# **SAFE Act Overview**

SANE-ready hospitals webinar
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## What is KASAP?

Statewide coalition of the 13 rape crisis centers in Kentucky

Provides technical assistance to member programs and other professionals; advocates for improvements in public policy; fosters



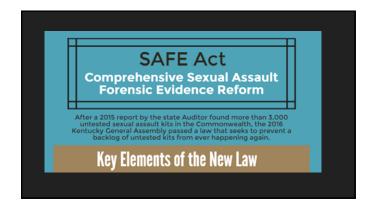
coalition-building among members and those with common concerns and promotes prevention and public awareness regarding sexual violence and related issues.

# What is SART-AC?

Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee

Empowered by state statute; co-chaired by KASAP and KSP

Make recommendations regarding protocols for performance of Sexual Assault Forensic-Medical Exams (SAFE exams) and operation of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), licensure of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), changes in laws, policies, and trainings related to sexual assault and sexual assault response.







# Other Key Elements of the SAFE Act Establishes SANE-ready designation CHFS will certify hospitals that have a SANE nurse on call 24/7, provide list of SANE-ready hospitals to EMS Increases Reporting Calls for collection of data related to sexual assault in Kentucky and analysis of costs of these crimes

### **Establishes Regional SARTs**

Requires SART AC to help set up regional teams

# **SAFE Act Requirements for Hospitals**

- If the victim chooses to report to law enforcement, the hospital shall notify law enforcement within 24 hours.
- All samples shall be stored for at least one year from the date of collection.
- Kits in non-reporting cases may be destroyed after a year. The victim shall be informed of this process at the time of the exam.

# **SANE-Ready Hospitals**

- CHFS shall designate as SANE-ready any acute care hospital that certifies it has a SANE nurse on call 24/7.
- CHFS shall maintain a list of SANE-ready hospitals and post the list on its website. CHFS shall provide the list to the state EMS board, which shall share it with local EMS providers.

# **SANE-Ready: Why?**

- Modeled after stroke-ready certification process
- Voluntary measure allows hospitals to educate the community about the services they provide
- Goal is to bring awareness to the importance of SANE nurses in providing high-quality care to victims in a timely manner