

Questions to Ask Before Forming a SART

- Is the current response to sexual assault in your community adequate?
 - Why or why not?
- When a sexual assault occurs what happens, in your community, to victims?
- Is there a coordinated community response (multi-disciplinary, team approach) to sexual assault?
- Do you have other multidisciplinary responses to other issues?
 - Such as child abuse and domestic violence
- Do tribal and outside jurisdictional authorities work cooperatively with one another?
- How will a SART fit into other similar collaborative multidisciplinary efforts in your community?
- Has there been any community education/awareness on sexual assault?
- Are there medical services available to women who have been raped?
 - Are they culturally appropriate?
 - Are there nurses or physicians that might be interested in discussing the possibility of forming a SART?
- Is there a representative from a local law enforcement agency that has been aggressively responding to sexual assault crimes who may be willing to discuss the possibility of forming a SART?
- Is there a tribally based advocacy program?
 - Is there someone from the advocacy program who may be willing to provide some initial leadership to forming a steering committee?
- Are there tribal leaders that are seen as allies in addressing violence against Native women?
- Do you have tribal sexual assault laws that are adequate?
 - Do they need revisions?
- Does your community need a multidisciplinary response to sexual assault?