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Report on Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Coordination Program


On behalf of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, attached please find the **Report on Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Coordination Program** in accordance with §9.1-191 of the *Code of Virginia*.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackson H. Miller".

Jackson H. Miller
Director



Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program

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During the 2020 Session of the Virginia General Assembly, policymakers enacted Chapters 274 and 276, establishing the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program at the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), effective July 1, 2020. The goals of the program, as outlined in [§ 9.1-191](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, include developing and enhancing sexual assault forensic examiner programs across Virginia, establishing a partnership group to plan forensic nurse training, assisting with developing protocols and guidelines for the treatment of victims of sexual assault, and collecting and maintaining information on all available sexual assault forensic services in Virginia. The Sexual Assault Forensic Services Coordinator (Coordinator) at DCJS leads this program.

§ 9.1-191 of the *Code of Virginia* also requires that the “Coordinator shall report annually on or before October 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report shall include a summary of activities for the year and any recommendations to address sexual assault exams within the Commonwealth, including budget needs to increase the availability of sexual assault exam services across the Commonwealth.”

The Coordinator has ten responsibilities outlined in the *Code of Virginia*. Current activities related to each responsibility are described below.

1. *Create and coordinate an annual statewide sexual assault forensic nurse examiner training program in partnership with the Attorney General, the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Victim Compensation Fund, the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services.*

In 2021, the Coordinator convened a committee with the enumerated agencies. The committee met several times in 2021 and 2022 and decided to offer a clinical skills lab training to Virginia forensic nurses. Currently, committee members are meeting with various nursing schools in the Central Virginia region to secure a location for the first training. This will be the first clinical skills lab offered to forensic nurses in Virginia.

2. *Coordinate the development and enhancement of sexual assault forensic examiner programs across the Commonwealth that include prevention of secondary trauma to survivors and culturally sensitive training for health professionals.*

Beginning in 2021, the Coordinator met individually with representatives from Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) programs in every region of the Commonwealth. In an effort to maintain ongoing communication with the programs, the Coordinator implemented a monthly email communication, which is distributed to all of the programs’ coordinators, as well as the president of the Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

The coordinator for Centra Health’s FNE program in Lynchburg is actively working towards an opening at Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, which currently does not have forensic nursing services. She has expressed difficulty in obtaining nurses for that hospital.

In addition, the Lewis Gale Alleghany Hospital in Covington is interested in rejuvenating their forensic nursing program; however, obtaining skilled staff and sustainability are concerns for this program.

Additional resources are needed for the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program to be able to provide a part-time forensic nurse, who is or can be trained to be a facilitator of the 40-hour International Association of Forensic Nurses didactic course for both adults (SANE-A) and pediatrics (SANE-P). This staff person would be available to travel and offer this course to nurses around the state,

as well as be available to answer technical questions. A part-time (29 hours per week) wage position for this purpose and with the necessary qualifications would require approximately \$70,000 in additional funding each year.

3. *Participate in the development of hospital protocols and guidelines for treatment of survivors of sexual assault in partnership with the Department of Health.*

The Coordinator is in communication with staff from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and attends the meetings of the Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault, coordinated by VDH. The Coordinator is also attending meetings of the recently formed Workgroup on Hospital Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is working to develop and implement policies and procedures to routinely screen patients to determine if they are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault; document injuries; make appropriate referrals to victims; and train hospital staff.

4. *Coordinate and strengthen communications among sexual assault nurse examiner medical directors, sexual assault response teams, and hospitals for existing and developing sexual assault nurse examiner programs.*

in 2021 and 2022, the Coordinator met with hospital administrators and department managers across the state. The Coordinator is collaborating with DCJS staff working with Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) throughout Virginia.

5. *Provide technical assistance for existing and developing sexual assault forensic examiner programs, including local sexual assault forensic examiner training programs.*

There are large areas of the state, particularly in Southwest Virginia, where there are few forensic nurses, especially in places like Alleghany, Smyth, and Washington Counties. The Coordinator is hearing from service providers in that region that there are no pediatric forensic nurses to attend to child victims of sexual assault or abuse. At times, families have to travel 1.5 to 2 hours to see a pediatric forensic nurse.

The Coordinator is also exploring existing telehealth programs outside the state and pilot programs inside the state, and has planned a visit to Riverside Hospital where such a program is being piloted. This pilot project is supported with DCJS Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds.

6. *Create and maintain a statewide list, updated biannually, to include the following:*
 - a. *A list of available sexual assault forensic examiners, sexual assault nurse examiners, sexual assault forensic nurse examiners, and pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners;*
 - b. *The location and facility affiliation of each examiner;*
 - c. *The duty hours for each examiner and affiliated facility for sexual assault exam services; and*
 - d. *The location of available local sexual assault forensic examiner training programs.*

The Coordinator, in collaboration with the DCJS Criminal Justice Research Center, developed a survey for forensic nursing programs that was first distributed in December 2021. A second survey went out in July 2022. Going forward, the full version of this survey will be distributed annually, with a second structured solicitation of any necessary changes or additions in order to fulfill the statutory requirement of biannual updates. From the data collected, the Coordinator has developed a map directory of all the programs in the state, as well as a text version of the directory (see attached for directory).

There are 20 sexual assault forensic nursing programs in Virginia. Eighteen of the 20 programs are hospital-based and two are stand-alone/mobile programs. Three programs serve pediatric patients exclusively, and four programs serve adults exclusively. Thirteen programs serve both adults and pediatric patients.

Nurses from Ballad Health, which is based out of Tennessee and has hospitals in both Tennessee and Virginia, travel to some Virginia hospitals and clinics in the Southwest region to perform forensic exams. However, Virginia law enforcement is unable to serve subpoenas over state lines. This is problematic because forensic nurses are often important expert witnesses needed to testify during trial.

The remaining four statutory responsibilities are listed below. Activities for these responsibilities will begin as continued progress is made on responsibilities one through six.

7. *Coordinate, share, and disseminate the list created pursuant to subdivision 6 to the emergency operations communications system available to emergency medical services and law-enforcement agencies as well as the internal emergency and hospital communications system.*

The Coordinator is preparing to send the directory to the entities as specified.

8. *Share and disseminate the list created pursuant to subdivision 6 with all other relevant agencies, including law-enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, victim-witness programs, sexual assault service organizations, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Education, and school divisions.*

The Coordinator is developing a Virginia Forensic Examiner Coordination Program web page, within the Victims Services web pages, which will feature both the map directory and the text version of the directory, and will be updated biannually. The link for the web page will be distributed to the enumerated departments and agencies.

9. *Create sexual assault nurse examiner recruitment materials for universities and colleges with nursing programs in partnership with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.*

In 2022, the Coordinator met with the Forensic Nurse Coordinators from South Carolina to discuss the curriculum that they use in nursing schools and is looking at that curriculum, as well as curricula from other states, as models for Virginia. In addition, the Coordinator has reached out to the University of Virginia School of Nursing to start the process for obtaining a nurse intern in fall of 2022 or spring of 2023 to help with this project. The Coordinator has spoken to Piedmont Community College School of Nursing and offered to speak with their nursing students about forensic nursing in Virginia.

10. *Support and coordinate community education and public outreach, when appropriate, relating to sexual assault nurse examiner issues for the Commonwealth.*

The Coordinator collaborated with a Richmond-based FNE on a presentation to the full Task Force on Services for Survivors of Sexual Assault regarding the gaps in forensic nursing services in Virginia. In September 2022, the Coordinator presented to the International Association of Forensic Nurses Statewide Coordinators monthly meeting on the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program. Additionally, the Coordinator has held meetings with service providers in the Southwest Region regarding the lack of forensic nursing services, especially for abused children, in that region.

Addendum: Feasibility of Establishing Centers of Excellence for SAFE Services

The *Code of Virginia* also requires (via Chapter 276 Enactment Clause 2, Regular Session, 2020) that DCJS explore and report on the feasibility of establishing centers of excellence as a model to increase the availability of sexual assault exam services in Virginia. Based on the Coordinator’s research to date, establishing a center of excellence for FNE services is feasible in Virginia.

The Coordinator consulted with Bon Secours Richmond on the Bon Secours Forensic Nursing Services “Program Tiers” (see full Program Tiers list attached). Bon Secours listed the following services¹ needed for programs to meet “Tier 1,” which is the highest standard:

1. Full Service Forensic Program – provides forensic exams for violence across the lifespan, such as adult sexual and physical violence, domestic/interpersonal violence, child maltreatment (sexual and physical abuse), elder abuse, human trafficking, strangulation, workplace violence, and suspect exams. Pediatric forensic services require specially educated and clinically prepared staff to care for these complex patient situations. A coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to address the needs of the child and the family is paramount.
2. Sexually transmitted infection (STI) prophylaxis, testing and treatment based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and national guidelines.
3. Advocacy services and referrals (partners with community resources for victims of violence).
4. Offers acute and scheduled exams.
5. Conducts forensic follow-up exams.
6. 24/7 forensic nursing coverage (FNE on site).
7. Forensic nurse program manager/coordinator.
8. Forensic department assigned cost center.
9. Forensic billing services managed by program.
10. Nurse completed adults/pediatrics trainings (40-hour courses with clinical components) – successfully completed an adult/adolescent sexual assault nurse examiner education program that grants a minimum of 40 hours of continuing nursing education contact hours from an accredited provider (International Association of Forensic Nurses, 2021) www.forensicnurses.org/page/ApprovedSANECourse.
11. SANE-A, SANE-P certifications – offered by the International Association of Forensic Nurses through the Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification (CFNC). 75% of eligible staff certified as SANE-A and SANE-P.
12. Quality Assurance process completed on 100% of the charts.
13. Annual competency review – department specific annual competences completed.

Bon Secours is currently the only forensic nursing program in the state that provides all of the above “Tier 1” services.

The Coordinator consulted with the South Carolina program coordinators to learn about their newly launched Sexual Assault Forensic Excellence (SAFE) program, in which hospitals and community agencies

¹ BSMH Forensic Nursing Services: Program Tiers; Draft Document 6/15/2021

meet a set of criteria, including training provided by the program coordinators, in order to earn a “SAFE” designation. The SAFE program in South Carolina came out of their Forensic Nursing Task Force (<http://www.scvan.org/safe-designation>).

Recommendations

The Coordinator recommends that a Forensic Nursing Task Force (FNTF) be formed in order to create a tier system by which forensic nursing programs and hospitals can voluntarily apply to be assessed within the tier system, and designated a Virginia Center of Forensic Nursing Excellence. The tier system will outline what the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program has identified as best practices for forensic nursing programs, and incentivize hospitals and programs to increase services.

To create opportunities for hospitals to build forensic nursing programs and nurses who are interested in training to become forensic examiners, the Coordinator recommends expanding the Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Coordination Program to include a part-time or full-time forensic nurse who is trained and available to offer the 40-hour International Association of Forensic Nurses didactic curriculum to any interested nurse or doctor in the Commonwealth. The nurse would also offer training to other healthcare providers on how to identify and treat a sexual assault victim when a FNE is not available.

The Coordinator would also work on developing a training for hospital staff on trauma, trauma-informed care, forensic nursing care, and the treatment of sexual assault survivors.

Commonwealth of Virginia Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Programs DIRECTORY

Updated June, 2022

*Augusta Health Forensic Nurse Team

78 Medical Drive, Fishersville, VA 22939

540-332-4492

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/4 SANEs

Renee Pullen, Program Coordinator: Rpullen@augustahealth.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Renee Pullen
Duty hours per week	75
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Lisa Fracher
Duty hours per week	60
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Ashley Erdman
Duty hours per week	26
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Ashley Givens
Duty hours per week	4
Location (if different from above)	

*†Bon Secours Forensic Nursing Services

5801 Bremono Road, Richmond, VA 23226

804-281-8574

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/15 SANEs/†On-site staff 24/7, 365 days a year

Angela Modlin, Program Coordinator: AngelaModlin@bshsi.org

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Angela Modlin
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Ashley Balcombe
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Crystal Corbett
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Marcie Gentry
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kendra Jackson
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Sara Jennings
Duty hours per week	4 (PRN)
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Sterling Otero
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kendall Plummer
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	

SAFE – Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner

SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

*Service availability: 24-hrs/365 days a year

Forensic examiner	Megan Pond
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Bethany Porter
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Bonnie Price
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Ingrid Romesburg
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Rachel Schrinel
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Betsy Vick
Duty hours per week	16 (PRN)
Location (if different from above)	
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Susan Womble
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	

***Carilion Clinic Forensic Nurse Examiner Program**

1906 Belleview Ave., Roanoke, VA 24014

540-266-6025

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/11 SANEs

Heather Smith, Program Coordinator: HDSMITH@carilionclinic.org**Additional locations served:**

Carilion New River Valley Medical Center (CNRVMC)

2900 Lamb Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073

540-731-7287

Carilion Giles Community Hospital

159 Hartley Way, Pearisburg, VA 24134

(Forensic Nurses from CNRVMC cover Giles)

Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital

390 South Main Street, Rocky Mount, VA 24151

540-489-6367

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Heather Smith
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Evelyn Calloway
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke
Forensic examiner	Debra Davidson
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke
Forensic examiner	Stephanie Hodges
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Franklin County
Forensic examiner	Melissa Miller
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke

Forensic examiner	Patsy Price
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke
Forensic examiner	Ashley Whiting
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke
Forensic examiner	Lesia Yates
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Roanoke
Forensic examiner	Michaela Miller
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Christiansburg
Forensic examiner	Pat Hudson
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Christiansburg
Forensic examiner	Toni Helms
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Christiansburg

***Centra Forensic Nurse Examiners**

1901 Tate Springs, Lynchburg, VA 24501

434-200-3955

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/12 SANEs

April Rasmussen, Program Coordinator: april.rasmussen@centrahealth.com**Additional locations served:**

Gretna Emergency Department
291 McBride Lane, Gretna, VA 24557
434-200-2989

Bedford Child Advocacy Center
1085 Vista Park Drive, Forest, VA 24551
434-616-2718

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	April Rasmussen
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Donna Kling
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Rhonda Sabra
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Bedford County at CAC
Forensic examiner	Amy Randolph
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Lisa Schmitt
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Julie Martin
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Lisa Curtis
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	Gretna
Forensic examiner	Lisbeth Barajikian
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	Gretna
Forensic examiner	Kimberly Barnes
Duty hours per week	32
Location (if different from above)	Gretna

SAFE – Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner

SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

*Service availability: 24-hrs/365 days a year

Forensic examiner	Samantha Leger
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	Gretna
Forensic examiner	Courtney Moss
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	Gretna
Forensic examiner	Cassie Wade
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	Gretna

***Chesapeake Forensic Specialists (stand-alone program)**

1101 Madison Plaza # 103, Chesapeake, VA 23320

757-436-4111

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/5 SANEs

Jennifer Knowlton, Program Coordinator: jennifer@cfs-sane.com**Additional locations served:**

Norfolk Family Justice Center

500 East Plume Street, Suite 600, Norfolk, VA 23510

757-251-0144

Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital

1060 First Colonial Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454

757-395-8000

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital

600 Gresham Dr., Norfolk, VA 23507

757-388-3000

Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital

20480 Market Street, Onancock, VA 23417

757-302-2100

Sentara Princess Anne Hospital

2025 Glenn Mitchell Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456

757-507-1000

Sentara Independence

800 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455

757-363-6100

Sentara Leigh Hospital

830 Kempsville Rd., Norfolk, VA 23502

757-261-6000

Sentara BelleHarbour

3920A Bridge Rd., Suffolk, VA 23435

757-983-0000

Sentara Obici Hospital

2800 Godwin Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434

757-934-4000

Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center

3636 High St., Portsmouth, VA 23707

757-398-2200

Bon Secours Health Center at Harbour View

5818 Harbour View Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23435

757-673-5800

Bon Secours–Southampton Medical Center

100 Fairview Dr., Franklin, VA 23851

757-569-6100

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center

736 N Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320

757-312-8121

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Strangulation, Suspect Exams

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Jennifer Knowlton
Duty hours per week	70–80+
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Barbara Girardin
Duty hours per week	24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Claire Sampson
Duty hours per week	12–24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Zenobia Brewington
Duty hours per week	12–24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Julianne Costello
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	

***Child Protection Center, Children’s Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System**

1000 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219; 1213 E. Clay Street, Richmond, VA 23219

804-828-7400

Pediatric SAFEs/3 Forensic Examiners

Shamika Byars, Program Coordinator: shamika.byars@vcuhealth.org

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program Coordinator	Shamika Byars
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Emily Horne
Duty of Hours per Week	?
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Beverly Hoehing
Duty of Hours per Week	?
Location (if different from above)	

***Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters Child Advocacy Center**

601 Children’s Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507

757-668-6100

Pediatric SAFEs/7 Forensic Examiners

Dawn Scaff, Program Coordinator: dawn.scaff@chkd.org

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Dawn Scaff
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Adriana Weaver
Duty hours per week	PRN on-call only
Location (if different from above)	CHKD or CHKD CAC
Forensic examiner	Julie Rogers
Duty hours per week	on-call
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Elizabeth Walters
Duty hours per week	on-call
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Cassandra Elverum
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Hailey Sooknarine
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Michelle Clayton
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	

***Clinch Valley Medical Center**

6801 Gov George C. Peery Hwy., Richlands, VA 24641
276-596-6153

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/1 SANE

Marcy Childress, Program Coordinator: marcy.bandy@lpnt.net; best contact: call hospital main number and ask for ER

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Marcy Childress
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	

***Inova Ewing Forensic Assessment and Consultation Team**

3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042
703-776-3821

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/13 SANES

Ariel Ward, Program Coordinator: Ariel.Ward@inova.org

Additional locations served:

Safety Net Clinics

Cecilia Ortega-Shew, Senior Director: cecilia.ortega-shew@inova.org

2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 280, Fairfax, VA 22030

703-698-2490

Inova Dunn Loring (on the corner of Avenir and Gallows)

2671 Avenir Place, Suite A, Vienna, VA 22180

Inova Cornwall Campus (3rd Floor near LAMPS)

224A Cornwall Street, NW, Suite 3.024, Leesburg, VA 20176

Inova Alexandria (entrance is inside the building all the way back to the right)

4700 King Street, NW, Suite 125, Alexandria, VA 22302

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Ariel Ward
Duty hours per week	5
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Abigail Ho
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Andrea Allen
Duty hours per week	24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Andrea Haick
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Ashleigh Daniel
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Caitlin Yerkes
Duty hours per week	6-12
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Elizabeth Roach
Duty hours per week	20
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Emily Cremeans
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kathleen Marcinek
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	

SAFE – Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner

SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

*Service availability: 24-hrs/365 days a year

Forensic examiner	Monika Lemke
Duty hours per week	30
Location (if different from above)	Inova Cornwall Campus (3 rd Floor) 224A Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg, VA 20176
Forensic examiner	Tabitha Finley
Duty hours per week	20
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Virginia Whitticar
Duty hours per week	6–24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	YooJin Kwon
Duty hours per week	6–12
Location (if different from above)	

MWHC Forensic Services

Mary Washington Hospital
1001 Sam Perry Blvd., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
540-741-1285

Adult and Pediatric SAFE/7 SANEs

Louise “Wheezie” Rollins, Program Coordinator: louise.rollins@mwhc.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Louise “Wheezie” Rollins
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Alicia Conrad
Duty of hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Angelina Campbell
Duty of hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Kelly Garcia
Duty of hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Carley Rodrick
Duty of hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Monika Karl Dunning
Duty of hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Christina Grissom
Duty of hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	

***Riverside Health System**

500 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601
757-594-3983

Adult and Pediatric SAFE/10 SANEs

Elizabeth Walters, Program Coordinator: Elizabeth.Walters@rivhs.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Elizabeth Walters
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kristen Snider
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	

SAFE – Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner

SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

*Service availability: 24-hrs/365 days a year

Forensic examiner	Elizabeth Gibson-Palmer
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Brandy Kelley
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Amanda Totten
Duty hours per week	30
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Melanie Ames
Duty hours per week	PRN: 4–8 hrs/month
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Angela Barco
Duty hours per week	PRN: 12–24 hrs/month
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Brittany Moring
Duty hours per week	PRN: 12–24 hrs/month
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kaitlynn Friesz
Duty hours per week	PRN: 72 hrs/month
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Karla Lopez
Duty hours per week	PRN: 72 hrs/month
Location (if different from above)	

***Russell County Hospital**

58 Carroll Street, Lebanon, VA 24266

276-883-8101

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/2 SANEs

Greta Morrison, Program Coordinator: greta.morrison@balladhealth.com; lisc1934@gmail.com (use both emails)

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Greta Morrison
Duty hours per week	20
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic Examiner	Angela Vanover
Duty of hours per week	?
Location (if different from above)	

***SAFE Center of SWVA (stand-alone program)**25 4th Street NW, Pulaski, VA 24301

540-577-3467

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/3 SANEs

April Bennett, Program Coordinator: april@fnesafe.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Suspect Exams, Dating Violence, Physical Assault

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	April Bennett
Duty hours per week	152
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Melissa Harper
Duty hours per week	16
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Cris Trout
Duty hours per week	3
Location (if different from above)	

***Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center**

2300 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22191

703-523-1504

Adult SAFEs/3 SANEs

Andrea Jones, Program Coordinator: arjone13@sentara.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Andrea Jones
Duty hours per week	?
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Dawn Lorde
Duty hours per week	12 on-call hours
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Niambi Hogan
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Lucy Amponsah
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	

Sentara Peninsula SANE Program

Sentara Careplex Hospital

3000 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, VA 23666

757-984-7155

SWRMCforensics@sentara.com; SCHForensics@sentara.com

Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center

100 Sentara Circle, Williamsburg, VA 23188

757-984-7155

Adult SAFEs/3 SANEs

Beth Cumbie, Program Coordinator: ejcumbie@sentara.com

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Beth Cumbie
Duty hours per week	2
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Betsy Holzworth (copy on emails) EAHOLZWO@sentara.com
Duty hours per week	6
Location (if different from above)	100 Sentara Cir., Williamsburg, VA 23188
Forensic examiner	Sarah Brogan
Duty hours per week	8
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Robin Weisbrod
Duty hours per week	8
Location (if different from above)	

Sentara RMH SANE Program

2010 Health Campus Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

540-214-8855

Adult SAFEs/4 SANEs

Tammy Johnson, Program Coordinator: trjohns7@sentara.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Strangulation

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Tammy Johnson
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Brenda Hoops
Duty hours per week	8
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Cerrienne Keller
Duty hours per week	8
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Mackenzie Krogh
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	

Ultra Health Pediatric Forensic Nursing Department

13401 Gov George C. Peery Hwy., Pounding Mill, VA 24637

276-385-1183

Pediatric SAFEs/1 SANE

Melissa Harper, Program Coordinator: mrattcliffharper@gmail.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Human Trafficking

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Melissa Harper
Duty hours per week	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Location (if different from above)	

***UVA Forensic Team**

University of Virginia Medical Center

1215 Lee Street, Charlottesville, VA 22903

434-924-3627 (page #1542)

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/5 SANEs

Kelli Coggins, Program Coordinator (interim): KC5WP@hscmail.mcc.virginia.edu

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Strangulation

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Kelli Coggins (Interim Coordinator)
Duty hours per week	30
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kathryn Laughon
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Kerry Hendrix
Duty hours per week	24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Alicia Gower
Duty hours per week	12
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Jennifer Andrews
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	

Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Adult Forensic Examiner Team57 N. 11th Street, Richmond, VA 23298

804-628-0623

Adult SAFEs/4 SANEs

Jean Cheek, Program Coordinator: jean.cheek@vcuhealth.org

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking,
Provide care for any victim or suspect of non-intentional or intentional violence

STAFFING	
Program Coordinator	Jean Cheek
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Samuel Howard
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Laura Ashworth
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Tamara McCauley
Duty hours per week	36
Location (if different from above)	

***Winchester Medical Center Forensic Nurse Examiner Program**

1840 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601

Adult and Pediatric SAFEs/4 SANEs

Cynthia Leahy, Program Coordinator: cleahy@valleyhealthlink.com

Other Forensic Exams Offered:

Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, Maltreatment

STAFFING	
Program coordinator	Cynthia (Cyndi) Leahy
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	Winchester, Winchester Medical Center (WMC)
Forensic examiner	Rebecca (Brook) Golightly
Duty hours per week	40
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Lisa Sanders
Duty hours per week	24
Location (if different from above)	
Forensic examiner	Eric McBride
Duty hours per week	4
Location (if different from above)	

BSMH Forensic Nursing Services – Program Tiers

	Tier 4	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
Services Offered				
*Full Service Forensic Program	 Sexual assault exams conducted by ED staff. No other forensic services.	 Sexual assault exams conducted by SANE. No other forensic services.	 Expanded forensic services to include other forms of violence. <i>(See definitions on following page)</i>	
STI Prophylaxis, testing and treatment based on CDC and national guidelines				
Advocacy services and referrals (partners with community resources for victims of violence)				
Offers acute and scheduled exams				
Conducts Forensic Follow-up Exams				
Program Design				
24/7 Forensic Nursing Coverage (FNE on Site)		 On-call Less than 50% schedule covered	 On-call 100% schedule covered	
Forensic Nurse Program Manager/Coordinator		 PT Coordinator		
Forensic Department Assigned Cost Center			 Combined with ED budget and has some specific funding designated for the program	
Forensic Billing Services Managed by Program	 No process	 Routine billing completed by hospital	 Billing Procedures in place but outsourced	

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Nursing Staff				
Nurse Completed Adults/Peds Trainings (*40-hr. courses with clinical components)	✗	✓ Adult SANE Completed	✓ Adult SANE Completed Pediatric SANE Optional*	✓
*SANE-A, SANE-P Certifications	✗	✓ 25% of eligible staff certified as SANE-A or SANE-P	✓ 50% of eligible staff certified as SANE-A or SANE-P	✓ 75% of eligible staff certified as SANE-A and SANE-P
QA Process	✗	✓ QA Process completed on minimum of 50% of charts	✓ QA Process completed on 75% of charts	✓ QA Process completed on 100% of charts
Annual Competency Review	✗ Non-SANE competencies – ‘No SANE In Sight Course’ or equivalent and skills portion	✓ SANE-specific competencies done in conjunction with other departments (i.e., ED staff) Non-SANE Competencies – ‘No SANE In Sight Course’ or equivalent and skills portion	✓ Department specific annual competencies completed	✓ Department specific annual competencies completed

* Full Service Forensic Program – provides forensic exams for violence across the lifespan, such as adult sexual and physical violence, domestic/interpersonal violence, child maltreatment- sexual and physical abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, strangulation, workplace violence, suspect exam. Pediatric forensic services require specially educated and clinically prepared staff to care for these complex patient situations. A coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to address the needs of the child and the family is paramount. Forensic programs may not be equipped to offer pediatric services. In these instances, a protocol should be in place for the care and referral of acute and non-acute pediatric patients requiring a medical-legal examination.

* Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training (Adult/Adolescent, Pediatrics) – successfully completed an adult/adolescent sexual assault nurse examiner education program that grants a minimum of 40 hours of continuing nursing education contact hours from an accredited provider (IAFN, 2021). www.forensicnurses.org/page/ApprovedSANECourse

* SANE-A® and SANE-P® Certifications – offered by the International Association of Forensic Nurses through the Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification (CFNC). Must meet eligibilities requirements. https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.forensicnurses.org/resource/resmgr/certification/2021_cert_exam_hb_and_links_.pdf

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