

# SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER TRAINING PROGRAM

## HRSA: Advanced Nursing Education (ANE)

Montana faces critical gaps in forensic medical care for sexual violence survivors, with over half of counties lacking adult SANEs and only 13% having pediatric SANEs. Survivors often travel over 250 miles for care, risking lost evidence and delayed treatment. With HRSA's ANE-SANE support, the Montana SANE Consortium (MSC) recruits, trains, and certifies RNs, APRNs, and FNs to expand statewide access.

### PROGRAM GOAL

We will expand Montana's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) workforce by up to 50 providers annually in both SANE-Adult/Adolescent and SANE-Pediatric specialties, and by an additional 10 providers specializing in Intimate Partner Violence. This growth will be supported through a comprehensive statewide training and support system. To overcome geographic and socioeconomic barriers, we will use virtual platforms to promote continuous learning and to foster a strong, connected community among SANEs. We engage with local communities, offering accessible skills training, and providing financial assistance for trainees.

### PROGRAM TIMELINE

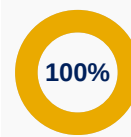


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*"I think it was the best training/education that I've had as far as an RN. The presenters were kind and made the topic easy to discuss and gave us so many opportunities for practice and questions."*  
-SANE Clinical Training Participant



**71** nurses enrolled in the Montana SANE Scholars Training Program, surpassing our Year One goal by **42%**

Seven clinical trainings completed or scheduled



## IMPACT & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### Why This Program Matters:

- Participants in our first year represent 19 counties across Montana, reflecting our commitment to expanding access to care in rural and frontier communities as the program grows.
- Partnerships with the Montana Department of Justice, University of Montana, and Montana Health Network strengthen our ability to serve communities across the state.

This program is funded through HRSA's Advanced Nursing Education-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (ANE-SANE) Program. A continued investment ensures Montana has the resources and support it needs to take care of our communities. Through ANE-SANE, survivors of sexual assault are able to seek care in locations without the additional burden of extensive travel, low staffing, and limited resources.

