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Awareness Event Goes Viral

In May, an online review of a Morgantown restaurant stated that the wait staff should “show more skin.” The owner was offended by the comment and publicly responded by saying that they would “show more skin” by donating the proceeds from the sale of potato skins over Memorial Day weekend to FRIS. His response attracted attention from all over the world, generating awareness of the objectification of women and thousands of dollars from numerous additional generous donors to support FRIS’ work. FRIS utilized the “No More” campaign to offer restaurant patrons the opportunity to write down why they say “No More” to sexual violence, Some of those personal, insightful and powerful comments are shared throughout this annual report and will be utilized in upcoming awareness activities.

Website Traffic

A total of 27,865 new visitors from over 100 countries utilized FRIS’ website during the 12 month period. Top pages visited included the laws (both state and federal), stalking/harassment, crisis centers, campus sexual violence, printed resources, and the victim information guide. Page visits spiked during May’s “No More” event.

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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.

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FRIS would like to thank the following leaders who supported our work in 2013-2014:

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, U.S. Department of Justice through the Office on Violence Against Women, the West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services (STOP Violence Against Women and SARS Funding), the State of West Virginia and the Benedum Foundation.
Children and Youth
The WV Sexual Violence Training and Prevention Resources Toolkit for School-Aged Children and Youth was piloted in four counties with targeted groups:
- Clay — school personnel
- Greenbrier — community preventionists
- Monongalia—school personnel
- Wood—community preventionists

College Campuses
Topics and presenters included:
- Title IX: Office for Civil Rights
- Bystander Intervention by FRIS staff for Davis & Elkins College resident assistants

People With Disabilities
A collaboration with (Northern WV Center for Independent Living (NWVCIL), WV Division of Rehabilitation Services, WV Statewide Independent Living Council and Fair Shake Network resulted in a two-day training for disability service providers in the state, where the WV S.A.F.E. Intervention toolkit was reviewed and distributed for the first time with that target population.

Two SART trainings were dedicated to serving victim with disabilities, with trainings also held in two counties and with one disability service provider:
- Ohio County
- Kanawha County SART
- Berkeley/Morgan County SARTs
- WV Center for Excellence in Disabilities

Older Adults
FRIS partnered with the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence on an abuse in later life project and presented at three trainings:
- Greenbrier County
- McDowell County
- WV Summer Institute on Aging

Abuse in later life was also the focus of SART trainings in the following counties:
- Cabell
- Harrison
- Monongalia

Stalking
The revised personal safety order (PSO) provided an opportunity to train first responders on stalking in:
- Fayette County SART
- Jackson County SART
- Mason County SART
- Marion County SART
- Morgan County SART
- Preston County SART
- Upshur/Barbour County SARTs
- Wood County (law enforcement)

Community Prevention Efforts
Trainings targeted building the capacity of SARTs to provide prevention work in:
- Barbour/Upshur Counties
- Fayette County
- Jackson County
- Marion County
- Morgan County
- Preston County

Hospitals/SANEs
In addition to the launch of the 24-hour online SANE training, the following SANE trainings were facilitated:
- Pediatric SANE — Monongalia County
- Training of in-state SANE faculty

Trainings were provided to hospital staff at:
- Camden Clark Hospital
- Charleston Area Medical Center
- Point Pleasant Hospital
- Wetzel County Hospital

Evaluating Prevention Programs
A series of three trainings was held with the state’s Prevention Education Specialists as FRIS worked to build their capacity to evaluate local prevention programs.

Other Trainings
Three unique trainings were coordinated:
- 14th Annual Sexual Assault and Stalking Symposium, with over 200 professionals attending
- SART 101 Training at Concord College
- “Why a Penny Matters”—a financial training with the rape crisis centers

WEST VIRGINIA GOES SANE
2013-14 was the year for SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners), as several multi-year SANE projects culminated:
- A 24-hour on-line SANE course was developed and launched in late June, enabling free access to training for nurses interested in becoming SANEs.
- A faculty of 6 nurses was trained to provide the 16-hour classroom component of the 40-hour SANE training. The nurses, geographically dispersed throughout the state, each received a training resource kit to facilitate regional trainings and increase access to this portion of the training.
- The legislature passed a bill creating a state-level SANE Commission. The Commission will be working to create a standard of care for forensic exams and require every county to have a protocol for exams.

VISIONARY VOICE AWARD RECIPIENT
FRIS’ selection for the 2014 Visionary Voice Award was Marshall University Forensic Science Center (MUFSC). Since 2003, MUFSC has partnered with FRIS on numerous projects, including sponsoring semi-annual SANE trainings for many years when no other funds were available to conduct the trainings; creating, hosting and supporting FRIS’ website so that information on sexual violence is readily available; and creating a sex crime kit tracking application that is currently being used by the WV State Police Crime Lab. An ambitious project that was launched in June 2014 was the creation of a 24-hour online SANE course as part of the online Sexual Assault Services Training Academy (SASTA), which is a partnership of MUFSC, FRIS, and West Virginia University. The in-kind support provided by MUFSC has enabled West Virginia to better train first responders to sexual assault through innovative, accessible training resources and ultimately improve services for victims in the state.

RESOURCES DEVELOPED
- WV Prevention and Interpersonal Violence Intervention Training Toolkit—Prevention Edition: This comprehensive resource was created and distributed to assist college campuses in conducting effective prevention and awareness programs.
- In-state SANE Training Course: A 24-hour online course, coupled with 16-hours of classroom training, created the first ongoing, in-state SANE training opportunity for West Virginia nurses.
- Print Resources: A brochure on stalking was revised, incorporating recent changes in the personal safety order. A new brochure specifically for victims was created and distributed. Campus resources were developed, including posters on interpersonal and sexual violence as well as consent and a tip card on bystander intervention.
- Data Base: The state’s rape crisis centers prepared to participate in yet another transition as FRIS and the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence worked to jointly create a new, expanded database to be launched in July 2014.
- Evaluation Resource Toolkit: FRIS partnered with a West Virginia University doctoral student on a project to build the evaluation capacity of the local Prevention Education Specialists. Three trainings were held and resources compiled to increase skills in such evaluation activities as identifying evaluation tools, creating SMART goals and logic models, and analyzing data.