

State of Washington Sexual Abuse/Assault Services Standards

PREVENTION: SOCIAL CHANGE	
Definition	Promoting attitudes, behaviors and social conditions that will reduce and ultimately eliminate factors that cause or contribute to sexual violence.*
Goal	Impact the underlying causes of sexual violence through the shifting of ownership of solutions from social services to the community using a community development approach.
Duration	Varies with activities and opportunities.
Eligible Activities	<p>Any activities chosen from among the following must be part of a comprehensive community development plan for the prevention of sexual violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Establish relationships within communities, including underserved communities ■ Convene a community development process within a community you define and participate in its implementation.** ■ Community networking ■ Legislation/policy development ■ Training ■ Technical assistance ■ Focus group meetings ■ Community events ■ Public speaking/speaker's bureau ■ Stakeholder recruitment ■ Advisory group formation ■ Distribution of materials
Service Recipients	<p>Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community stakeholders, inclusive across systems and networks within the chosen community
Qualifications	<p>Social change efforts should be initiated and led by a Community Sexual Assault Program.</p> <p>All volunteer and paid staff must complete 30 hours of initial sexual abuse/assault training, and the 5-hour WCSAP prevention orientation or equivalent. 12 hours of on-going training is required annually. All training must be approved by the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs. The provider must be familiar with the dynamics of sexual abuse/assault and relevant community resources, as well as have an understanding of how medical, legal and social services respond to victims of sexual abuse/assault. Providers must have an understanding of the causes of sexual violence, prevention and social change theory, community development techniques and have demonstrated experience in educational techniques appropriate to their audience.</p> <p>Providers must be supervised by a paid staff person who has completed the 30 hours of initial sexual abuse/assault training and the 5-hour prevention orientation, and has two years of relevant experience. The supervisor should observe the provider's training on a periodic basis.</p>

*Sexual Violence is physical, emotional, social economic, cultural, spiritual, and/or political acts and/or behaviors that use sex and/or sexuality as tools of violence and oppression against children, youth, women and men.

**See Sexual Assault Prevention Plan for Washington State, August 1997; Page 16, section "Accomplishing Change" for a description of principles central to community development.

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PREVENTION: INFORMATION AND AWARENESS	
Definition	Informing the community and increasing the awareness of and knowledge about sexual abuse/assault.
Goal	To increase the willingness and ability of the community to take responsibility for the prevention of sexual abuse/assault.
Duration	Varies with activities and opportunities.
Eligible Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Outreach to underserved communities ■ Community education events ■ Public speaking/presentations ■ Distribution of materials ■ In-service training to staff, volunteers (See also CS-6 system coordination standard)
Service Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community groups ■ Service providers or groups from related systems ■ Underserved communities
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PREVENTION: BUILDING SKILLS	
Definition	Programs and presentations focused on building skills within the community to prevent sexual abuse/assault.
Goal	To build skills and develop strategies within the community to prevent sexual abuse/assault.
Duration	Varies with activities and opportunities.
Eligible Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Physical self-defense training ■ Personal safety skills ■ Skills to promote non-violent behavior
Service Recipients	Individuals and groups in schools, faith communities, the general community such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Children ■ Teens ■ Parents ■ Community members ■ Service providers
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