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ONTARIO NETWORK OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT CENTRES



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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

SHEILA MACDONALD, RN, MN

2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Ontario Network of SA/DVTC's! Unfortunately, our services are needed as much as ever, so not so much of a "celebration" but rather a recognition and appreciation of our collective efforts over the years. As a Network and programs, we have grown and evolved, striving to meet the needs of our clients as well as the education and support needed by our program leaders and clinicians. There is still so much more to do.

In 2022-2023, the Network continued with strategies and efforts to support clinicians across the province with virtual education opportunities, which are detailed herein.

The Network began the process of developing the Strategic Plan for 2023-2027 with the guidance of a facilitator (Catalyst Research). Thank you to everyone who provided input into our future direction through surveys that were sent out in the first step of the Strategic Plan development. Program leaders gathered in person at the end of March 2023 to review the survey feedback and develop key strategies for the plan. A final Strategic plan will be sent out in the next few months.

This year, the Network developed a resource for clients titled "Caring for yourself", which has been translated into 13 languages and is available on the public-facing website and Network eLearning Platform.

The provincial Navigation Line has been maintained as a resource for patients/service providers seeking access to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre (SA/DVTC) services. There is an ongoing need to assist patients seeking access to care at the closest SA/DVTC with a nurse available. Thank you to all the nurses across the province who have supported this effort.

Increasing access to care for victims of sexual assault continues to be a priority. For many victims/survivors who live in rural and northern communities, they do not have reasonable access to an SA/DVTC without having to travel long distances. Three online learning modules have been developed for community emergency department (ED) clinicians this year and will be piloted in the next year and subsequently rolled out to other EDs with a support system for the ED clinicians.

This year, we began onboarding SA/DVTC program clinicians to the provincial Network Database housed in REDCap. An online training was provided, followed by webinars. Data sharing agreements (DSA's) are being signed with SA/DVTC hospitals prior to training the clinicians.

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WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

SHEILA MACDONALD, RN, MN

An update to The Guideline for the Care of the Person Unable to Provide Consent (2022) has been done, including a review of the literature. This Guideline is available as a resource when considering forensic evidence collection when the patient is unable to provide consent. This document should be discussed within the SA/DVTC team and with the hospital administration so there is a protocol in place should this situation ever need consideration.

Another resource developed and available is the document, Self-swab for the Collection of Forensic Evidence and STIs, when patients may decline an examination by the clinician.

Both guidance resources are available on the Network Documentation Page of the E-learning Platform.

Network funds were allocated this year to purchase pelvic models for each program to enhance clinician learning within programs. As well, camera purchases were standardized based on recommendations from Network forensic educators. 19 programs received a new camera.

All of the Network's achievements could not have been made possible without the support and leadership of the Network team, including the researchers, the Advisory Council, Medical Co-Advisors, the co-chairs of the nursing and social work communities of practice, and forensic nurse educators.

Thank you to all the clinicians, program leaders and team members over the years who have worked on our teams. Your contributions have advanced our efforts. Thank you to Women's College Hospital and the leadership team for their ongoing support in the administration and management of the Network home base. The Network continues to receive support from the Ministry of Health as its funder. In addition, in 2022-2023, the Ministry of Health approved enhanced funding for 10 SA/DVTCs to address nurse staffing challenges.

It is with gratitude for the many efforts of programs and clinicians that there may be a trauma-informed and compassionate response to survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

Sheila Macdonald, RN, MN
Provincial Director



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NETWORK STATISTICS & HIV PEP

As volumes have normalized to pre-pandemic levels over the past two years, adaptations continue to prove useful and effective. HIV PEP completion rates remained high and increased year over year, with 61.26% completing a full cycle of HIV PEP (fig. 1). When Week 1 attrition is adjusted for, the completion rate is 83.07%.

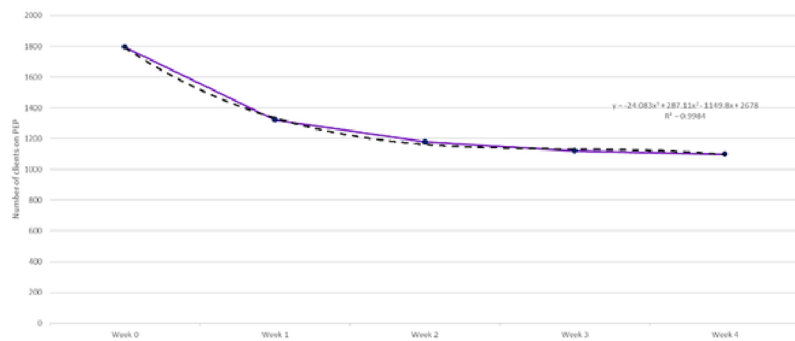
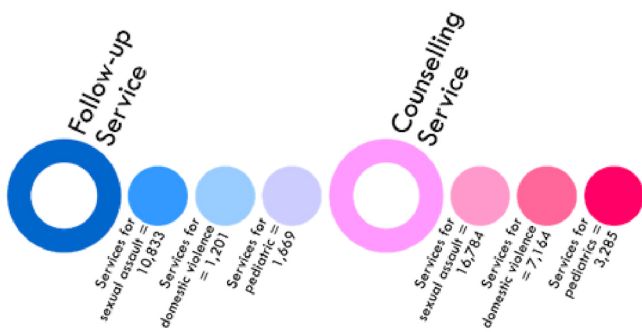


Figure 1. Provincial HIV PEP user completion rates from April 2022 through March 2023. Overall Completion Rate = 61.26%. Completion Rate (after Week 0 to Week 1 attrition) = 83.07%

CATEGORICAL VOLUMES

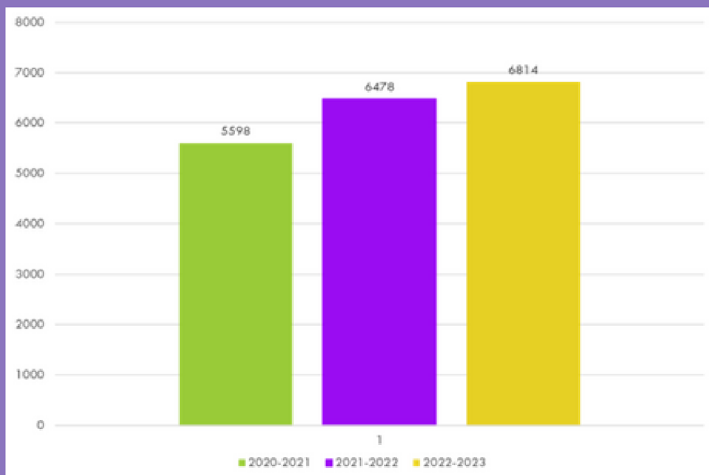


Figure 2. Provincial volumes for sexual assault, domestic violence, and pediatrics (acute and non-acute) reported over a 3-year period.

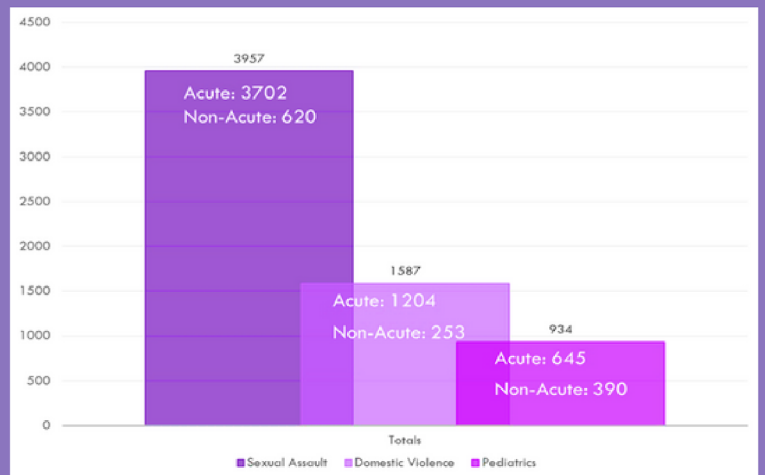
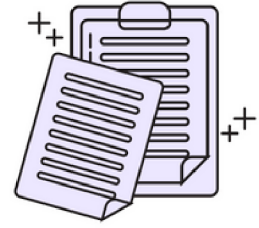


Figure 3. Provincial volumes for sexual assault, domestic violence, and pediatrics in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

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NETWORK DATABASE



The Network Database has been in the works for many years, with the 2022-23 fiscal year bringing the implementation of the database. This database is housed within a data capture software called REDCap. It maintains a unified and consolidated method of collecting and reporting information relating to the services provided by SA/DVTCs across the province. At the conclusion of each clinical visit, clinicians use the Network Database to enter information about the services provided. The information being collected within the Network Database is far more robust than the Network's current quarterly statistics reporting method. The transition from our current reporting mechanism to the Network Database continues to occur through the 2023-2024 fiscal year, contingent upon the status of each individual centres' launch. This allows for the generation of various reports that assist the Network and centres in understanding the client populations served and services provided, as well as undertaking quality assurance initiatives.

Since the launch of this database in April 2022, 28 centres have signed the legal agreement to join and contribute to the Network database. Of the 28 centres, 23 are currently active in collecting and reporting information to the Network Database and the other 5 centres are preparing to begin collecting and reporting information to the Network Database. The remaining 9 centres are reviewing the legal agreement. There are currently 281 clinicians who have completed the Network Database Training and 305 clinicians who are currently enrolled in the Network Database Training.

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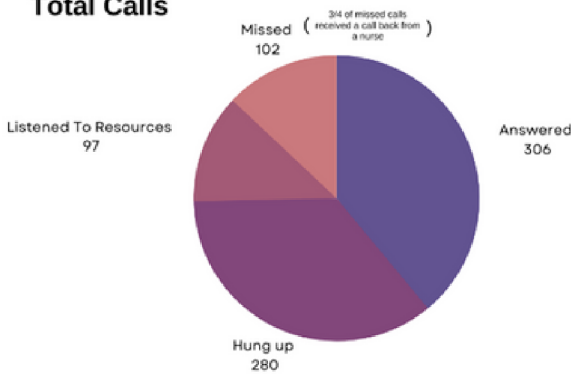
PROVINCIAL NAVIGATION LINE



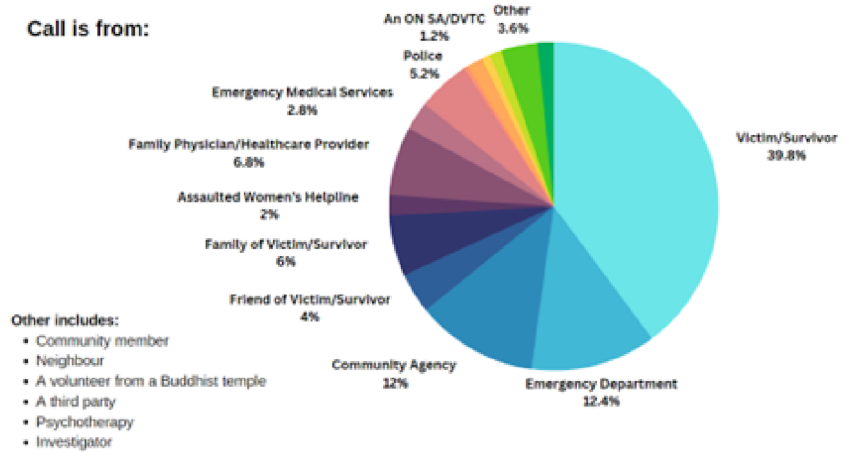
Recognizing the impact of COVID-19 on nurse staffing for the provision of acute/non-acute care, the Network continued to support its 24/7 nurse-staffed Provincial Navigation Line. Intended to assist victims/survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in accessing care, a caller can call the Line to be directed to the closest treatment centre in their area or be provided with information.

Since its launch in May of 2020, the Navigation Line has received 745 calls in total.

Summary of Total Calls



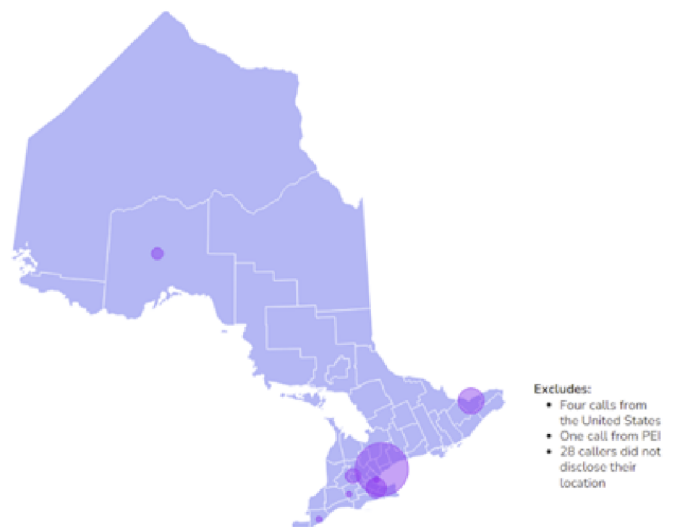
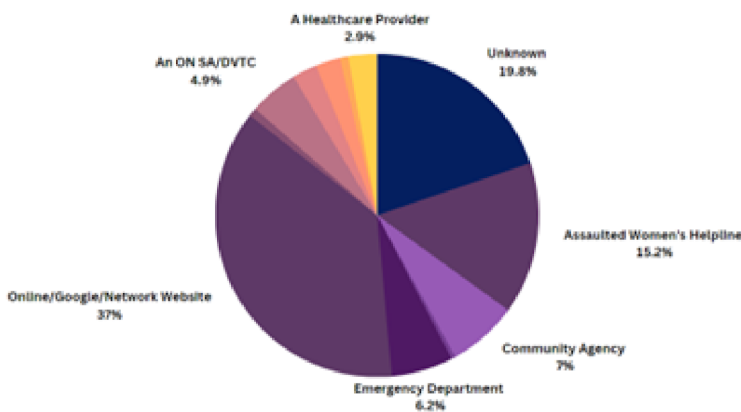
Call is from:



Other includes:

- Community member
- Neighbour
- A volunteer from a Buddhist temple
- A third party
- Psychotherapy
- Investigator

How did a caller hear about the Navigation Line?



1-855-NAV-SADV
1-855-628-7238

The following map highlights the general Toronto Area/Golden Horseshoe as the area with the most calls to the Navigation Line. The Kingston-Ottawa area with the second, and the London area with the third. The single plot in the upper portion of the map represents the Thunder Bay area and Northern Nursing Stations.

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CONNECTING NETWORK CLINICIANS

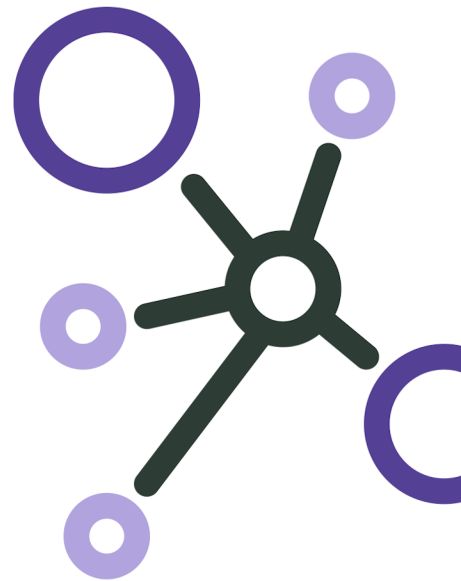
Nursing Community of Practice

Open to all nurses from the Network's 37 treatment centres, the Nursing Community of Practice (NCOP) met monthly throughout the fiscal year with breaks in July and August. The NCOP co-chairs changed as the two-year term concluded. Meetings continued to be co-chaired by Tara Leach who was joined by new co-chair, Jessie Titterton, Lanark County. Lisa Shantz, Waterloo, will replace Tara Leach, Lanark County, in the next fiscal year as Tara concluded her co-chair term. The NCOP was fortunate to have guest presentations from organizations/speakers such as Restoring Smiles and a Cranial Nerves Presentation from Orangeville's Program Lead, Juila Worrall.

The NCOP also hopes to invite treatment centres to do "Spotlight Presentations" at future meetings. This is a great opportunity for treatment centres to showcase their centre. A major project undertaken included updates to the Network's Sexual Assault Documentation form, work which continues into the next fiscal year.

Social Work Community of Practice

Open to all SA/DVTC Social Workers, the Social Work Community of Practice (SWCOP) met bi-monthly via Zoom. As Dale Cornish, York, concluded her co-chair term, Heather Howe, Peterborough, will join Marli Nicol, Lanark, as a new co-chair for the SWCOP. During these meetings, Social Workers supported each other and explored strategies for navigating the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on programs and clinical practice. Meetings also presented opportunities to enhance knowledge and clinical practice through peer support, information, resource sharing and participation in formal training and professional development opportunities within and outside of the Network. After identifying a need for a more organized and centralized space, social workers were moved over to the eLearning platform where SWCOP meeting minutes, agendas and resources can now be more easily found. Feedback on the page has been extremely positive, with requests to see how the platform could be further expanded for education and resource sharing purposes.



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NURSING EDUCATION

Pelvic Model Training Webinar August 11, 2022

When in-person, SANE Training included a gynecological exam with professional patients as an add-on for those who required additional support. Since transitioning to a virtual format, programs have indicated support for building this skill within nurses as a need. The Network, therefore, purchased pelvic models for all programs for teaching purposes. In addition, Beth McAllister, program leader for Brantford, provided training specific to our programs on how to instruct their nurses using the standard pelvic model. The webinar was well-attended by program leaders and program educators and included a recording made available to all nurses on the eLearning Platform.

Virtual SANE Training

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training continued in a virtual format in 2022-2023 and was held every four months over five weeks. Training was provided May 17 – June 14, October 4 – November 1, 2022, and January 31 – February 28, 2023. In total, 58 nurses from across the province attended Virtual SANE Training. Requirements for attendance continued to include completion of program-specific orientation, the Trans-Affirming Care modules, SANE Online modules, and clinical shadowing experience. In addition, a comprehensive Course Package was compiled to better provide nurses with the presentations, resources, breakout group assignments, and assigned homework activities. This enhanced Course Package has significantly improved participation and preparedness among attendees—links within the package direct nurses to the accompanying course on the eLearning Platform.

A group of six forensic nurses from various centres continued to provide Virtual SANE Training in pairs.

NURSING EDUCATION

IAFN

The 2022 International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice was held in person in Dallas, Texas, as well as virtually. The conference was hosted by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, which also celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Network offered support for up to two nurses per centre to attend the virtual conference, which was available from October 17 to November 21, 2022. IAFN2022 included on-demand sessions featuring audio and slideshow presentations, live events, poster presentations, and exhibits. In total, 52 nurses from various centres attended the training.

SANE Refresher Day March 7, 2023

The Network held its second SANE Refresher training for nurses across the province, following the positive feedback received for the previous training. The Refresher was open to nurses who did not attend the previous training or Virtual SANE Training in the last three fiscal years. The virtual format of the training consisted of Network updates as well as a pediatric review, incorporating cases, and several presentations on key areas of SA/DV care (evidence collection, physical assessment, documentation, STI and pregnancy). The afternoon consisted of breakout group discussions where attendees were asked to present a case of theirs for peer review. In addition, a presentation by Crown Attorney Jill Witkin consisted of tips for testifying. In total, 33 nurses attended from 21 centres. Feedback demonstrated an interest in future refreshers and the value of the learning experience.

NURSING EDUCATION

Program Educator Workshops

Monthly Program Educator Workshops have been established to cover specific nurse orientation topics, as identified through a learning needs survey. Workshops covered forensic photography, head-to-toe assessment and documentation of injuries, forensic evidence collection, vicarious trauma, anogenital examinations, sexual assault evidence kit paperwork update, duty to report, strangulation assessment and documentation, and cranial nerve assessment. Speakers ranged from the Network's Forensic Educators, CAS from Peel region, the Centre for Forensic Sciences, and nurses with content expertise from Network treatment centres. Results from a second learning needs survey will inform the planning of workshops in the coming fiscal year.

Sex Trafficking Module

Work continued on a Sex Trafficking module intended specifically for SA/DVTC clinicians to increase knowledge about sex trafficking. This module will aim to standardize our approach to care for victims/survivors. The module will be made available to all Network clinicians on the eLearning Platform once developed.

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NURSING EDUCATION

Sexual Assault Care in Northern Ontario Nursing Stations Training

The Network received a grant from Indigenous Services Canada to develop training for nurses working at northern nursing stations to increase the option for the provision of care locally. Three online modules, a resource manual, and a series of webinars were developed. The modules were hosted on the Network platform until December 2022 and then transferred to the First Nations Indigenous Health Branch-Ontario Region (FNIHB-OR) learning platform in January 2023 to continue to provide online education. In total, 174 participants enrolled in the course. In total, 68 participants completed the training, and 37 were in progress. An additional 69 participants were enrolled but had not begun the training.

Three webinars were developed to be a review of each module along with an opportunity for questions and answers. The webinars were held April 7th, June 2nd, and October 20th. The webinar speaker, Lorena Beaulieu RN, was a member of the project's advisory and is the Clinical Program Lead for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre SA/DVTC. Webinars were scheduled based on the number of registered nurses who had begun the training or had completed it. In total, 106 nurses attended the webinars. Although the webinars were intended as a review, the webinars were open to all nurses interested in attending. As such, several nurses registered for the modules after attending a webinar



SOCIAL WORKER EDUCATION

As part of an ongoing initiative to support the educational needs of SA/DVTC social workers, the Social Work Community of Practice developed an education plan to address the learning needs of the Network's social workers. From this plan, the following training events were organized.

Through November and December, Dr Anita Federici provided four half-day workshops for social workers at Ontario SA/DVTC titled *Treating Trauma in the Context of an Eating Disorder*. The workshops provided a comprehensive understanding of trauma and eating disorders and how clinicians can support clients.

Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing Consultations (EMDR)

Two social workers attended Virtual EMDR training by the Niagara Stress and Trauma Clinic. EMDR is an internationally recognized effective treatment for symptoms of stress and trauma, including PTSD, anxiety, and depression. The virtual program is delivered over eight days consisting of four training 'weekends' of two days each. Given the practical components of the training program, social workers can apply this evidence-based treatment immediately within their practice.

Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) Consultations with Vicki Vopni

The Network continues to provide monthly EMDR consultations, facilitated by Vicki Vopni, to all the Network's EMDR-trained Social Workers. Clinicians were invited to self-register for a minimum of two sessions throughout the year. Conducted on Zoom, these sessions offered the opportunity for EMDR-trained social workers to continue to develop their skills and knowledge with this therapeutic intervention. The sessions were well attended, and there is interest in EMDR sessions that are more specific, such as EMDR in the context of Limited Sessions and Dissociation specific.

E-LEARNING PLATFORM

Summary of eLearning Platform Features



Resources and documentation continued to be added to the Network Documentation Page on the Network's eLearning Platform. The resources and documents are still organized by topic, and a section was added for the newly created and translated "Caring for yourself" handout for victims/survivors. Also new this year, an Outreach Materials selection was added to this page. While it currently contains materials related to the Network's Navigation Line and an updated Bookmark geared towards students, this section presents a unique opportunity to support the Network's Treatment Centres in their Outreach efforts.



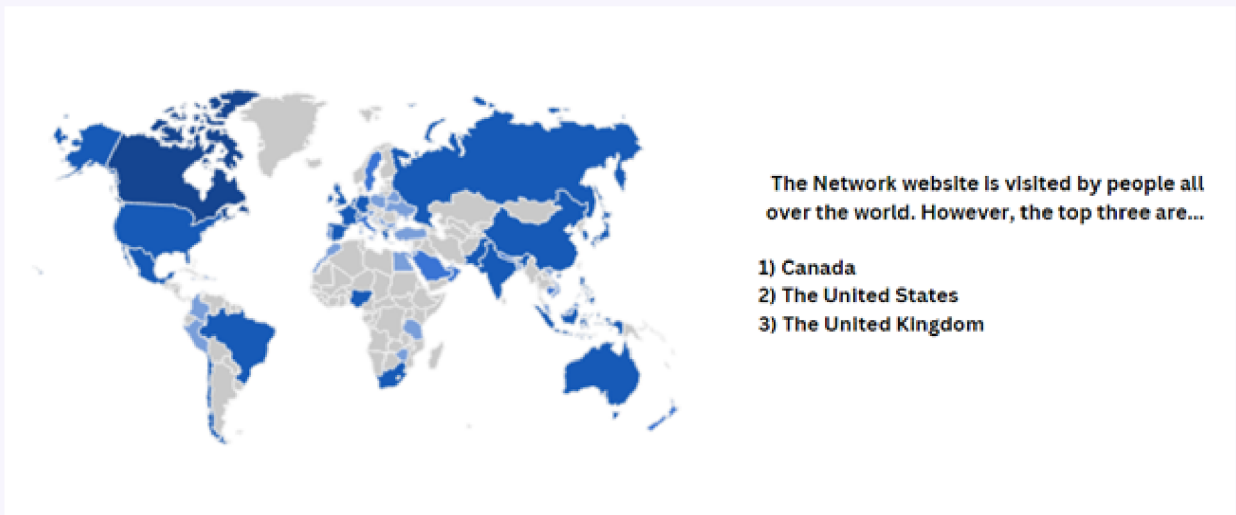
During the previous fiscal year, the eLearning Platform was leveraged to create a resource page that educators could access for related materials and presentations. This fiscal year, more resources related to the program educator workshops, notably presentations and any recordings, links to external resources, and handouts were added. This page continues to receive positive feedback from the group and remains a go to source for a source of information.

NETWORK WEBSITE



Over the past year, the Network’s Website continued to be updated to include new features to promote awareness of services and accessibility. Resources such as a newly developed Network Bookmark and resources related to the Navigation Line were added. Due to the functionality of the Network’s eLearning platform, the Network is now no longer requiring staff to have an account to the Member Area of the Network’s website. This area of the website will be removed in the next fiscal year.

Analytic Overview:



Top Website Referrals

- 1.  Organic Google Search
- 2.  Ontario.ca
- 3.  Canada.ca

Most Visited Page

'Find a Centre'

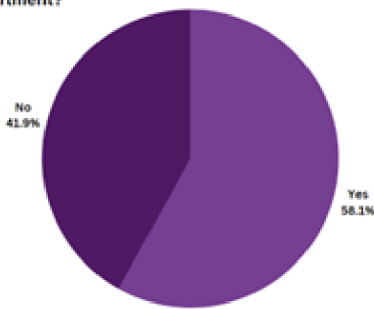


EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TRAINING

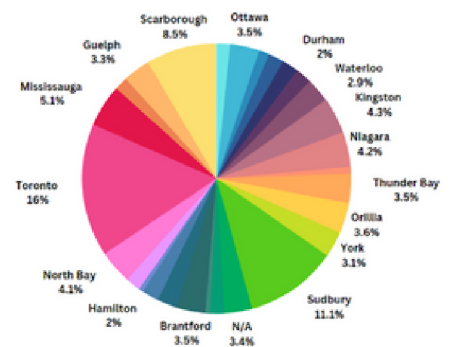
Emergency Department Training

Available on the Network Website, our Emergency Department Staff Training Module provides education and instruction on the care of victims/survivors of sexual assault in emergency departments. The training includes an overview of the established procedures for collaborating with Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre Staff, provincially relevant resources, information on HIV PEP and the Network’s Navigation Line. To date, **1,272** people have completed this training.

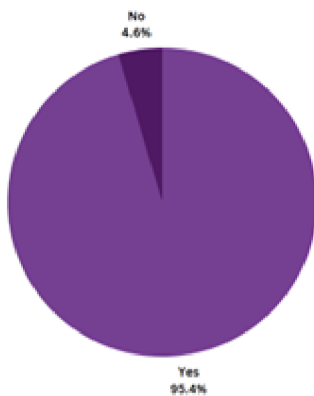
Work in an Emergency Department?



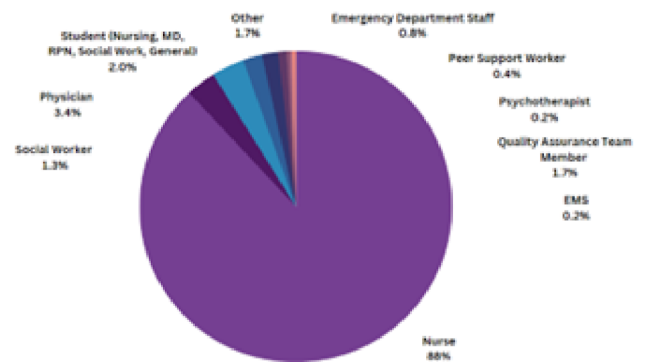
Location



In Ontario?



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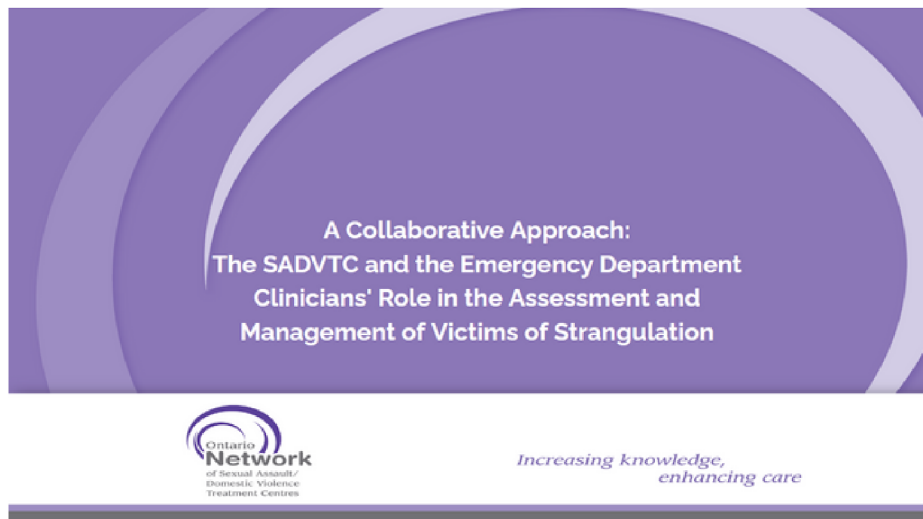


Other include the following: Research Assistant, Human Resources Person, Teacher, Police, Patient, Unit Aid Care Person, First Aid Support, Senior Orthopedic Technologist, Community Mobilization Team Member, Facilitator at a Homeless Shelter, Security at a hospital, CSA, and a patient of an ON SA/DVTC.

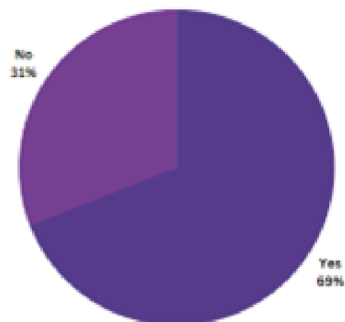
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STRANGULATION WEBINAR

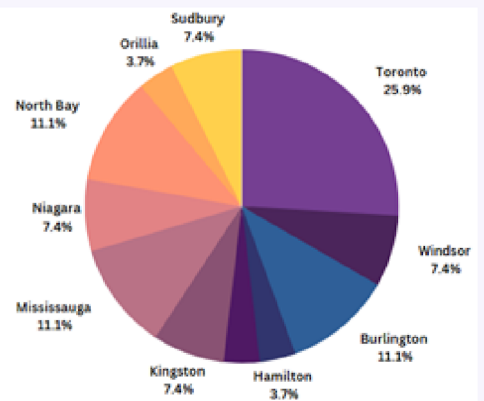
In 2022, the Network hosted a Webinar presenting the collaboration between an SADVTC and an Emergency Department Clinician, outlining the comprehensive medical care a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence may receive if they had expected strangulation during an assault. The webinar is accessible on the Network website under the Training section.



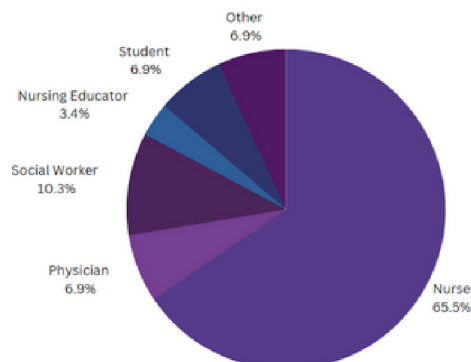
Do you work in an Emergency Department?



Location



Profession





SOCIAL MEDIA & OUTREACH

The Network participated in several awareness campaigns during 2022-2023. Here are some of the top highlights of the year!

#SexualAssaultAwarenessMonth

The Network took to social media to spread awareness, information, and the resources available to victims/survivors of sexual assault for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Messages of support and retweets from other organizations explaining their services, information, definitions, and infographics were widely shared throughout the month of May.

The Network even held a booth at Women's College Hospital to spread Awareness!



#DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth

The Network took to social media to share resources and information for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in November. These included messages of support, the sharing of resources across Ontario, and a link to the Network's 'find a centre' page

#ElderAbuseAwarenessDay

Taking part in Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Network took to social media to share its Violence Against Older Women Learning Modules for one week. Highlighting one of five modules each day, posts were shared to the Network's Twitter and Facebook pages. These modules were developed to focus on the strategies to address violence against older women.



SOCIAL MEDIA & OUTREACH

Social Media Engagement



1132 Page Likes



Of those who engage with content are between the ages of 25 and 34



Facebook posts reached over 1.8k people



10 New Followers



The Network's tweets have had over 300 Interactions



The Network's tweets were seen by over 2.7 K people



305 New Followers



The Network's Instagram profile was seen by more than 200 people



Of those who engage with content are between the ages of 25 and 34



151 profile visits!



50 New Followers

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RESEARCH INITIATIVES

The decades-long partnership between the Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres (SA/DVTCs) and Dr. Janice Du Mont of Women's College Research Institute, Women's College Hospital, has led to many innovations in SANE-led services. Founded on an integrated Knowledge Translation (iKT) approach, the partnership's iterative program of research has advanced knowledge, policy, and practice to optimize care for diverse survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse across Ontario. iKT emphasizes that knowledge users, including Network Program Managers/Coordinators and/or staff, should be involved in all stages of the research process, from initial visioning through to dissemination of the findings. In the past year, this partnership has continued to make significant strides in research in several ongoing projects to enhance the experiences of clients of SA/DVTCs. To learn more about the research projects, as well as for a list of related publications and products, see: <https://www.sadvttreatmentcentres.ca/research-listing/>

Mobilizing Partnerships to Advance a Provincial Intersectoral Network on Trans-Affirming Practice to Support Sexual Assault Survivors - the trans-LINK Project

Funded by an ongoing Partnership Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and in collaboration with an Advisory Group of trans community members and their allies, we have



continued to build an intersectoral network (the trans-LINK Network) to improve the SA/DVTC hospital-based and community responses to trans sexual assault survivors across Ontario. Research Priorities Survey. We developed a two-part survey using a systematic method developed by the Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative for determining and addressing gaps in research on responding to sexual assault and intimate partner violence against trans people. In 2021, surveys were launched to all SA/DVTCs and other relevant stakeholders through multiple recruitment channels. The analyses were conducted in Fall 2022, which revealed that the most highly ranked research priorities: 1) Training (e.g., for university/college students, educators, nurses, physicians, social workers, police, lawyers, and security guards); 2) Factors associated with disclosure to healthcare and other support settings among diverse survivors; and 3) Qualities/features of providers and services important to diverse trans people seeking supports. The results are under review by the Health Research Policy and Systems Journal (since December 2022). These priorities will inform our next steps in conducting research relevant to improving the response to trans survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence presenting to Ontario's SA/DVTCs and other services.

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RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Baseline Evaluation of Network. The overall findings from the baseline evaluation of the trans-LINK Network—revealing 378 unique/dyadic collaborations developed among the 119 member organizations providing direct service (82 community and 37 hospital-based SA/DVTCs) with high scores for value and trust—were published in early March 2023 in the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* (doi: 10.1097/phh.0000000000001699). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on SA/DVTC and other organizations' ability to collaborate with others in the network, including increased workload (77%), increased demand for services (57%), and technical and digital challenges (50%) were published in November 2022 in *Plos ONE* (doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0271397). The recommendations arising from the baseline evaluation will be used to advance the network and care for trans sexual assault and domestic violence survivors presenting to SA/DVTCs and other services.

Mobilizing Partnerships to Advance a National Intersectoral Network on Trans-Affirming Practice to Support Survivors of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence - the trans-LINK Canada Network

With seed funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, in 2022 and early 2023, we prepared a grant application to further grow the trans-LINK Network with the goal of connecting Ontario's SA/DVTCs with hospital-based violence treatment services and community organizations across the country to improve sexual assault and intimate partner violence care. Under the co-leadership of the Ontario Network of SA/DVTCs, trans survivors, and over 60 partnering organizations, we will focus on: i. the scope of sexual assault and intimate partner violence and contributing factors, ii. disclosure and reporting, iii. accessibility and appropriateness of supports, and iv. quality and implementation of education and training (priorities identified in our Research Priorities Survey). To advance new and existing research and resources, we have also proposed developing a freely accessible national knowledge hub specifically focused on supporting trans survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence for use by service providers working for and with Ontario's SA/DVTCs and similar hospital-based services in other provinces.

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RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Enhancing trans-affirming care for intimate partner violence survivors through the development of an e-learning curriculum for SA/DVTC staff and other relevant service providers

As part of the Ontario Network of SA/DVTCs' commitment to optimize care for diverse survivors of violence, we have undertaken a 3-year project, funded by the Government of Ontario, to develop, implement, and evaluate an innovative e-learning curriculum focused on enhancing the provision of trans-affirming care for survivors of intimate partner violence. As a first step in developing the e-learning curriculum, an online survey to better understand learning needs associated with supporting transgender and gender-diverse persons who have experienced intimate partner violence was distributed to the Ontario Network of SA/DVTC staff and their partners in the trans-LINK Network. One hundred sixty-three healthcare and social/community service providers completed the survey between November 2022 and February 2023. Most (66.3%) respondents described having provided professional support to trans survivors of IPV, but only one-third (38.0%) reported having received relevant training, and many of the trainings/resources cited were, in fact, focused on other forms of violence or trans health generally. The majority reported a mid (44.9%) or low-mid (28.5%) level of expertise and almost unanimously agreed that they would benefit from (further) training (99.4%). In March 2023, survey results were shared with 33 stakeholders who helped define goals and objectives for an e-learning curriculum using Jamboard, data from which were collated and organized into themes. One priority goal identified was the need for the curriculum to facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing, and (safe) referrals among organizations. Based on the findings from the needs assessment survey and stakeholder consultation, the curriculum is currently under development. This e-learning curriculum will be made freely available to all staff working across Ontario's SA/DVTCs, as well as their partners in the trans-LINK Network.

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LOOKING FORWARD: 2022-2023

In 2023-2024, we will continue with many of the activities of 2022-2023, which support the foundation of Network activities, being educational support to our clinicians, research, and community outreach.

We will also increase efforts to support communities locally in the provision of sexual assault care to survivors where geographical distances to our SA/DVTCs is a barrier.

Enhanced funding requests for nurse staffing to ensure 24-hour services and, where possible, increased service mobility to surrounding emergency departments will also continue. Utilizing the navigation line nurses to provide support to northern nursing stations is another opportunity to support local clinicians.

The five-year Network Strategic Plan will be reviewed and revised by the end of the fiscal year, which will include an equity strategy to ensure all our work is reflective of our diverse populations across the province.

Updates will continue to be made to the Network's eLearning Platform to support the educational needs of the Network's clinicians who facilitate care. The Network's website will also undergo updates, which will ensure the accessibility of resources for both victims/survivors and healthcare providers through a newly developed resource library. In an effort to continually standardize care and processes across treatment centres, further work will be done to standardize documentation tools such as the Network's Sexual Assault Documentation and Domestic Violence Documentation, Guidelines for HIV PEP and medical care and release of information practices will also be worked on.

Updating the HIV PEP online learning modules will reflect changes from the HIV PEP Guidelines.

As SANE training will remain virtual, discussion is underway for the development of an in-person skills lab to provide nurses with the opportunity to get together with "hands-on" clinical experiences.

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LOOKING FORWARD: 2022-2023

In the coming months, clinicians will continue to be trained and onboarded to the Database ahead of launching at their own SA/DVTC. Continued efforts will be made to obtain signed Data Sharing Agreements from each centre. We anticipate all centres will follow suit in launching the Network Database as their primary statistics reporting method.

As the province adjusts to managing new variants of the COVID-19 virus and the distribution of vaccinations, the Network will remain cautious as to in-person gatherings, remaining virtual to host meetings and education activities in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. As Ontario adapts to a new 'normal,' the Network strives to enhance the capacity for treatment centres to respond to victims/survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

We look forward to the activities of 2023-2024!

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thank you

Thank you to all SA/DVTC staff and clinicians for your dedication and commitment to excellent patient care



Brantford | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Team, Brantford General Hospital

Brockville | Assault Response & Care Centre of Leeds and Grenville, Brockville General Hospital

Burlington | Nina's Place, Joseph Brant Hospital

Chatham-Kent | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

Cornwall | Assault and Sexual Abuse Program (ASAP), Cornwall Community Hospital

Dryden | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program, Dryden Regional Health Centre

Durham Region | Durham Region Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Care Centre, Lakeridge Health Oshawa

Guelph | Guelph-Wellington County Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, Guelph General Hospital

Hamilton | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre, McMaster University Medical Centre

Hawkesbury | Care Program for Victims of Assault, Hawkesbury and District General Hospital

Kenora | Sexual Assault/Partner Abuse Program, Lake of The Woods District Hospital

Kingston | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program, Kingston Health Sciences Centre (Kingston General Hospital)

Lanark County | Lanark County Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program, Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital

London | Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, St. Joseph's Hospital

Manitowlin | Sexual & Domestic Violence Services - Ka Naad Maa Go, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

Mississauga | Chantel's Place, Trillium Health Partners (Mississauga Hospital Site)

Niagara Region | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Program, Niagara Health System (St. Catharines General Site)

North Bay | Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Program, North Bay Regional Health Centre

Orangeville | Headwater Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Program, Headwaters Health Care Centre

Orillia | Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital

Ottawa | Sexual Assault Partner Abuse Care Program, The Ottawa Hospital

Ottawa Pediatric | Ottawa Pediatric Sexual Assault, Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

Owen Sound | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre, The Grey Bruce Regional Health Centre

Peterborough | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre, Women's Health Care Centre (Peterborough Regional Health Centre)

Renfrew County | Regional Assault Care Program, Renfrew Victoria Hospital

Sarnia | Sexual Assault/Domestic Assault Treatment Centre, Bluewater Health

Sault Ste Marie | Sexual Assault Care Centre/Partner Assault Clinic, Sault Area Hospital

Scarborough | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre, Scarborough and Rouge Hospital

Sioux Lookout | Sexual Assault Care and Domestic Violence Treatment Program, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre

Sudbury | Violence Intervention & Prevention Program, Health Sciences North

Thunder Bay | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Program, Thunder Bay Regional HSC

Toronto | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre Women's College Hospital

Toronto Pediatric | Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Program (SCAN), The Hospital For Sick Children

Trenton | Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Program, Quinte Health Care (Trenton Site)

Waterloo | Waterloo Region Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centre, St. Mary's General Hospital

Windsor | Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence and Safekids Care Centre, Windsor Regional Hospital Metropolitan Campus

York Region | Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Care Centre, Mackenzie Health