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Dear Colleagues and Friends of FRIS,

With June 22, 2012 marking the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, this report overviews the work that began a new decade focused on preventing sexual violence while ensuring the best possible services for victims.

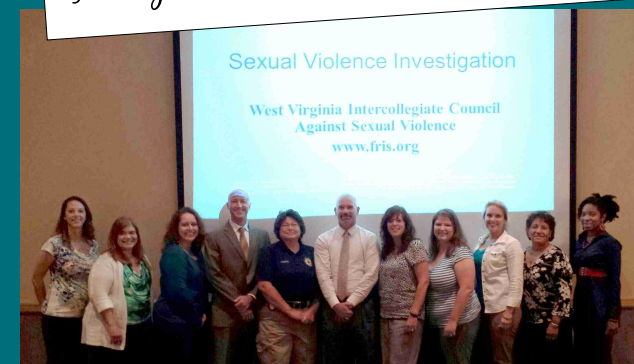
Thirty years ago FRIS was formed through a collaborative effort of four rape crisis centers (with one founding member, Judy King, still an active member of the FRIS board). In 2012-13 FRIS provided seed monies to begin expanding services to a 10th area of the state. Although expansion is slow, we are still committed to outreach efforts.

Thirty years ago FRIS had two contractual, very part-time 'staff', no phone, one grant, and a budget of about \$25,000 to be shared among the rape crisis centers. In 2012-13, with seven full-time and two part-time staff and a budget of \$1.5 million, the activities during the past year alone included 29 training events, new resources (four toolkits, an online training academy), legislation impacting victims, participation in ten state level collaboratives as well as the myriad of activities and services provided by the local rape crisis centers supported through funding secured and disbursed through FRIS.

Although we do not 'celebrate' that the need for this work continues, we celebrate and recognize the passionate and compassionate individuals who are committed to staying on this journey with us for as long as it takes to end sexual violence and stalking in West Virginia.

With thanks and appreciation,

*Nancy*



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**Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault  
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304-255-2559 / TTY 1-888-825-7836

## MISSION:

To promote the compassionate and just treatment of survivors and their loved ones; foster collaborative relationships; and create attitudinal and behavioral changes around sexual violence and stalking through education, victim services, and social change.

## VISION:

To eliminate sexual violence and stalking and to alleviate the suffering of those who have been victimized.

## TRAININGS

Enhancing the skills of first responders to sexual violence and stalking were priority activities in 2012–13. Special topics included focusing on the implementation of the new Personal Safety Order, forensic evidence collection, prison rape and a series of regional SART trainings on working with victims with disabilities.

### COLLEGE TRAININGS

West Virginia Sexual Violence Training and Prevention Resource Toolkit for College Campuses

West Virginia Prevention and Interpersonal Violence Intervention Training Toolkit: Law Enforcement and Security Edition

### SART TRAININGS

Barbour/Upshur SART Training  
Cabell County SART Training  
Fayette County SART Training  
Greenbrier County SART Training  
Harrison County SART Training  
Jackson County SART Training  
Marion County SART Training  
Mason County SART Training  
Monongalia County SART Training  
Preston County SART Training

### HOSPITAL TRAININGS

Davis Memorial  
Fairmont General Hospital  
Greenbrier Valley Medical Center

### SANE Trainings

SANE Training—MUFSC  
SANE Training—Raleigh County SART  
SANE Training—WVU

### NATIONAL WEBINARS

National Sexual Assault Coalition  
Resource Sharing Project  
National Institute for Justice  
SANE-SART Online Project

### OTHER TRAININGS

13th Annual Sexual Assault and Stalking Symposium  
Law Enforcement Training—SV Investigation  
Law Enforcement TOT—SV Investigation  
Personal Safety Order—Webinar Sponsored by Legal Aid  
Prevention Resource Officers  
Personal Safety Order—PSIMED Staff  
Regional Jails  
Reproductive Coercion—(2 Trainings)  
Marshall University  
United Hospital Center  
Sexual Violence 101—Regional Jails  
Violence and Injury Prevention Program—State Conference

## NEW RESOURCES LAUNCHED

**Sexual Assault Services Training Academy (SASTA)**—an online training for first responders currently with 28 training modules on key topics such as crisis intervention, safety planning, WV laws, accommodations for victims with disabilities, and assessing program accessibility

**New Data Base for Rape Crisis Centers**—for the first time all of the rape crisis centers are electronically linked to submit expanded data on both services and prevention programs

**Stalking Resource Kits**—1500 kits designed to document and prevent stalking were compiled and distributed to law enforcement and advocates

**West Virginia Prevention and Interpersonal Violence Intervention Training Toolkit: Law Enforcement and Security Edition**—an extensive resource to assist in training campus law enforcement and security on responding to, investigating and preventing interpersonal violence

**West Virginia Sexual Violence Training and Prevention Resource Toolkits**—a series of comprehensive electronic resources provide extensive information on sexual violence and include a readiness self-assessment tool, a compilation of training and prevention resources, and sample policies

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In the 2013 legislative session, the following bills passed that impacted victims of sexual violence and stalking:

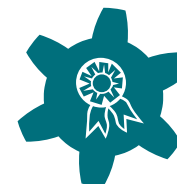


### Personal Safety Order Modifications.

Harassment was removed as an eligible offense under this protective order, repeated credible threats of bodily injury was added, and the venue for filing was clarified.

**Stalking Rules.** Extensive rules for law enforcement responding to/investigating incidents of stalking were developed.

**Sexting.** This new statute provides a pre-petition diversion and informal resolution option in advance of a filed petition for juveniles.



## AWARDS

### Visionary Voice Award Recipient

West Virginia's 2013 Visionary Voice Award Recipient (a recognition sponsored by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center) is David Miller. David Miller has been a true ally in this field. In his role as supervisor of the Evidence Processing Section at the State's Forensic Crime Lab, he has been tireless in his efforts to ensure that sex crime kits in the State are tested as thoroughly and expediently as possible. Although his work requires long hours both at the lab and in testifying in court, he still finds the time to assist our coalition with trainings of sexual assault response teams (SARTs) in the State, participate on the WV SANE Advisory Board, and continuously update the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit components and documentation. He worked with FRIS in updating the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Application (SAKiTA)—a resource that can help identify training needs regarding evidence collection. West Virginia is fortunate to have such a compassionate and dedicated person in the role of supervisor of the lab's Evidence Processing Section, one who is sensitive to the needs of sexual assault victims and committed to providing them with the best services possible.

### Vagina Warrior Award

FRIS was honored to be the recipient of the 2nd Annual Ruth Kershner Vagina Warrior Award presented by West Virginia University's V-Day and Gender Equality Movement 'in recognition of [our] ongoing commitment to stopping violence against women and girls.'

## GRANT NEWS

Two new grants were secured, with funds invested in the following West Virginia projects:



**Benedum Foundation:** FRIS is developing an in-state SANE training program. It will include 24 hours of online training and 16 hours in a classroom setting presented by in-state regional trainers. Having, for the first time, the availability of in-state SANE trainings will increase the accessibility of the training for the State's nurses. The target implementation date is January 2014.

**Campus Grant:** This Office on Violence Against Women grant partners nine college campuses: Fairmont State University (the applicant entity for the project), Concord University, Davis and Elkins College, Glenville State College, Marshall University, Shepherd University, the West Virginia Osteopathic School of Medicine, West Virginia State University and West Virginia Wesleyan College as well as the Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services. FRIS is coordinating the project for the West Virginia Intercollegiate Council Against Sexual Violence. This three year grant will strengthen training for campus law enforcement/security and judicial boards on responding to reports of sexual/dating/domestic violence and stalking as well as enhance prevention programs for all incoming students.

## COLLABORATIONS

FRIS is fortunate to have many stakeholders in this work.

Partnerships that FRIS facilitates include:

Key Players in Sexual Violence Prevention  
Rural Advocate Network  
WV Intercollegiate Council Against Sexual Violence  
WV Medical Response to Children  
WV SANE Advisory Board  
WV Sexual Assault Response Technical Team

Other collaborations on which FRIS participates include:

Abuse in Later Life work group  
Children's Justice Task Force  
Teen Dating Violence work group  
Violence Against Women Collaborative  
West Virginia Anti-Bullying Coalition  
West Virginia Medical Response to Children