined in R.S. 15:622, to ensure access to such an examination in every parish. The plan shall designate a hospital or healthcare provider to be the lead entity for sexual assault examinations for adult survivors and a hospital or healthcare provider to be the lead entity for sexual assault examinations for pediatric survivors. The plan shall also include specific details directing first responders in the transport of survivors of a sexually oriented crime, the appropriate party to perform the forensic medical examination, and any required training for a person performing a forensic medical examination. **(Pages 8-17 and 21-22; APPENDIX B)**
- d) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for the handling and payment of medical bills related to the forensic medical examination to clarify and ensure that those standards and procedures are in compliance with this Section and any other applicable section of law. **(Page 20)**
- e) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for the transfer of sexual assault collection kits pursuant to applicable sections of law. **(Pages 18-19)**
- f) Incorporate the uniform protocol for human trafficking established by the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (ACT No. 267, 2025 Regular Session), when developed and made available.

OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Plan

The *2026 OPH Southeast Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Plan* outlines the coordinated, multidisciplinary response of medical professionals, law enforcement agencies, criminal justice personnel, survivor advocacy agencies, crime laboratory personnel, and support agencies to sexual assaults in St. Tammany, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Livingston, and Washington Parishes. This consensus-recommended regional response plan ensures that survivors of sexual assaults have immediate access to coordinated care that is survivor-centered, respectful, and both culturally and age-appropriate. It also ensures that survivors are provided with complete information about choices and have the autonomy to make informed decisions about the care they want to receive. OPH Region 9 will continue to update the regional sexual assault response plan every year in an effort to improve medical treatment and evidence collection outcomes and to maximize continuity of care for survivors of a sexually oriented criminal offense.

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The OPH Region 9 *Sexual Assault Response Team* consists of key responders who will ensure that survivors have access to medical, law enforcement, advocacy, and prosecutorial services.

- **Five (5) Coroners**

Name	Jurisdiction
Honorable Dr. Ronald Coe	Livingston Parish
Honorable Dr. Jimmie Varnado	St. Helena Parish
Honorable Dr. Christopher Tape	St. Tammany Parish
Honorable Dr. Rick Foster	Tangipahoa Parish
Honorable Dr. Roger Casama	Washington Parish

- **Two (2) District Attorneys**

Name	District	Parishes
Honorable Scott M. Perrilloux	21 st J.D.	Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa
Honorable J. Collin Sims	22 nd J.D.	St. Tammany, Washington

- **Emergency Medical Services**

Organizations	Parishes
Acadian Ambulance Service	Livingston, St. Helena, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany
Northshore EMS	Washington
St. Tammany Fire District 1	St. Tammany (Slidell) – ambulance unit responds to medical emergencies but doesn't transport patients. Acadian Ambulance transports patients for St. Tammany FD 1.
St. Tammany Fire District 3	St. Tammany (Lacombe)
St. Tammany Fire District 4	St. Tammany (Mandeville)
St. Tammany Fire District 11	St. Tammany (Pearl River)

- **Hospital Emergency Room (ER) Services**

Designated Region 9 Hospitals/ERs	Location	Parish
Slidell Memorial Hospital - East (formerly Ochsner Hospital – Northshore)	Slidell	St. Tammany
Lakeview Hospital (formerly Lakeview Regional Medical Center)	Covington	St. Tammany
St. Tammany Parish Hospital	Covington	St. Tammany
Covington Trace Hospital and ER	Covington	St. Tammany
Slidell Memorial Hospital	Slidell	St. Tammany
Hood Memorial Hospital	Amite	Tangipahoa
Lallie Kemp Medical Center	Independence	Tangipahoa
North Oaks Medical Center	Hammond	Tangipahoa
Riverside Medical Center	Franklinton	Washington
Our Lady of the Angels (OLOA)	Bogalusa	Washington
St. Helena Parish Hospital	Greensburg	St. Helena
**Our Lady of the Lake (LOL)’s “ <i>stand-alone</i> ” ER	Walker	Livingston
**St. Tammany Parish Hospital’s “ <i>stand-alone</i> ” ER	Mandeville	St. Tammany

- **Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis and Advocacy Centers/Programs (See p. 17 also)**

- 3- Accredited Sexual Assault Centers (SACs)
- 2- Child Advocacy Centers (CACs)
- 1- Statewide Coalition Agency (LaFASA)

Name	Region 9 Location	Service Area
Washington Parish Rape Crisis Center/ADAPT, Inc. (LAFASA accredited <u>SAC</u> in Region 9)	Bogalusa Hammond	Washington, St. Helena and Tangipahoa Parishes
Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) (LAFASA accredited <u>SAC</u> in Region 2)	No physical location in Region 9, but provides hospital advocates and virtual services in the region	Livingston Parish (East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee)
Metro Centers for Community Advocacy (LAFASA accredited <u>SAC</u> in Region 1)	Mandeville (satellite office)	St. Tammany Parish (Jefferson, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James)
Child Advocacy Services (<u>CAC</u> in Region 9)	Hammond (administrative office) Amite (services) Denham Springs (service)	Tangipahoa, St. Helena, and Livingston Parishes (Ascension, St. Charles, St. James, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Assumption, and St. John the Baptist Parishes)
Hope House Children’s Advocacy Center (<u>CAC</u> in Region 9)	Covington (headquarters) Bogalusa (satellite office)	St. Tammany and Washington Parishes
Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA)	No physical location in Region 9	Statewide (office is in Baton Rouge)

- **Crime and DNA Labs**

- St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office DNA Lab – cases from all parishes
- St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Office Crime Lab – St. Tammany cases only
- Louisiana State Police Crime Lab – cases from all parishes

- **Law Enforcement**

- **Southeastern Louisiana University Police Department** – Interim Chief Carmen Bray
- **Five (5) Parish Sheriffs**

Name	District	Parishes Covered
Sheriff Jason G. Ard	21 st J.D.	Livingston Parish
Sheriff “Clay” Chutz	21 st J.D.	St. Helena Parish
Sheriff Randy Smith	22 nd J.D.	St. Tammany Parish
Sheriff Gerald D. Sticker	21 st J.D.	Tangipahoa Parish
Sheriff Jason Smith	22 nd J.D.	Washington Parish

- **27 Local Police Chiefs**

Parish	Name	Jurisdiction
ST. TAMMANY	Interim Chief Daniel Seuzeneau	Slidell Police Department
	Chief Todd Schliem	Mandeville Police Department
	Chief Michael Ferrell	Covington Police Department
	Town Marshal Barney Tyrney	Madisonville Police Department
	Chief Shilo Bruhl	Folsom Police Department
	Chief Jack Sessions	Pearl River Police Department
	Chief Anthony J. Moreci	Sun Marshal’s Office
WASHINGTON	Chief James Smith	Bogalusa City Police Department
	Chief Justin Brown	Franklinton Police Department
	Chief Gilbert Hartzog, Jr.	Angie Police Department
	Chief Louis Adams	Varnado Police Department
TANGIPAHOA	Chief Edwin Bergeron, Jr.	Hammond Police Department
	Chief Frank Edwards, III	Independence Police Department
	Chief Lendrick Francois	Amite City Police Department
	Chief Frank Dibenedetto	Tickfaw Police Department
	Chief Andrew Henderson	Roseland Police Department
	Chief Michael Kazerooni	Kentwood Police Department
	Chief Bry Layrisson	Ponchatoula Police Department
LIVINGSTON	Chief Jimmy Jones	Springfield Police Department
	Chief David Addison	Walker Police Department
	Chief Randy Dufrene	Livingston Police Department
	Chief Boyd Wilde	Albany Police Department
	Chief Cary Mosby	French Settlement Police Department
	Chief Rodney Walker	Denham Springs Police Department
	Chief Steven Fontenot	Killian Police Department
	Chief Bobby Hopson	Port Vincent Police Department
ST. HELENA	Chief Cedric Burise	Greensburg Police Department
	Chief Cedric Burise	Montpelier Police Department

SEXUAL ASSAULT COLLECTION KITS

1. Contents of the Sexual Assault (SA) Collection Kits

In OPH Region 9, all sexual assault collection kits used in a forensic medical examination shall continue to meet the standards and requirements developed by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC).

2. Purchase and Storage of the SA Collection Kits

In OPH Region 9, all emergency rooms (ERs) in the **11** designated (Tier I) full-service hospitals and the two (**2**) stand-alone ERs (See chart below) will be responsible for the purchase** of the SA collection kits **and** the storage of the kits prior to use. Vendor selection, SA collection kit selection/ordering, and inventory management of the unused kits are the responsibility of each designated hospital and the stand-alone ERs.

**NOTE: Must obtain SA collection kits from LSP which will already have tracking labels or purchase SA collection kits from a state recommended/approved vendor and obtain/apply tracking labels from LSP to be in compliance with the statewide SA collection tracking system.

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Slidell Memorial Hospital - East (formerly Ochsner Hospital – Northshore)	Slidell	St. Tammany
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FME STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

This section clearly outlines the standards and procedures for a survivor to receive a forensic medical examination, as defined in Louisiana R.S. 15:622, to ensure access to such an examination in every parish in OPH Region 9.

1. DESIGNATED LEAD MEDICAL ENTITIES/FACILITIES AND PROVIDERS

In OPH Region 9, the following hospitals and healthcare providers have been designated by the coroners (and approved by stakeholders) to serve as lead entities to perform the medical screenings and forensic medical exams.

FOR ADULTS (aged 18 years and older)

- **OPH Region 9 Designated Lead Medical Facilities for Medical Screenings and FMEs:**

- *All emergency rooms (ERs) in the 11 full-service hospitals and the 2 stand-alone ERs in Region 9 are designated lead medical facilities. (See chart below.)*

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- **OPH Region 9 Designated Lead Healthcare Provider(s) for Medical Screenings:**

- *All ER physicians and healthcare provider(s) authorized to perform medical screenings who work in the Region 9 designated facilities and are on duty when a sexual assault survivor presents to the ER, will perform the medical screening.*

- **OPH Region 9 Designated Lead Healthcare Provider(s) for FMEs:**

- *The Jefferson Parish Coroner’s Office (JPCO) SANE Program Team, as designated by the coroners and SAR stakeholders in St. Tammany, St. Helena, Washington, Tangipahoa, and Livingston Parishes, may perform FMEs in **all** designated Region 9 ERs, upon consultation by the ER physicians and after the patient is medically cleared for the exam. See APPENDIX A for JPCO SANE Algorithms for adults*
- **HOWEVER**, *if the JPCO SANE team is unavailable to perform an FME, then the ER physician who is on duty in the designated medical facility when a sexual assault survivor presents to the ER, will perform the FMEs (with the aid of an ER nurse).*

FOR CHILDREN (under age 18 years):

If a pediatric sexual assault (SA) survivor presents to one of the hospital ERs in OPH Region 9, including the stand-alone ER, then the ER M.D. must perform the medical screenings/exams of the child to address any emergent/immediate medical needs and clear them (if possible, at that time) for the forensic medical exam to be performed at the designated facility/entity for pediatric FMEs. NOTE: A pediatric SA survivor’s advocate should be present for all FMEs.

● **OPH Region 9 Designated Lead Medical Facilities for Pediatric Medical Screenings:**

- All emergency rooms (ERs) in the 11 full service hospitals and the 2 stand-alone ERs in Region 9 are designated facilities for medical screenings. (See chart below.)

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● **OPH Region 9 Designated Lead Medical Facility for ACUTE Pediatric FMEs:**

Parish	Designated Lead Medical Facility for ACUTE Pediatric FMEs	
Livingston Parish***	OLOL Pediatric ER in Baton Rouge	***JPCO SANE will perform acute pediatric FMEs on children ≥ 13 yrs. of age in the OLOL “stand-alone” ER in Walker, La. and for any child <18 yrs. at all designated ERs in St. Tammany Parish (per facility request). See APPENDIX A for the JPCO SANE PEDIATRIC ALGORITHMS
St. Helena Parish	Manning Family Children’s in N.O.	
St. Tammany Parish***	Manning Family Children’s in N.O.	
Tangipahoa Parish	Manning Family Children’s in N.O.	
Washington Parish	Manning Family Children’s in N.O.	

NOTE 1: “ACUTE” = Case ≤ 72 HOURS from time of assault

NOTE 2: We may honor a parent/caregiver’s choice to send a child to Manning Family Children’s instead of OLOL, and vice versa, if the child is medically stable and if it is the best interest of the child at the time of the request.

NOTE 3: See Louisiana Children’s Code, Chapter 8, Art. 322-329 for videotaping forensic interviews of child survivors of SA.

● **OPH Region 9 Designated Medical Facility for SUB-/NON-ACUTE Pediatric FMEs (>72 hrs.)**

Parish	Designated Lead Medical Facility for Sub-/Non Acute FMEs only	Notes for Sub-/Non-Acute FMEs only
Livingston Parish	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope, in Baton Rouge	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope (formerly, Audrey Hepburn CARE Center) is located at Manning Family Children’s in N.O or at the satellite office located in BR ● Child Advocacy Services or Hope House Children’s Advocacy Center should be notified for all pediatric cases in their respective service areas. NOTE: referrals are phoned in or faxed
St. Helena Parish	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope, in New Orleans	
St. Tammany Parish	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope, in New Orleans	
Tangipahoa Parish	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope, in New Orleans	
Washington Parish	*Morgan Ray Center for Hope, in New Orleans	

2. TRANSPORTATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

An emergency medical unit and/or law enforcement unit will be dispatched per 911 dispatch protocols for adult and pediatric sexual assault/injuries.

- **EMS First Responders** (*acute cases only*):
 - For Adults/Older Adolescents: **In OPH Region 9**, sexual assault survivors should be transported *to the nearest lead medical facility* in the region where medical screening and forensic sexual assault evidence exams are performed, unless injury severity dictates otherwise or the survivor chooses a different facility in the region. A primary caregiver, family member, or friend, who is not the suspected perpetrator, should be allowed to accompany the SA (sexual assault) survivor in the emergency medical unit.
 - For Children: **In OPH Region 9**, all pediatric survivors of sexual assault should be transported by EMS *to the nearest lead medical facility* in the region for a medical screening, unless injury severity dictates otherwise or the survivor's parent/caregiver chooses a different facility. Once cleared by the ER physician, pediatric survivors are to be transported by EMS to a lead medical facility designated for ACUTE pediatric FMEs. SEE p. 10 for the designated pediatric medical facilities. EMS transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the transferring ER. A parent or primary caregiver, who is not the suspected perpetrator, should be allowed to accompany the child in the emergency medical unit.

NOTE: EMS transports acute SA survivors to designated medical facilities. Also, if the patient needs to be transported to a different lead facility, then the **hospital must call and relay to EMS that the person to be transported is a sexual assault survivor**.

- **Law Enforcement** (*acute and non-acute cases*): **In OPH Region 9**, if law enforcement must provide transportation of a medically stable SA survivor to or from a lead medical facility, then an unmarked vehicle should be used, if available, especially when transporting a child. A parent or primary caregiver, who is not the suspected perpetrator, should be allowed to accompany the child SA survivor in the vehicle, and a family member or friend should be allowed to accompany an adult SA survivor.

NOTE: For SA patients discharged from the hospital (ER), transportation may be provided by a family member, friend, SA advocate who was called to the hospital for support, and, in some cases, by the local police/sheriff's department.

3. THE FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAM AND EVIDENCE COLLECTION

(Per R.S 40:1216.1)

A. *For the purposes of this section, the following definitions apply :*

- “Sexually oriented criminal offense” has the same meaning as defined in R.S. 15:622.
- “Emergency contraception” means only drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration with mechanisms of action that likely include the prevention of ovulation, sperm capacitation, or fertilization after sexual intercourse and do not meet the definition of a legend drug as defined in R.S. 40:1060.11.
- “Forensic medical examination (FME)” has the same meaning as defined in R.S. 15:622, which is an examination provided to the survivor of a sexually-oriented criminal offense by a healthcare provider for the purpose of gathering and preserving evidence of a sexual assault for use in a court of law.
- “Healthcare provider” means either of the following:
 - (a) A physician, sexual assault nurse examiner, or other healthcare practitioner licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise authorized and trained to perform a forensic medical examination. See APPENDIX B for training guidance.
 - (b) A facility or institution providing healthcare services, including, but not limited to, a hospital or other licensed inpatient center; ambulatory surgical or treatment center; skilled nursing facility; inpatient hospice facility; residential treatment center; diagnostic, laboratory, or imaging center or rehabilitation or other therapeutic health setting.
- “Healthcare services” means services, items, supplies, or drugs for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, or disease ancillary to a sexually-oriented criminal offense.
- “Sexual assault collection kit” includes all evidence collected during a forensic medical examination.
- “Unreported sexual assault collection kit” means a sexual assault collection kit where a law enforcement agency has not received a related report or complaint alleging that a sexual assault has occurred.

B. Healthcare Services for Survivors of Sexually Oriented Criminal Offenses

In OPH Region 9, all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers shall offer every sexual assault survivor information to receive the treatment provided for in R.S. 1216.1, and a licensed hospital or healthcare provider shall adhere to the following procedures if a person presents for treatment as a sexual assault survivor (per ACT No. 289, 2025 Regular Session):

1. Sexual assault patients should be ***viewed as “priority emergency cases”*** in Region 9. All sexual assault survivors shall be examined and treated, without undue delay, in a private space required to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the survivor by a qualified healthcare provider. In Region 9, the survivor should not be left alone, if at all possible.
2. Examination and treatment, including the forensic medical examination, shall be adapted as necessary to address the unique needs and circumstances of each survivor.
3. ***A sign language or foreign language interpreter*** must be made available to be present during medical and advocacy services in the ER. A language line, though not ideal, is an acceptable alternative to a language interpreter being present in the ER.
4. A SA/Rape Crisis Advocate – All survivors shall be afforded an advocate whose communications are privileged, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 46:2187, if one is available. With the consent of the survivor, an advocate shall remain in the examination room during the forensic medical examination. In Region 9, all sexual assault advocates should be trained and should pass a background check through their respective agencies. See APPENDIX B for training guidance.
5. With the consent of the survivor, the examination and treatment of all sexual assault survivors shall, at a minimum, include all of the following:
 - (a) Examination of physical trauma.
 - (b) Patient interview, including medical history, triage, and consultation.
 - (c) Collection and evaluation of evidence, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (i) Photographic documentation.
 - (ii) Preservation and maintenance of chain of custody.
 - (iii) Medical specimen collection.
 - (iv) When determined necessary by the healthcare provider, an alcohol- and drug-facilitated sexual assault assessment and toxicology screening.

- (d) Any testing related to the sexual assault or recommended by the healthcare provider.
- (e) Any medication provided during the forensic medical examination, which may include emergency contraception and HIV or STI prophylaxis.

6. **Reporting:** A survivor shall decide whether or not the incident will be reported to law enforcement officials. No hospital or healthcare provider shall require the survivor to report the incident to receive medical attention or collect evidence.

EXCEPTIONS TO REPORTING:

- *If a person under the age of 18 years presents for treatment as a sexual assault survivor, the hospital or healthcare provider shall **immediately notify** the appropriate law enforcement agency or any other official necessary to fulfill any mandatory reporting obligation required by law. (§14:403 Criminal; Art. 610, 609 and 603 Louisiana Children’s Code)*
- *If a survivor is physically or mentally incapable of making the decision to report, the hospital or healthcare provider shall **immediately notify** the appropriate law enforcement officials.*

7. **Notification of Law Enforcement:**

- If the survivor **wishes to report** the incident to law enforcement, the hospital or healthcare provider shall contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. Although legislation states to contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the crime occurred, in **OPH Region 9**, the hospital or healthcare provider shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the parish of the hospital where the healthcare provider performed the FME and shall coordinate the transfer of the evidence with the law enforcement agency in a manner designed to protect its evidentiary integrity. Also, per legislation, if the location where the crime occurred cannot be determined, the hospital or healthcare provider shall contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the forensic medical examination is performed to determine the appropriate investigating agency. (See p.18 - Evidence Chain of Custody and law enforcement jurisdictions.)

- If the survivor ***does not wish to report*** the incident to law enforcement, the hospital or healthcare provider shall, upon completion of the FME, contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the FME was performed to transfer possession of the unreported sexual assault collection kit for storage. (See p.18-Evidence Chain of Custody and law enforcement jurisdictions)
- The hospital or healthcare provider staff member who notifies the appropriate law enforcement official shall document the date, time, and method of notification, as well as the name of the official who received the notification.
- Any member of the hospital staff or a healthcare provider who in good faith notifies the appropriate law enforcement official shall have immunity from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed because of the notification. Immunity shall extend to participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from the report.
- On or before January 1 of each year, each law enforcement agency shall provide each hospital located in its respective jurisdiction with the name of the responsible contact person along with the responsible person's contact information.

8. ***Forensic Medical Examinations***

Hospitals and healthcare providers shall follow the procedures outlined in R.S. 40:1216.1 for performing an FME for a survivor who *does not* wish to report the incident to law enforcement officials; for a survivor who *does* wish to report the incident to law enforcement; for a child survivor under age 18 years; and for a survivor who is physically or mentally incapable of making the decision to report.

- No hospital or healthcare provider shall refuse to examine and assist a survivor on the grounds the alleged offense occurred outside of, or the survivor is not a resident of, the jurisdiction.
- Upon completion of the FME, if the ***survivor wishes to report*** the incident to law enforcement, then the sexual assault collection kit shall be turned over to the investigating law enforcement agency. The healthcare provider shall enter all required information into the statewide sexual assault collection kit tracking system operated by the Office of State Police, pursuant to R.S. 15:624.1. See Chain of Custody of Evidence on p. 18.

- Upon completion of the FME, if the *survivor does not wish to report* the incident to law enforcement, then the hospital or healthcare provider shall contact the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the location where the FME was performed to transfer possession of the unreported sexual assault collection kit for storage. See Chain of Custody of Evidence on p. 18.
 - The unreported sexual assault collection kit shall not be identified or labeled with the survivor's identifying information.
 - The hospital or healthcare provider shall maintain a record of the sexual assault collection kit number in the survivor's record that shall be used for identification, should the survivor later choose to report the incident.
 - The healthcare provider shall provide all required information by the statewide sexual assault collection kit tracking system operated by the Office of State Police, pursuant to R.S. 15:624.1.

NOTE: The statewide sexual assault collection kit tracking system shall:

1. Track the location status of the kits throughout the criminal justice process, including the initial collection performed at medical facilities, receipt and storage at law enforcement agencies, receipt and analysis at forensic laboratories, and storage or destruction after completion of analysis.
2. Designate sexual assault collection kits as unreported or reported.
3. Indicate whether a sexual assault collection kit contains biological materials collected for the purpose of forensic toxicological analysis.
4. Allow medical facilities performing sexual assault forensic examinations, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, the Louisiana State Police, Crime Laboratory, all other forensic crime laboratories in the state, and other entities having custody of sexual assault collection kits to update and track the status and location of sexual assault collection kits.
5. Allow survivors of sexual assault to anonymously track or receive updates regarding the status of their sexual assault collection kits.
6. Use electronic technology allowing continuous access.

- The collected FME/sexual assault collection kits should be stored in a secure location in the hospital or medical facility that ensures proper chain of custody until the evidence is transferred to the law enforcement agency.
 - No sexual assault collection kit shall remain at a hospital or medical facility if the hospital or medical facility is unable to store the sexual assault kit in a secure location that ensures proper chain of custody. See Chain of Custody of Evidence on p. 18.
- A healthcare provider working for a coroner's office may store the sexual assault collection kit in a secure location maintained by the coroner.

9. ***Post-Examination, Emergency Contraception, and Follow-up Care***

- Forensic medical examiners are responsible for documenting the details of the medical forensic exam and treatment provided in the medical record, as well as documenting required data for the SA collection kit. All forms should be checked for completeness of information and signatures.
- The survivor shall be provided with information about **emergency contraception**, and the treating healthcare provider shall inform the survivor of the option to be provided emergency contraception at the hospital or healthcare facility, and, upon the completion of a pregnancy test yielding a negative result, shall provide emergency contraception upon the request of the survivor.
 - The information about emergency contraception shall be developed and made available electronically to all licensed hospitals in this state through the Louisiana Department of Health's website and by paper form upon request to the department. (See APPENDIX D)
- The survivor shall be provided with information about medical billing. (See p. 20.)
- Assist the patient with coordination of aftercare, including follow-up medical appointments, counseling/mental health appointments, and transportation home or to a safe location.
- *Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis and Child Advocacy Centers* should be notified because they can provide advocacy, intervention, and support services to patients, families, hospitals/healthcare providers, and law enforcement. OPH Region 9 has three (3)

accredited Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centers and two Child Advocacy Centers.
(See p. 5 for list and chart below for services offered.)

Name	Region 9 Service Area(s)	Services
<p>Washington Parish Rape Crisis Center/ADAPT, Inc. (SAC)</p> <p>24/7 Crisis Hotline: 985-732-4961</p> <p>Phone: 985-735-0160 Fax: 985-735-0970</p>	<p><i>Washington, Tangipahoa, St. Helena Parishes</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hospital escort services ● Hospital and law enforcement survivor advocates ● Counseling Services ● Provide information about the legal process and monitors case progress through court system ● Louisiana Crime Survivors Reparations application process assistance
<p>STAR (Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response) (SAC)</p> <p>24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1-855-435-STAR (7827)</p> <p>Capital Area phone: 225-615-7093 Greater New Orleans phone: 504-407-0711</p>	<p><i>Livingston Parish</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hospital accompaniment for ≥ 6 years of age ● Case management services ● Criminal justice accompaniment ● Individual and group counseling ● Legal representation
<p>Metro Centers for Community Advocacy (SAC)</p> <p>24/7 Crisis Hotline: 504-837-5400 or 800-411-1333</p>	<p><i>St. Tammany Parish</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SANE FMEs at University Medical Center in N.O. ● Counseling Services ● Legal Advocacy to provide support and representation at court hearings and to assist survivors in filing a Petition for Protection and Temporary Restraining Order ● Temporary emergency sheltering ● Human Trafficking and Stalking Advocacy
<p>Hope House Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC)</p> <p>Phone: 985-892-3885 Fax: 985-892-3875</p>	<p><i>St. Tammany, Washington</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hospital Advocates for ages 3 yrs. to 17 yrs. ● Forensic interviews (by referral from law enforcement or child protective services) ● Individual, family, and group counseling services
<p>Child Advocacy Services (CAC)</p> <p>Hammond: 985-902-9583 or 800-798-1575 Fax: 985-345-4689</p> <p>Denham: 225-791-3136 Fax: 225-791-9162</p>	<p><i>St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Livingston</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forensic interviews (by referral from law enforcement or child protective services) ● Advocacy and referral to services ● Contract counseling providers
<p>LaFASA (Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assaults)</p> <p>24/7 Crisis Hotline (English and Spanish): 888-995-7273</p> <p>To text an advocate: 225-351-SAFE (7233) Mon. – Thurs. 12 p.m. -8 p.m. and Fri.-Sun. 4 p.m.- 12 a.m., with exception of holidays</p> <p>To chat online with an advocate: https://lafasa.org//7main/home Mon.- Thurs. 12 p.m. --8 p.m. and Fri.- Sun 4 p.m.- 12 a.m., with exception of holidays</p>	<p><i>Statewide</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chat and text helplines to converse with a trained crisis support specialist ● Survivor Advocacy Support ● University/Campus Advocacy Support assistance navigating university sexual violence response systems ● Digital Survivor Resource Center, including written materials (call 225-372-8995 for more information) ● Accreditation of Local Sexual Assault Centers ● Civil legal services <p><i>All assistance is strictly confidential, anonymous, and free.</i></p>

CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF EVIDENCE

➤ Submission of Sexual Assault Collection Kits to Law Enforcement - In OPH Region 9:

Hospitals and healthcare providers will coordinate the transfer of the evidence with the law enforcement agency in a manner designed to protect its evidentiary integrity.

- In OPH Region 9, the law enforcement agency shall retrieve from the hospital or healthcare provider the evidence *immediately, but no later than one (1) hour*, after receiving notification from the hospital or healthcare provider that evidence collection is complete and information is entered into the statewide SA collection kit tracking system. (NOTE: Although R.S.40:1216.1 states that the investigating law enforcement agency shall take possession of the SA collection kit within 72 hours upon notification of completion of the SA collection kit, in Region 9, there isn't a regional designated secure location to store the SA collection kits that ensures proper chain of custody, especially for that length of time. Therefore, the evidence retrieval time in Region 9 is within 1 hour.)
- If law enforcement is unable to pick up the evidence within the stated 1-hour timeframe, then:
 - The healthcare provider who performed the FME must place the evidence in a locked storage area in the ER, preferably accessible to only the key holder. When law enforcement arrives, the healthcare provider with the key to the locked storage area should sign for and retrieve the evidence and personally hands it to law enforcement (ideally).
 - A healthcare provider working for a coroner's office may store the sexual assault collection kit in a secure location maintained by the coroner.
- The healthcare provider who performed the FME must complete and sign the forensic chain of custody form. The form must include the signatures of everyone who has had possession of the evidence, and both signatures (one from the person releasing the evidence and the second from the person receiving it) are required for any transfer. The completed kits and completed collection forms should be handed over to law enforcement when they arrive.
- Upon arrival of law enforcement to the ER, custody of the evidence shall be transferred from the healthcare provider *to local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the parish in which the hospital or healthcare provider is located* (who will then be responsible for maintaining/transferring the evidence to the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the parish in which the crime occurred).

NOTE: City police respond within city limits and sheriffs respond in unincorporated areas.

DESIGNATED HOSPITALS/ERs	LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY JURISDICTION
Slidell Memorial Hospital-East (formerly Ochsner Medical Center – Northshore)	Slidell Police Department: 985-643-3131
Lakeview Hospital (formerly Lakeview Regional Medical Center)	St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office: 985-898-2338
St. Tammany Parish Hospital	Covington Police Department: 985-892-8500
Covington Trace Hospital and ER	St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office: 985-898-2338
Slidell Memorial Hospital	Slidell Police Department: 985-643-3131
Hood Memorial Hospital	Amite Police Department: 985-748-6169
Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center	Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office: 985-747-9696
North Oaks Medical Center	Hammond Police Department: 985-277-5700
Riverside Medical Center	Franklinton Police Department: 985-839-2977** (or 4474 or 4475)
Our Lady of the Angels	Bogalusa Police Department: 985-732-3611
St. Helena Parish Hospital	St. Helena Parish Sheriff’s Office: 225-222-4413
Our Lady of the Lake “stand-alone” ER	Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office: 225-686-2241
St. Tammany Parish Hospital “stand-alone” ER	Mandeville Police Department: 985-626-9711

➤ **Maintenance of Retrieved Sexual Assault Collection Kits**

- The law enforcement agency shall not destroy or dispose of an unreported sexual assault collection kit for a period of at least twenty (20) years after the FME was performed.
- If a healthcare provider working for a coroner’s office chooses to store an unreported sexual assault collection kit at a coroner’s office, the healthcare provider shall not destroy or dispose of an unreported sexual assault collection kit for a period of at least twenty (20) years after the FME was performed.

➤ **Submission of Sexual Assault Collection Kits to a Forensic Laboratory**

- Within thirty (30) days of receiving a sexual assault collection kit for a reported case, the criminal justice agency shall submit the sexual assault collection kit to a forensic laboratory for testing.

MEDICAL BILLING & PAYMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

1. No hospital or healthcare provider shall directly bill a survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense for any healthcare services rendered in conducting a forensic medical examination, including the healthcare services rendered. See #5 on p. 12 of this plan and the following:
 - Forensic examiner and hospital or healthcare facility services directly related to the exam, including integral forensic supplies.
 - Scope procedures directly related to the forensic exam, including, but not limited to, anoscopy and colposcopy.

2. The healthcare provider who performed the forensic medical exam and the hospital or healthcare facility shall submit a claim for payment for conducting a forensic medical exam directly to the Crime Survivor Reparations Board to be paid in strict accordance with the provisions of R.S. 46:1822. A survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense shall not be billed directly or indirectly for the performance of any forensic medical exam. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be interpreted or construed to apply to either of the following:
 - A healthcare provider billing for any medical services that are not specifically set forth in this Section or provided for diagnosis or treatment of the survivor for injuries related to the sexual assault.
 - A survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense seeking reparations in accordance with the Crime Victims Reparations Act, R.S. 46:1801 et seq. for the costs for any medical services that are not specifically set forth in this section or provided for the diagnosis or treatment of the survivor for injuries related to the sexual assault.

3. LDH shall make available to every hospital and healthcare provider licensed under the laws of this state a pamphlet containing an explanation of the billing process for services rendered.
 - Every hospital and healthcare provider shall provide a copy of the pamphlet (See APPENDIX C) to any person presented for treatment as a survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense.

SURVIVORS' ACCESS TO FME DOCUMENTATION

1. Upon request of a competent adult survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense, the healthcare provider who performed the forensic medical exam shall provide a reproduction of any written documentation, which is in the possession of the healthcare provider resulting from the forensic medical exam of the survivor. The documentation shall be provided to the survivor no later than fourteen (14) days after the healthcare provider receives the request or the healthcare provider completes the documentation, whichever is later.
2. The reproduction of written documentation shall be made available at no cost to the survivor and may only be released at the direction of the survivor who is a competent adult. This release does not invalidate the survivor's reasonable expectation of privacy nor does the record become a public record after the release to the survivor.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS

A sexual assault survivor shall have the following rights:

1. The right not to be prevented from, or charged for, receiving a forensic medical exam as provided in R.S. 40:1216.1.
2. The right to have an unreported sexual assault collection kit preserved, without charge, for at least twenty (20) years.
3. The right to be informed of any results, updates, status, location, and tracking as provided in R.S. 15:624.1.
4. The right to be informed in writing of policies governing the collection and preservation of a sexual assault collection kit.
5. The right to be informed in writing from the appropriate official not later than sixty (60) days before the date of the intended destruction or disposal of a sexual assault collection kit, and upon written request, the ability to be granted further preservation of the kit or its probative contents.
6. The right to be notified of the ability to request the presence of a sexual assault advocate before the administration of a forensic medical examination or a scheduled interview by a law enforcement official if a sexual assault advocate is reasonably available.
7. The right to have access to and obtain a copy of their forensic medical examination report at no cost to them pursuant to R.S. 40:1216.1(G).

8. The right not to be requested or required to submit to a polygraph examination as a condition of an investigation or prosecution as provided in R.S. 15:241.
9. The right to receive, at no cost, a copy of any records or investigative reports from law enforcement when those records are provided to the defendant through discovery or a year after the offense was reported, whichever is sooner.
10. The right to have privileged communications with a representative or employee of a sexual assault center as provided in R.S. 46:2187.
11. The right not to have the survivor’s DNA obtained from a sexual assault collection kit compared with other DNA records to investigate the survivor as provided in R.S. 15:622.1.
12. The right to retain any other rights that a survivor may have under any other law of this state.

Any complaint about a violation of this Section may be submitted directly to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children for legislative oversight.

(See APPENDIX C for the Sexual Assault Survivors’ Bill of Rights Pamphlet)

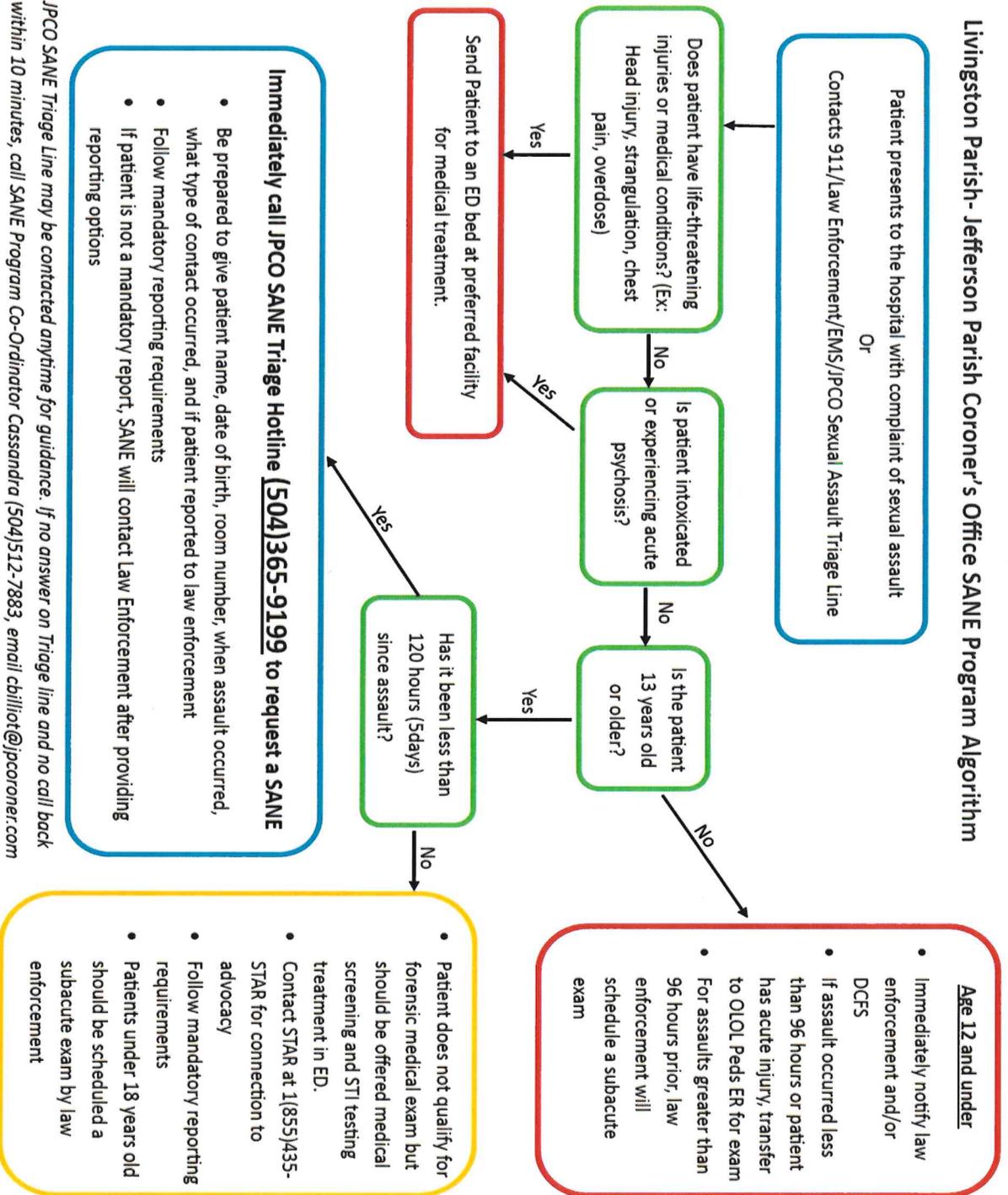
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FINAL NOTES:

- For hospitals, failure to comply with the standards in R.S. 40:1216.1 shall constitute grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of license.
- Also, failure to comply may constitute grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of the healthcare provider’s license by the appropriate licensing board or commission.
- The coroner shall implement, fulfill, and comply with all obligations, duties, and requirements imposed upon him by R.S. 40:1216.1 and by the regional sexual assault response plan approved for the coroner’s health service district pursuant thereto, which the coroner shall annually sign to indicate his approval pursuant to R.S.40:1216.1(E)(4) See APPENDIX G for coroners’ signatures.
- The Louisiana Legislative Auditor shall conduct an audit of sexual assault advocacy services, the sexual assault nurse examiners programs, the sexual assault regional plans, the availability of sexual assault forensic medical exams, and sexual assault services funding in the state. (Per ACT No. 289, 2025 Regular Session)

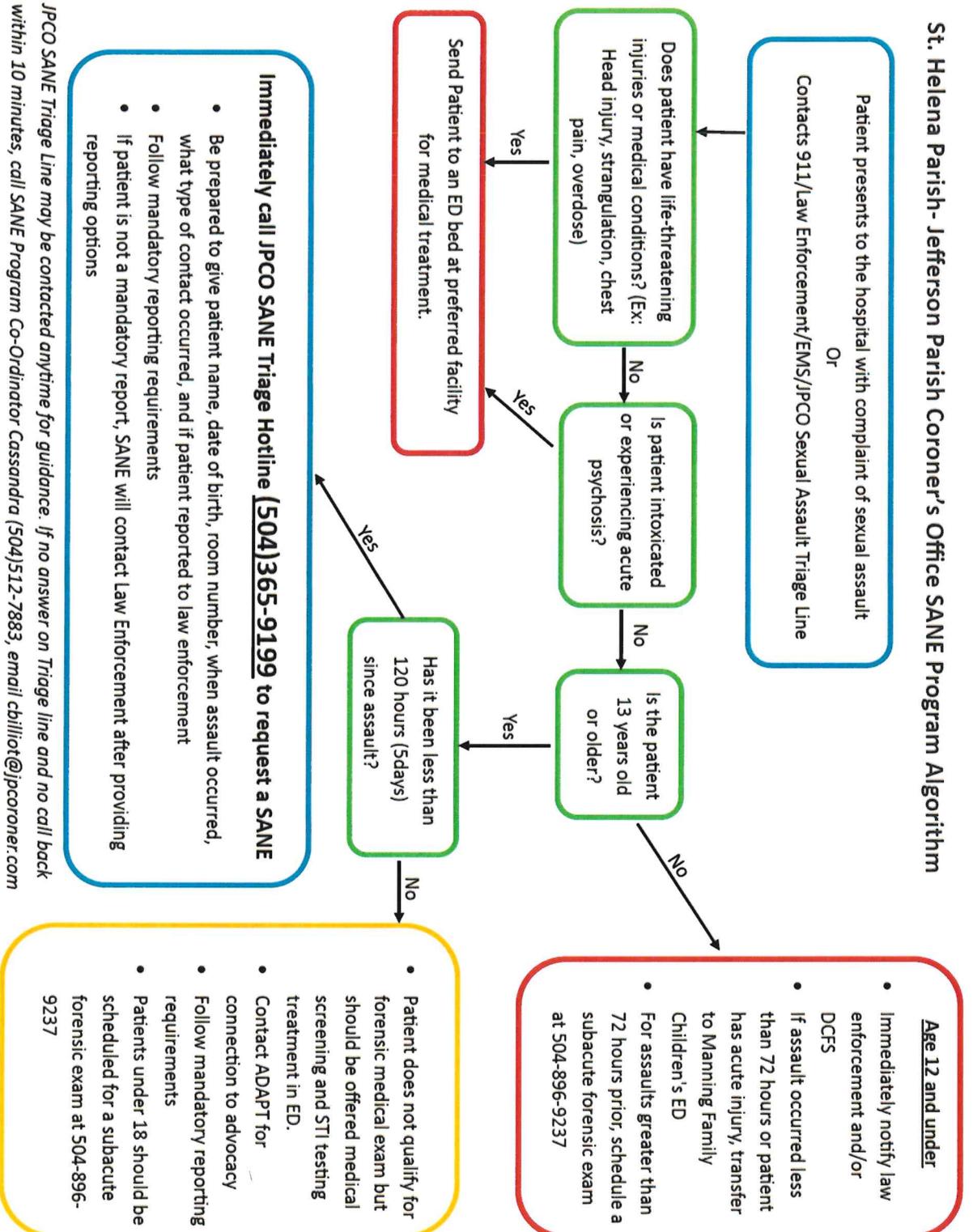
APPENDIX A: JPCO SANE PROGRAM ALGORITHMS

Livingston Parish- Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office SANE Program Algorithm



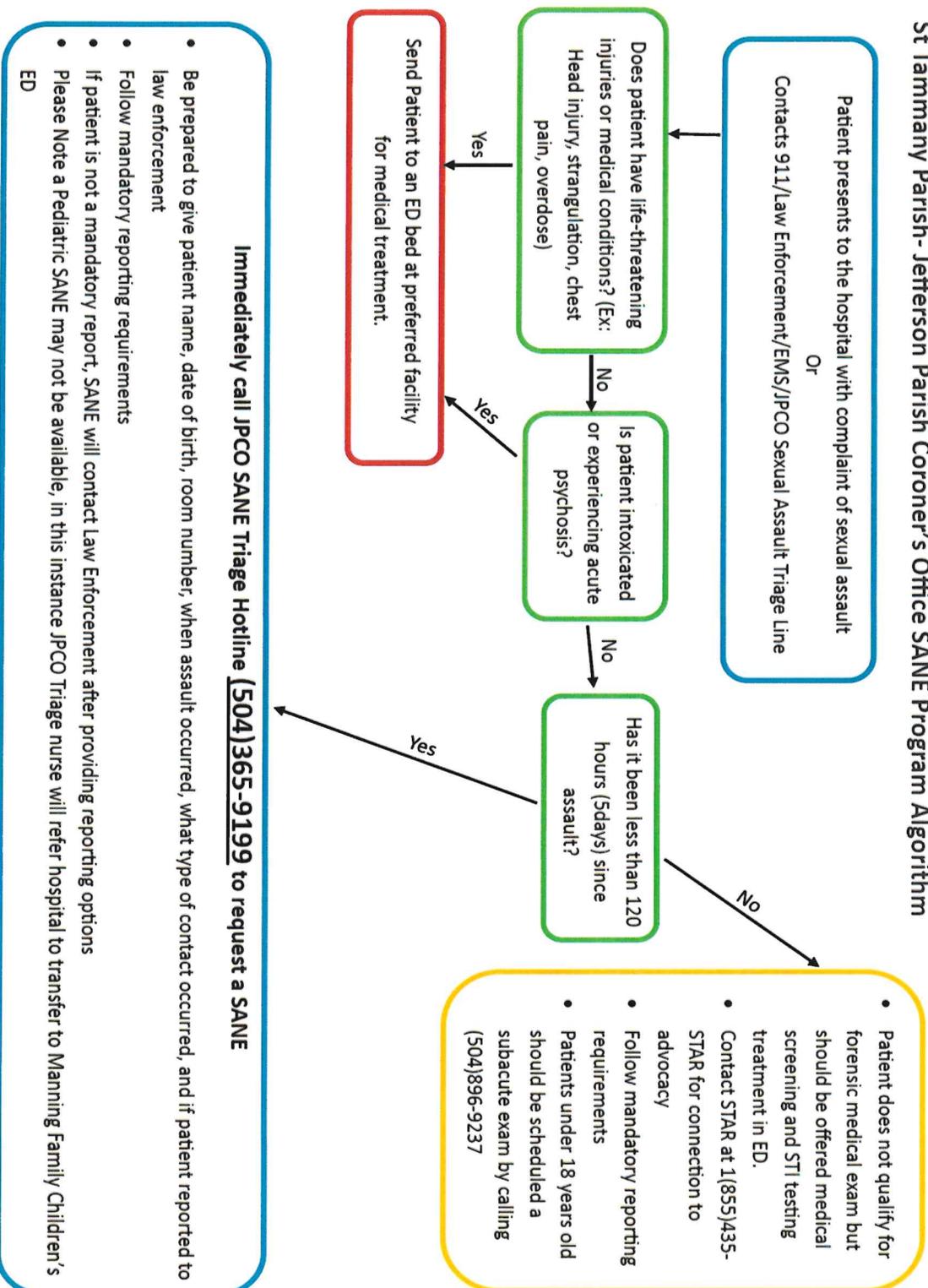
JPCO SANE Triage Line may be contacted anytime for guidance. If no answer on Triage line and no call back within 10 minutes, call SANE Program Co-Ordinator Cassandra (504)512-7883, email cbilliot@jpcoroner.com for feedback

St. Helena Parish- Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office SANE Program Algorithm



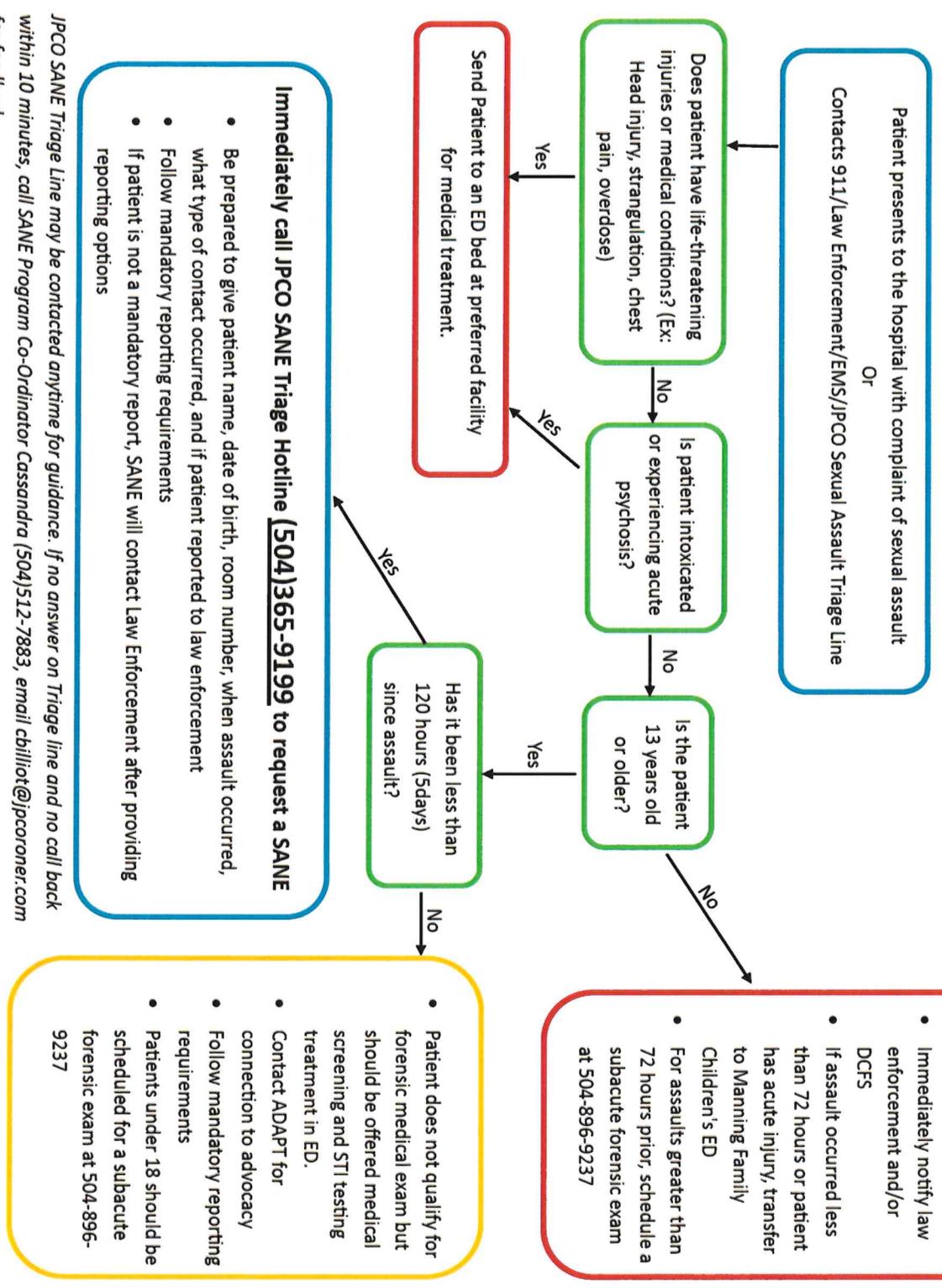
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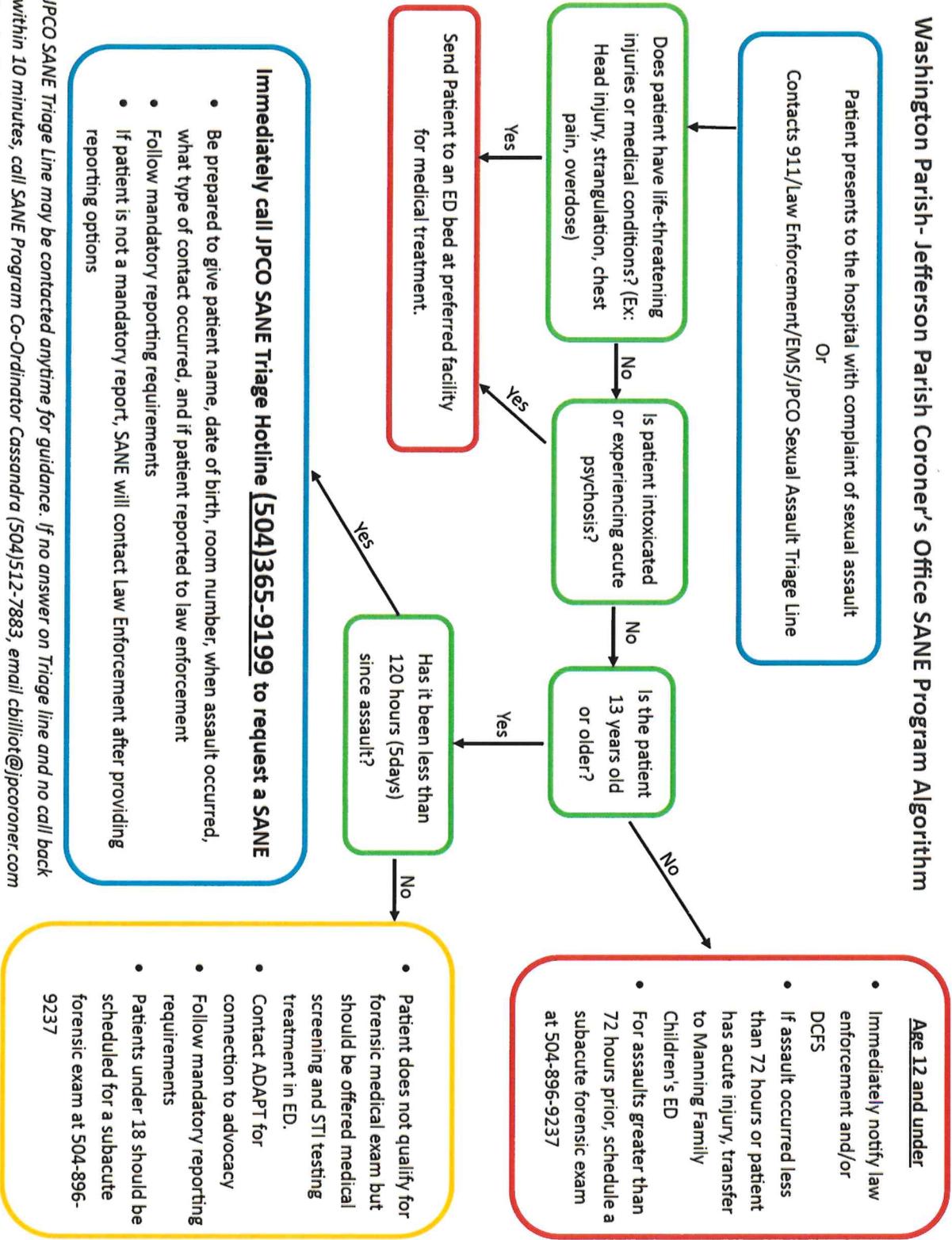
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Tangipahoa Parish- Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office SANE Program Algorithm



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Washington Parish - Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office SANE Program Algorithm



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APPENDIX B: FME TRAINING GUIDANCE FOR DESIGNATED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Trainings should include, but are not limited to, all sections of the annual OPH Region 9 SAR Plan (SA response resources and infrastructure; SA collection kits; FME standards and procedures; chain of custody of evidence; medical billing & payment standards and procedures; survivors' access to FME documentation; sexual assault survivor's bill of rights). Training requirements apply to staff in designated medical facilities who are newly hired, contracted, full-time and part-time and should take place upon hiring and then at least annually.

- **Designated medical facilities** should also ensure staff trainings on their respective current policies and procedures for the provision of timely, private, comprehensive, coordinated, survivor-centered medical services, referrals, and follow-up care to adult, adolescent, and child survivors of sexual assault and for the appropriate billing of applicable medical services/FMEs so that SA survivors are never billed
- **Designated healthcare providers** from any discipline providing sexual assault FMEs should also be trained on conducting a SA interview/history and FME, and on the collection, documentation, preservation, and chain of custody of physical evidence. Training should also include use of all equipment and supplies required during the exam, including the SA collection kit contents, medical lab diagnostics and drug testing, medication prophylaxis treatment.
 - **Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE)**: Registered nurses who have completed specialized education and hands on clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or abuse. SANEs provide patient-centered, comprehensive forensic medical exams, which may include forensic evidence collection and documentation; perform referrals for appropriate medical and psychosocial follow-up; and are also prepared to testify in a criminal or civil trial as a fact or expert witness.
 - To become a SANE, one must practice clinically as a Registered Nurse (RN) for no less than two years, complete a didactic SANE course, and complete clinical education and preceptorship as outlined in the most current edition of the *International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) Education Guidelines*. Also,

at least 12 contact hours of relevant continuing education must be obtained annually.

- To become certified as a SANE-A® (SANE Adult/Adolescent) &/or SANE-P® (SANE Pediatric), a SANE must meet the eligibility requirements and must also pass the certification written exam developed by the IAFN Forensic Nursing Certification Board and the Center for Nursing Education and Testing. Also, at least 12 contact hours of relevant continuing education must be obtained annually.
- ***Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFEs)*** are physicians and licensed registered nurses, advanced practice nurse practitioners, and physicians' assistants who have completed specialized education and hands on clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or abuse.
- **Sexual Assault (Survivors') Advocates** should receive a minimum of 40 hours of sexual assault advocacy training provided by LAFASA, along with any designated parish approved course(s). National certification for sexual assault advocates is available through the National Advocate Credentialing Program. The NACP pre-approved training list can be found at <https://www.thenacp.org>. In addition, advocate training should also include human trafficking (i.e. The NHTTAC or National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center's free training at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/training/soar-health-and-wellness-training/soar-online>). Advocates should be trained to provide survivors with confidential, non-judgmental, calm emotional support; to provide crisis intervention when survivors arrive for treatment; to assist survivors in understanding the medical and evidence collection procedures, as well as medical and legal options; to provide support to family members and friends; to provide accompaniment through the legal system; and to provide relevant information and community resources. Also, they should be trained in the policies and procedures of the local hospitals to which they respond.

APPENDIX C: SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OPH/Sexual-Assault-Survivors-Bill-of-Rights--6.12.25.pdf>

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS'

Bill of Rights



April 2025

The State of Louisiana's Responsibility to All Survivors:

- Support survivors in their decision to report or not report the incident to law enforcement.
- Not require survivors to report the incident to receive medical attention or collect evidence.
- Notify law enforcement if the survivor is under 18 or is physically or mentally incapable of making the decision to report.
- Ensure survivors are examined and treated without undue delay.
- Provide a private space to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of survivors.
- Adapt the Forensic Medical Examination (FME) to meet the unique needs and circumstances of each patient.
- Provide survivors an advocate.
 - Advocate's communications are privileged.
 - The advocate shall remain in the room during the FME with consent from the patient.

What is Included in a Forensic Medical Examination (FME)?

With the consent of the survivor:

- An examination of physical trauma.
- A patient interview, including medical history, triage, and consultation.
- Collection and evaluation of evidence, including but not limited to:
 - Photographic documentation.
 - Preservation and maintenance of chain of custody.
 - Medical specimen collection.
- If necessary, an alcohol or drug-facilitated sexual assault assessment and toxicology screening, as determined by the healthcare provider (HCP).
- Any testing related to the sexual assault or recommended by the HCP.
- Any medication provided during the FME, which may include emergency contraception (EC), HIV, or STI prophylaxis.

What Happens to my FME Kit Afterwards?

If you choose to report:

- When the FME is complete, the hospital or healthcare provider (HCP) will contact the appropriate law enforcement agency (LEA) with jurisdiction over the crime location.
- If the location cannot be determined, the hospital or HCP will contact the LEA where the FME is performed.
- Law enforcement has 72 hours to take possession of the sexual assault kit upon completion notification. Until pickup, it will be stored in a secure location.
- *No sexual assault kit will remain at a hospital or medical facility if it cannot be stored securely to ensure proper chain of custody.*

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS

What Happens to my FME Kit Afterwards (Cont.)?

If you do not choose to report:

- The hospital or HCP will contact the LEA with jurisdiction over the FME location to transfer possession of the unreported sexual assault kit for storage.
- The kit will not be labeled with a survivor's identifying information. The hospital or HCP will maintain a record of the kit number for future identification, should the survivor later choose to report.
- The HCP will provide all necessary information to the statewide tracking system operated by the Louisiana State Police.
- *The LEA or Coroner's office shall not destroy or dispose of an unreported sexual assault kit for at least twenty years after the FME.*

You Will Not be Billed for FME-Related Services.

- No hospital or HCP can bill a survivor of a sexually oriented criminal offense for any healthcare services rendered in conducting an FME.
- Crime Victim Reparations Board (CVRB):
 - If you receive a bill for non-covered medical services other than the forensic medical exam, you may be able to have the bills paid by the Crime Victims Reparations Board. For more information about covered costs or how to apply, visit www.lcle.state.la.us/programs/cvr.asp or call (888) 6-VICTIM (888-684-2846).

Emergency Contraception (EC)

- Survivors will be provided with information about emergency contraception through the Louisiana Department of Health's website or by paper form upon request.
- The treating HCP will inform survivors of the option to receive emergency contraception at the hospital or healthcare facility (HCF) and, upon a negative pregnancy test result, will provide emergency contraception if requested.
 - Note: Emergency contraception refers only to drugs approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Access your Region's Plan:

- Scan the QR code or click the link below to access and learn more about your region's Sexual Assault Response Plan.
- <https://ldh.la.gov/page/sexual-assault-response-plans>



APPENDIX D: LDH EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION INFORMATION

<https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/OPH/Emergency-Contraception-Information-6.9.25.pdf>

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

What you need to know



2025

If you've experienced a forced or coerced sexual encounter, you have the right to emergency contraception (EC). It should be offered to you when you visit an emergency department or healthcare facility for medical care.

You can receive emergency contraception whether or not you choose to report the assault to law enforcement or have a Forensic Medical Exam (FME). The choice is always yours.

Your Emergency Contraception Options

Emergency Contraceptive Pills

- **Levonorgestrel (Plan B or "morning-after pill")**
 - This pill works by preventing or delaying ovulation. It is most effective when taken within 3–5 days after unprotected sex and can reduce the risk of pregnancy by up to 50–90%.
- **Ulipristal Acetate (Ella)**
 - This pill also prevents or delays ovulation and may prevent a fertilized egg from implanting. It may be more effective than Plan B, especially for people who weigh between 165–195 pounds. It is also best taken within 3–5 days.

Copper Intrauterine Device (IUD)

This is the most effective form of emergency contraception—close to 100% effective. It is not usually offered in the emergency room but may still be an option. Talk to your provider if you'd like to learn more about this method.

Before You Decide...

If your pregnancy test is negative, your healthcare provider can discuss available emergency contraception options with you. Emergency contraception does not work if you are already pregnant. Oral emergency contraception is not an abortion pill.

Know Your Rights

Scan the QR code or click the link below to access Louisiana's Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and your region's Sexual Assault Response Plan.

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/sexual-assault-response-plans>



APPENDIX E: PLANNING MEETING NOTICES & LIST OF INVITEES

1. Region 9 Coroners' Email Planning Meeting Notice and Invitees

From:	Gina Laqarde
To:	"ronaldcoemd@gmail.com" ; "rfoster9988@gmail.com" ; "jwvarnado@yahoo.com" ; "jwvarnado.iv@gmail.com" ; "christophertape@gmail.com" ; "Casama777@gmail.com" ; "ctape@stpcoroner.org" ; "drcasama365@gmail.com"
Subject:	Annual Region 9 SAR Planning Meeting--October 1st
Date:	Monday, September 15, 2025 1:22:39 PM
Attachments:	Region 9 2025 SARP Final (003).pdf ACT 267 [2025 Legis Session].pdf ACT 289 -- [2025 Legis Session].pdf Senate Resolution No. 144 [2025 Legis Session].pdf LSA-R.S. 401216.1.pdf
Importance:	High

Good Afternoon Drs. Coe, Varnado, Tape, Foster, and Casama,
I have [reserved Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @ 10:00 am](#) as the date for our annual regional SAR planning meeting (Zoom). This date was one that worked best for JPCO coroner and SANEs. Your participation in the meeting is essential to ensure compliance with RS 40:1216.1. I plan to host the meeting by zoom to maximize participation. Also, if you are unable to participate in the ZOOM meeting, then please assign a designee to participate in the meeting who will have the authority to make recommendations and to approve changes to the plan on your behalf (during the meeting). If a designee is assigned, then please email to me his/her name by COB Friday, September 26th. Please note that you all must sign off on the 2026 plan that will be submitted, per ACT 354 (2024 Regular Session).

I have attached a copy of our current, approved OPH Region 9 2025 SAR Plan and new 2025 legislation regarding sexual assaults for your review prior to the meeting. I am currently updating the attached plan to ensure compliance with legislation from the 2025 regular legislative session. I will forward to you the 2026 draft with updates, but I ask that you all review the document and submit to me your comments, concerns, recommendations, edits, etc. by COB September 26th. Or, please feel free to call me (see highlighted number below in my signature) for any questions, concerns, recommendations, edits, etc.

The Zoom meeting details are as follows:
TOPIC: OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting, 2025
DATE/TIME: October 1, 2025/ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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URL:

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Please feel free to reach out to me prior to the meeting to discuss any questions, concerns and/or recommendations to the plan that will be presented at the meeting. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and to speaking with you all.
Please acknowledge receipt of this email with a read receipt or with a direct reply.
Sincerely,

2. Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office (JPCO) Email Planning Meeting Notice and Invitees

From: [Gina Lagarde](#)
To: "DRGERRY@jpcoroner.com"; "cbilliot@jpcoroner.com"; "mdankert@jpcoroner.com"
Subject: Annual Region 9 SAR (Sexual Assault Response) Planning Meeting--October 1st
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025 1:45:53 PM
Attachments: [Region 9 2025 SARP Final \(003\).pdf](#)
[ACT 267 \[2025 Legis Session\].pdf](#)
[ACT 289 -- \[2025 Legis Session\].pdf](#)
[Senate Resolution No. 144 \[2025 Legis Session\].pdf](#)
[LSA-R.S. 401216.1.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Dr. Cvitanovich, Cassandra, and Mary Ann,

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TOPIC: OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting, 2025

DATE/TIME: October 1, 2025/ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central time

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mobile:

Meeting <https://ldhophbrcoregion9regofcleadership.zoom.us/j/98371801294>

URL:

Meeting 983 7180 1294

ID:

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I have attached a copy of our current OPH Region 9 2025 SAR Plan and new 2025 legislation regarding sexual assaults for your review prior to the meeting. *Please email to me your comments, concerns, and/or recommended edits/updates to the attached plan by COB Friday, September 26th*, if possible. Also, feel free to call me with your concerns/recommendations. I look forward to seeing you in our meeting.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gina Lagarde

3. Other SAR Partners – Email Planning Meeting Notice Template and Invitees

- *Template*

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Sincerely,
Dr. Gina Lagarde

- *Invitees*

- o Sheriffs and Staff

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 2:28 PM
To: 'jard@lpsa.org'; 'Clay.chutz@sthso.org'; 'Randysmith@stpso.com'; 'stickerg@tpso.org'; 'jsmith@wpsa.la.gov'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
Attachments: Region 9 2025 SARP_Final (003).pdf; ACT 267 [2025 Legis Session].pdf; ACT 289 -- [2025 Legis Session].pdf; Senate Resolution No. 144 [2025 Legis Session].pdf; LSA-R.S. 401216.1.pdf
Importance: High

Good Afternoon Sheriffs Ard, Chutz, Smith, Sticker, and Smith,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:52 PM
To: 'bbourgeois@lpsa.org'; 'laurie.sibley@sthso.org'; 'georgecox@stpso.com'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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- o Chiefs of Police and Staff

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:38 PM
To: 'rfandal@slidellpd.com'; 'dseuzeneau@slidellpd.com'; 'tschliem@cityofmandeville.com'; 'mferrell@covla.com'; 'btyrney@townofmadisonville.org'; 'sbruhi@folsompd.org'; 'jsessions@pearlriverpolice.com'; 'james.smith@bogalusa.org'; 'jbrown@tofpd.com'; 'angiecityhall@bellsouth.net'; 'ladams@itsfast.net'; 'bergeron_ej@hammond.org'; 'edwardsf@independencepd.org'; 'lfrancois@amitepd.com'; 'tickfawpd@bellsouth.net'; 'staff@roselandpolice.com'; 'michael.kazerooni@kentwoodla.org'; 'chief@ponchatoulapolice.com'; 'jjones@townofspringfield.org'; 'daddison@walkerpd.org'; 'rdufrene@townoflivingston.com'; 'boyd.wild@albanyla.gov'; 'chief@fspd-la.gov'; 'rwalker@dspd.net'; 'killiantownhall@eatel.net'; 'chief@portvincent-la.gov'; 'ced.burise@greensburgpolice.org'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Police Chiefs,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:43 PM
To: 'dseuzeneau@slidellpd.com'; 'mcast@townofmadisonville.org'; 'jgermann@pearlriverpolice.com'; 'ddean@pearlriverpolice.com'; 'rogers_sm@hammond.org'; 'jane.wickham@kentwoodla.org'; 'jmiller@ponchatoulapolice.com'; 'dmicin@walkerpd.org'; 'bvilleneuve@walkerpd.org'; 'austin.jones@albanyla.gov'; 'lee.carmona@greensburgpolice.org'; 'gherrington@amitepd.com'; 'sslaven@amitepd.com'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Law Enforcement Partners,

o Crime Lab

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:34 PM
To: AlisonChampagne@stpso.com; Bridget Depew (DPS); Carie Whittington
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

o EMS/First Responders

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:32 PM
To: 'dmeche@acadian.com'; 'tjacobsen@acadian.com'; 'Williams9613@bellsouth.net'; 'FD4EMSDivision@Mandevillefire.com'; 'CKaufmann@Slidellfire.org'; 'MParish@Pearlriverfire.org'; 'Mgeissler@stfd3.com'; 'Vincent Trabona'; 'dwilson@acadian.com'; 'lwilliams@nsems.net'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening EMS Partners,

o Hospitals

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:06 AM
To: Chuck.spicer@fmlhs.org; benjamin.richaud@lcmchealth.org; suttonm@northoaks.org; nawan@shhosp.org; mwhittington@hoodmemorial.com; lbruhl@lsuhsc.edu; Sandy.Badinger@ochsner.org; JCOffman@stph.org; JimmySeibert@rmchospital.com; Darrelllavender@rmchospital.com; Brian.Galofaro@fmlhs.org; mbernard@covingtonhospital.com; Jacques.Guillot@lcmchealth.org; PeltierR@northoaks.org; mrehma@lsuhsc.edu; ptorcson@stph.org; charlane.liles@ochsner.org; robinfabre@rmchospital.com; dflynn@covingtonhospital.com; vhirsc@lsuhsc.edu; mark.kellar@oloah.org; mark.kellar@fmlhs.org; todda@hoodmemorial.com; jennifer.schmidt@hcahealthcare.com; Jennifer.schmidt@lcmchealth.org; TarynHill@rmchospital.com; ray.holmes@ochsner.org; kmilton@stph.org; Rineyk@northoaks.org; Elizabeth.garbo@fmlhs.org; cambreb@northoaks.org; bleonhard@stph.org; NealE@northoaks.org
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Importance: High

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 8:18 AM
To: BDillon@rmchospital.com; PSullivan@rmchospital.com; jmartin@ololsh.com; ssherman@shhosp.org; jhowell@shhosp.org; smeade@lsuhsc.edu; cingram@stph.org; kmilton@stph.org; mcollette@stph.org; dtoups@stph.org; jstphilip@stph.org; brogers@stph.org; mcollett@stph.org; abouton@stph.org; jill.breazeale@fmlhs.org; Sybil.cotten@fmlhs.org; janice.augustine@fmlhs.org; kelo.landry@lcmchealth.org; hamilton.dolese@lcmchealth.org; ginnamurphy@southeastmc.com; bbalado@hoodmemorial.com; rartigues@hoodmemorial.com; ybertaut@ochsner.org; Michael.guillot@ochsner.org; Jason.wilson@ochsner.org; bbenton@ochsner.org; William.freeman@pepaem.com; peggy.shirley@pemmanagement.com; michelle.aucoin@pemmanagement.com; ross.daray@pemmanagement.com; Mark Watson
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

o Higher Education

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:30 PM
To: 'william.wainwright@southeastern.edu'; 'carmen.bray@southeastern.edu'; 'andrea.anderson@southeastern.edu'; 'yazmyn.smith@southeastern.edu'; 'slucc@southeastern.edu'; 'jimcarlson@northshorecollege.edu'; 'frankfudesco@northshorecollege.edu'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Higher Education Partners,

o School Boards/Schools

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:00 PM
To: 'stephen.link@lpsb.org'; 'jody.purvis@lpsb.org'; 'lchaney@sthp-12.net'; 'Kjoseph@sthp-12.net'; 'Matthew.Greene@stpsb.org'; 'Frank.Jabbia@stpsb.org'; 'tom.tolar@tangischools.org'; 'melissa.stilley@tangischools.org'; 'lesley.mckinley@wpsb.info'; 'Jennifer.thomas@wpsb.info'; 'Pkates@bogschools.org'; 'Bhurst@bogschools.org'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening School Board Presidents and Superintendents of Schools ,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:17 PM
To: 'kmcgehee@bogschools.org'; 'tricia.smith@wpsb.info'; 'Jennifer.Wilkinson@lpsb.org'; 'verna.thompson@tangischools.org'; 'Neely.Estrade@stpsb.org'
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Importance: High

Good Evening Parish School Nurse Partners,

o Sexual Assault Advocacy Organizations and Children's Advocacy Centers

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 6:35 PM
To: 'Rrainey@mccagno.org'; 'Rfornea@adaptwp.org'; 'Morgan.lamandre@star.ngo'; 'Rcarlisle@childadv.net'; 'jhenderson@childadv.net'; 'Thomas@cachepehouse.org'; 'Rafael@lafasa.org'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Advocacy Partners,

o District Attorneys

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 4:56 PM
To: 'sperrilloux@21jdda.org'; 'amonistere@21jdda.org'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening District Attorney Perrilloux and Assistant District Attorney Monistere,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:35 PM
To: 'mbreaux@22da.com'; 'kearias@22da.com'; 'eauthement@22da.com'; 'dwfreese@22da.com'; 'woleary@22da.com'; 'jconley@22da.com'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening DA Sims, Asst. DA Freese, and Asst. DA Menard,

o Additional SAR Partners

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:19 PM
To: Sheila Bordes; Heather Gagliano; Julia Haverkamp; Latonyette Thompson; Diane Lewis (OPH); Connie Smith; Dawanda Thompson
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:44 PM
To: 'mizellb@legis.la.gov'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Senator Mizell,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:44 PM
To: Yvette Legendre
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Good Evening Yvette Legendre,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 5:42 PM
To: 'yguerin@stpcoroner.org'
Subject: Invitation to the Annual OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Planning Meeting -- October 1st
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Importance: High

Good Evening Mr. Guerin,

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:27 PM
To: Jennifer O'Quinn; richard.kramer@fphsa.org; Schoener Laprairie; paulthibodeaux.WPCO.LA@gmail.com; mekab@safelouisiana.org; kristig@safelouisiana.org; atetreau@nsems.net; Keith Peek; Martha Hennegan (Martha.Hennegan@LA.GOV)
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4. Email Reminder Notice and Recipients

- *Template*

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I have attached a draft copy of the 2026 OPH Region 9 SAR Plan for your review prior to the meeting. Also, for easy reference, I have attached a copy of our current OPH Region 9 2025 SAR Plan, ACT No. 267, ACT No. 289, and Senate Resolution No. 144.

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- *Invitees*

Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 10:24 PM
To: ronaldcoemd@gmail.com; rfoster9988@gmail.com; jwvarnado@yahoo.com; jwvarnado.jv@gmail.com; christophertape@gmail.com; Casama777@gmail.com; ctape@stpccoroner.org; drcasama365@gmail.com; DRGERRY@jpcoroner.com; cbilliot@jpcoroner.com; mdankert@jpcoroner.com; jard@lpso.org; Clay.chutz@sthso.org; Randysmith@stpso.com; stickerg@tpso.org; jsmith@wpsola.gov; bbourgeois@lpso.org; laurie.sibley@sthso.org; georgecox@stpso.com; sperrilloux@21jdda.org; amonistere@21jdda.org; mbreaux@22da.com; kearias@22da.com; eauthement@22da.com; dwfreese@22da.com; woleary@22da.com; jconley@22da.com; AlisonChampagne@stpso.com; Bridget Depew (DPS); Carie Whittington; yguerin@stpccoroner.org; Yvette Legendre; dmeche@acadian.com; tjacobsen@acadian.com; Williams9613@bellsouth.net; FD4EMSDivision@Mandevillefire.com; CKaufmann@Slidellfire.org; MParish@Pearlriverfire.org; Mgeissler@stfd3.com; Vincent Trabona; dwilson@acadian.com; lwilliams@nsems.net; Laura White; stephen.link@lpsb.org; jody.purvis@lpsb.org; lchaney@sthp-12.net; Kjoseph@sthp-12.net; Matthew.Greene@stpsb.org; Frank.Jabbia@stpsb.org; tom.tolar@tangischools.org; melissa.stilley@tangischools.org; lesley.mckinley@wpsb.info; Jennifer.thomas@wpsb.info; Pkates@bogschools.org; Bhurst@bogschools.org; kmcgehee@bogschools.org; tricia.smith@wpsb.info; Jennifer.Wilkinson@lpsb.org; verna.thompson@tangischools.org; Nicole.SantaCruz@stpsb.org; william.wainwright@southeastern.edu; carmen.bray@southeastern.edu; andrea.anderson@southeastern.edu; yazmyn.smith@southeastern.edu; slucc@southeastern.edu; jimcarlson@northshorecollege.edu; frankfudesco@northshorecollege.edu; Rainey@mccagno.org; Rfornea@adaptwp.org; Morgan.lamandre@star.ngo; Rcarlisle@childadv.net; jhenderson@childadv.net; Thomas@cachopehouse.org; Rafael@lafasa.org; rfandal@slidellpd.com; dseuzeneau@slidellpd.com; tschliem@cityofmandeville.com; mferrell@covia.com; btyrney@townofmadisonville.org; sbruhl@folsomdpd.org; jsessions@pearlriverpolice.com; james.smith@bogalusa.org; jbrown@tofpd.com; angiecityhall@bellsouth.net; ladams@itsfast.net; bergeron_ej@hammond.org; edwardsf@independencepd.org; lfrancois@amitepd.com; tickfawpd@bellsouth.net; staff@roselandpolice.com; michael.kazerooni@kentwoodla.org; chief@ponchatoulapolice.com; jjones@townofspringfield.org; daddison@walkerpd.org; rdufrene@townoflivingston.com; boyd.wild@albanyla.gov; chief@fspd-la.gov; rwalker@dspd.net; killiantownhall@eatel.net; chief@portvincent-la.gov; ced.burise@greensburgpolice.org; dseuzeneau@slidellpd.com; mcast@townofmadisonville.org; jgermann@pearlriverpolice.com; ddean@pearlriverpolice.com; rogers_sm@hammond.org; jane.wickham@kentwoodla.org; jmiller@ponchatoulapolice.com; dmincin@walkerpd.org; bvillenuve@walkerpd.org; austin.jones@albanyla.gov; lee.carmona@greensburgpolice.org; gherrington@amitepd.com; sslaven@amitepd.com; Sheila Bordes; Heather Gagliano; Julia Haverkamp; Latonyette Thompson; Diane Lewis (OPH); Connie Smith; Dawanda Thompson; Amanda Hodges; 'Chuck.spicer@fmoths.org'; 'benjamin.richaud@lcmhealth.org'; 'suttonm@northoaks.org'; 'nawan@shhosp.org'; 'mwhittington@hoodmemorial.com'; 'lbruhl@lsuhsc.edu'; 'Sandy.Badinger@ochsner.org'; 'JCoffman@stph.org'; 'JimmySeibert@rmchospital.com'; 'Darrelllavender@rmchospital.com'; 'Brian.Galofaro@fmoths.org'; 'mbernard@covingtonhospital.com'; 'Jacques.Guillot@lcmhealth.org';

To: 'PeltierR@northoaks.org'; 'mrehma@lsuhsc.edu'; 'ptorcson@stph.org';
 'charlane.liles@ochsner.org'; 'ro'Elizabeth.garbo@fmlhs.org';
 'cambreb@northoaks.org'; 'bleonhard@stph.org'; 'NealE@northoaks.org';
 'BDillon@rmchospital.com'; 'PSullivan@rmchospital.com'; 'jmartin@ololsh.com';
 'ssherman@shhosp.org'; 'jhowell@shhosp.org'; 'smeade@lsuhsc.edu';
 'cingram@stph.org'; 'kmilton@stph.org'; 'mcollette@stph.org'; 'dtoups@stph.org';
 'jstphilip@stph.org'; 'brogers@stph.org'; 'mcollett@stph.org'; 'abouton@stph.org';
 'jill.breazeale@fmlhs.org'; 'Sybil.cotten@fmlhs.org'; 'janice.augustine@fmlhs.org';
 'kelo.landry@lcmhealth.org'; 'hamilton.dolese@lcmhealth.org';
 'ginnamurphy@southeastmc.com'; 'bbalado@hoodmemorial.com';
 'rartigues@hoodmemorial.com'; 'ybertaut@ochsner.org'; 'Michael.guillot@ochsner.org';
 'Jason.wilson@ochsner.org'; 'bbenton@ochsner.org'; 'William.freeman@pepaem.com';
 'peggy.shirley@pemmanagement.com'; 'michelle.aucoin@pemmanagement.com';
 'ross.daray@pemmanagement.com'; 'Mark Watson'; 'Dan Flynn'; 'Angel Gauthier';
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Gina Lagarde

From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Monday September 29, 2025 11:26 PM
To: cchutz@sthelenaparish.la.gov; lsibley@sthelenaparish.la.gov
Subject: Reminder: October 1st LDH-OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Annual Planning Meeting

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Importance: High

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From: Gina Lagarde
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:22 AM
To: Vanessa Wells
Subject: FW: Reminder: October 1st LDH-OPH Region 9 Sexual Assault Response Annual Planning Meeting

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Importance: High

APPENDIX F: PLANNING MEETING PARTICIPANTS/ATTENDEES

<i><u>NAME</u></i>	<i><u>ORGANIZATION</u></i>
Alysia Leigh	Lakeview Hospital
Andrea (Peevy) Anderson	Southeastern Louisiana University-Health Center
Angel Monistere	21 st Judicial District Attorney's Office
Ashley Mendelson	Lakeview Hospital
Belinda Pennison	St. Tammany Parish Public Schools
Beth Mizell	Louisiana Senator, District 12
Bradley S Leonhard	St. Tammany Health System
Bridget Balado	Hood Memorial Hospital
Bridget Depew	Louisiana DPS
Bridget Joslyn	St. Tammany Health System
Brittany Misita	Hood Memorial Hospital
Carie Whittington	Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory
Cassandra Billiot	Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office
Christopher Tape	St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office
Cindy W Ingram	St. Tammany Health System
Connie Smith	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Diane Lewis	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Eric Neal	North Oaks Health System
Gina Lagarde	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Heather Furnas	Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory
James Smith	Bogalusa Police Department
Jennifer O'Quinn	Nurse Family Partnership
Jennifer Schmidt	Lakeview Hospital
Jessie Freire	LaFASA
Jill Breazeale	Our Lady of the Angels Hospital
Joelle Henderson	Child Advocacy Services
Julia Kreger	Bogalusa High School Based Health Center
Kandi James	Riverside Medical Center
Katasha August-Robinson	Bogalusa High School/SBHC
Kathy Warner	Our Lady of the Angels Hospital
Katie M Leonhard	St. Tammany Health System
Keith Peek	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Kelo Landry	Lakeview Hospital
Kevin Triche	Our Lady of the Lake - Livingston ED
Mecole Thompson	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Laura White	St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office
Lisa Bruhl	Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center
Mark Watson	Hood Memorial Hospital
Martha Hennigan	LDH-OPH-Region 9
Matt Bauer	Slidell Police Department

Maurie Wolfe
Michele Sutton
Monica Hill
Morgan Lamandre
Nada Burge
Nicole Jones
Paul Steagall
Peter Emerson
Rafael de Castro
Renee Kinler
Richelle Smart
Rusty Fornea
Shakeisha McKay
Sheila Bordes
Shelly Correjolles
Sybil Cotton
Taryn Hill
Taylor Jacobsen
Teresa C. Krutzfeldt
Terry Le
Todd Acosta
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STAR (Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response Center)
Ochsner Health System
Slidell Memorial Hospital
Denham Springs Police Department
Southeastern Louisiana University
LaFASA
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office
North Oaks Health System
ADAPT
LDH-OPH-Region 9
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Lallie Kemp Medical Center
Our Lady of Lake Health -- Livingston Campus
Riverside Medical Center
Acadian EMS
St. Tammany Health System
North Oaks Health System
Hood Memorial Hospital
Varnado Family Medicine Clinic
LDH-OPH-Region 9
Tangipahoa Parish School System
Lallie Kemp Medical Center
Mandeville Fire/EMS
St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office
Southeastern Louisiana University
LERN-Region 9
22nd Judicial District Attorney's Office
Lakeview Hospital
St. Helena Parish Hospital

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Livingston Parish Coroner

<u>Ronald Coe, MD</u>		<u>10-22-25</u>
Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Helena Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Tammany Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Tangipahoa Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Washington Parish Coroner

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Livingston Parish Coroner

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St. Helena Parish Coroner

Jimmie Varnado		10/21/25
Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Tammany Parish Coroner

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Tangipahoa Parish Coroner

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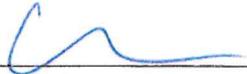
Livingston Parish Coroner

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St. Helena Parish Coroner

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St. Tammany Parish Coroner

<u>Christopher Tape</u>		<u>10/22/2025</u>
Print Name	Signature	Date

Tangipahoa Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Washington Parish Coroner

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Livingston Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Helena Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Tammany Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Tangipahoa Parish Coroner

<u>Rick Foster, M.D.</u>	<u>Rick Foster, M.D.</u>	<u>10/22/25</u>
Print Name	Signature	Date

Washington Parish Coroner

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Livingston Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

St. Helena Parish Coroner

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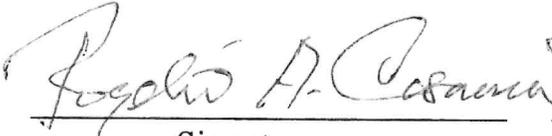
St. Tammany Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Tangipahoa Parish Coroner

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Washington Parish Coroner

Rogelio A. Casama, MD		10/22/25
Print Name	Signature	Date

APPENDIX H: UPDATES MADE TO THE 2025 REGION 9 SAR PLAN

The 2026 Region 9 Regional SAR Plan includes specific updates/changes made to sections of the 2025 Region 9 SAR Plan, which are outlined in the chart below.

Updates in column 2 below corresponds to the page numbers in the 2025 SAR plan.

Statutory Mandates	Updates to 2025 SAR Plan
<p>a) Provide an inventory of all available resources and existing infrastructure in the region and clearly outline how the resources and infrastructure will be incorporated in the most effective manner. (Pages 4-6 of <u>2025</u> SAR plan)</p>	<p>P. 4 – Changed the date of the plan in the first sentence to 2026.</p> <p>P. 5 – Added East Feliciana to the service area column for Child Advocacy Services</p> <p>P.6 – Added Daniel Seuzeneau as Interim Chief of the Slidell Police Department and deleted Randy Fandal</p>
<p>b) Clearly outline the entity responsible for the purchase of sexual assault collection kits and the standards and procedures for the storage of the kits prior to use in a forensic medical examination. (Page 7 of <u>2025</u> SAR plan)</p>	<p>P. 7 – Updated the language in the “NOTE” under #2 to include information regarding approved LSP SA collection kits with tracking labels and the requirement for purchased kits to have tracking labels from LSP to be in compliance with the current statewide sexual assault collection kit tracking system</p>
<p>c) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for a survivor to receive a forensic medical examination, as defined in R.S. 15:622, to ensure access to such an examination in every parish. The plan shall designate a hospital or healthcare provider to be the lead entity for sexual assault examinations for adult survivors and a hospital or healthcare provider to be the lead entity for sexual assault examinations for pediatric survivors. The plan shall also include specific details directing first responders in the transport of survivors of a sexually-oriented crime, the appropriate party to perform the forensic medical examination, and any required training for a person performing a forensic medical examination. (Pages 8-17 and 21-22 of <u>2025</u> SAR plan)</p>	<p>P. 9 – Changed “Children’s Hospital in New Orleans” to “Manning Family Children’s in N.O.” to reflect the name change of the hospital and changed “Audrey Hepburn CARE Center” to “Morgan Ray Center for Hope to reflect the name change of the center.</p> <p>P. 11 – Deleted “ACT No. 669” under the section title and in the second bullet since the information is now included in R.S. 40:1216.1</p> <p>P. 12 – Added language from <i>ACT No. 289, 2025 Regular Session</i> to the paragraph.</p>

	<p>P. 13 – Replaced “ACT No 669” with “legislation” in #7 Notification of Law Enforcement.</p> <p>P. 14 – Deleted “pursuant to ACT No. 669 (A) (1)” in the third bullet, and deleted “ACT No. 669 from the paragraph in #8. Forensic Medical Examinations.</p> <p>P. 16 – Added an APPENDIX D reference to the sub-bullet of #9</p>
<p>d) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for the handling and payment of medical bills related to the forensic medical examination to clarify and ensure that those standards and procedures are in compliance with this Section and any other applicable section of law. (Page 20 of 2025 SAR plan)</p>	<p>P. 20 – In #1, deleted “in accordance with ACT No. 669, Paragraph 2 of Subsection A (also listed on p 12 of this plan) and added “See #5 on p. 12 of this plan”. In #3, APPENDIX “D” changed to APPENDIX “C”.</p>
<p>e) Clearly outline the standards and procedures for the transfer of sexual assault collection kits (Pages 18-19 of 2025 SAR plan)</p>	<p>P. 18 – Replaced “ACT No. 669” with “R.S. 40:1216.1” in the first bullet and deleted “ACT No. 669” from second sub-bullet.</p> <p>P. 19 – Changed the law enforcement agency jurisdiction for Covington Trace Hospital and ER to St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office 985-898-2338. Deleted “per ACT No. 669 and 193”</p>

OTHER UPDATES TO THE 2025 SAR PLAN:

- **Page 1:** Changed date of the Regional SAR Plan from 2025 to 2026; changed month of updates to plan from January 2025 to October 2025
- **Page 2:**
 - Added the following information to the sentence “Each plan shall incorporate a sexual assault response team protocol” in paragraph two:”... and the uniform protocol for human trafficking established by the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (per ACT No. 267, 2025 Regular Session), when developed.”

- In the third paragraph, the planning meeting date was changed to October 1, 2025, and the date of the SAR Plan was changed to 2026.
- **Page 3:**
 - Changed the date of the plan to 2026 in the first sentence.
 - Added “ACT No. 267 of the 2025 Regular Session” to the second sentence.
 - Added “APPENDIX B” to the reference pages in parentheses
 - Deleted “ ACT No. 669 of the Louisiana 2024 Regular Session and any other” in “e)” to read “pursuant to applicable sections of law”
 - Added an “f” to the chart with the following information: “Incorporate the uniform protocol for human trafficking established by the Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments Task Force (ACT No. 267, 2025 Regular Session) when developed.”
- **Page 22:** Added a “Final Notes” section with the legislative references from the 2024 Regular Session regarding compliance and the 2025 Regular Legislative Session regarding the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to conduct audits.
- **APPENDIX A (of 2025 SAR Plan):** Updated JPCO SANE algorithms
- **APPENDIX B (of 2025 SAR Plan):** Deleted the Region IX Statistics Form.
- **APPENDIX C (of 2025 SAR Plan):** Contents moved to/renamed APPENDIX B in the 2026 SAR Plan.
- **APPENDIX D (of 2025 SAR Plan):**
 - The LDH Pamphlet “Survivor’s Guide” was deleted and replaced with the new Sexual Assault Survivors’ Bill of Rights pamphlet and then contents moved to/renamed APPENDIX C.
 - The new LDH Emergency Contraception information was added and is now APPENDIX D
- **APPENDICES E, F, G, and H (of 2025 SAR Plan):** Updated with October 1, 2025 planning meeting notices/invitees
- **APPENDIX F (of 2025 SAR Plan):** Updated with October 1, 2025 planning meeting participants
- **APPENDIX G:** Region 9 coroners’ signatures dated
- **APPENDIX H:** Updated with changes made to the OPH Region 9 2025 SAR Plan

