

## **RESPONDING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT NEW MEXICO SANE PROGRAMS**

### **How to Respond to Sexual Assault**

1. If there is a **medical emergency**, respond to the medical need first; the SANE exam is always secondary to medical stability.
2. If the patient is age 13 or older, and based on patient consent and if the suspicion of sexual assault is within the previous 5 days/120 hours, contact the nearest Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's (SANE) Program to request an exam. (List of NM SANE Programs below.) There is no cost for this exam.
  - a. *If you do not have access to a nearby SANE program, contact your local hospital's Emergency Department to determine whether they are equipped to conduct a medical/forensic exam.*
3. Medical care related to the sexual assault is the primary concern in a SANE exam, and forensic evidence collection is always secondary. A sexual assault patient does not have to file a police report to receive SANE services. It is the patient's right, for example, to consent to a medical exam and treatment, and to not give consent for evidence collection or the filing of a police report.
4. The SANE exam is offered as options that are driven by patient consent. The patient can decline any part of the exam and/or evidence collection. Services may include testing for pregnancy and pregnancy contraception; treatment for sexually transmitted diseases; documentation of assault; treatment, documentation, and photography of injury; and evidence collection.
5. If the assault is recent, encourage the consumer (patient) not to shower, bathe, or otherwise clean up. If the consumer (patient) is still wearing the clothes worn during the assault, the SANE may ask to take the clothing but will provide replacement clothes.
6. The SANE nurses are on-call. They are not physically on-site waiting. You need to call to activate the SANE before presenting to the unit.
7. A SANE exam can take 2 to 4 hours; some exams take longer depending on injury. Exams can be scheduled within the 5 days/120 hours post assault.
8. If the patient is age 13 or older, and the assault occurred more than 5 days but less than 30 days prior, the patient can make an appointment at the nearest SANE Program for STI (sexually transmitted infection) treatment. There is no cost for this appointment. It is for STI treatment only, and does not include a physical exam or evidence collection.
9. The SANE exam for children ages 12 and under differs from the adult exam. The acute child sexual abuse exam is done within 72 hours of last suspected contact, while a deferred exam is scheduled for children who disclose well after 72 hours. Law enforcement, child protective services, and SANE will consult for child sexual abuse cases. If you are working

## Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs in New Mexico

with a consumer (patient) who is 12 years or younger, call the nearest SANE Program and the nurse will guide you through the process.

### **Alamogordo**

Otero/Lincoln County SANE Program  
Dawn Van Arnam  
MAIL: PO Box 2626 Alamogordo, NM 88310  
Lincoln County  
575-430-8353 phone  
575-430-9485 SANE dispatch  
[sane.alamogordo@gmail.com](mailto:sane.alamogordo@gmail.com)

### **Albuquerque**

Statewide SANE Coordinator Shantih Bisland  
New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs  
PHYSICAL: 3909 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, Suite 6 Albuquerque, NM 87111  
State-Wide  
505-883-8020 phone  
505-883-7530 fax  
[shantihb@nmcsap.org](mailto:shantihb@nmcsap.org)

Albuquerque SANE Collaborative  
Gail Starr  
MAIL: PO Box 37139 Albuquerque NM 87176  
PHYSICAL: 625 Silver SW Suite 2206 Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Bernalillo, Valencia, Sandoval & Torrance Counties  
505-883-8720 phone  
505-883-8715 fax  
505-884-7263 SANE dispatch  
[gail.starr@abqsane.org](mailto:gail.starr@abqsane.org)

Para Los Niños Program  
Dr. Leslie Strickler, Interim Medical Director  
PHYSICAL: 625 Silver Ave SW Albuquerque, NM 87102  
State-Wide  
*Child Sexual Abuse - scheduled evaluations*  
505-272-6849 phone  
505-272-6844 fax  
505-888-5332 Ask for pediatric triage  
[marychavez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:marychavez@salud.unm.edu)

## **Farmington**

Sexual Assault Services of Northwest NM  
Eleana Butler or Dianne Natonabah  
PHYSICAL: 622 West Maple Suite F Farmington, NM 87401  
San Juan, McKinley & Rio Arriba Counties  
505-325-2805 phone  
505-326-2557 fax  
505-326-4700 SANE dispatch  
1-866-908-4700 emergency  
[elianab@sasnwnm.org](mailto:elianab@sasnwnm.org) or [diannen@sasnwnm.org](mailto:diannen@sasnwnm.org)

## **Gallup**

Gallup Indian Medical Center  
Jean Proper  
PHYSICAL: 516 E Nizhoni Blvd Gallup, NM 87301  
McKinley County  
*Adults and Adolescents*  
505-722-1000 and ask to be transferred to ER SANE dispatch  
[jean.proper@ihs.gov](mailto:jean.proper@ihs.gov)

## **Hobbs**

Phoenix House SANE  
Gretchen Koether  
Mail: 710 East Cottonwood Lane  
Hobbs, NM 88242  
Physical: 221 E. Green Acres Hobbs, NM 88242  
Lea County  
575-942-1911 SANE dispatch  
[Thephoenixhousegretchen@gmail.com](mailto:Thephoenixhousegretchen@gmail.com)

## **Las Cruces**

Las Cruces La Piñon SANE Project  
Stacy Blazer-Clark  
MAIL: La Piñon SANE Project 850 North Motel Blvd., Suite B Las Cruces, NM 88007  
PHYSICAL: Memorial Medical Center 2450 South Telshor Las Cruces, NM 88011  
Doña Ana, Luna & Sierra Counties  
575-526-3437 SANE dispatch/La Piñon office

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888-595-7273 SANE dispatch  
[stacey@lapinon.org](mailto:stacey@lapinon.org)

### Portales

Arise Sexual Assault Services  
Leigh Ana Eugene or Tawnya Burton or Megan Manasco  
MAIL: Roosevelt General Hospital PO Drawer 868 Portales, NM 88130  
Roosevelt, Curry, Lea & Quay Counties  
575-226-7263 SANE dispatch  
575-226-4664 fax  
[leigh@arisenm.org](mailto:leigh@arisenm.org) or [tawnya@arisenm.org](mailto:tawnya@arisenm.org) or [megan@arisenm.org](mailto:megan@arisenm.org)

### Roswell

I Can Survive Roswell Refuge SANE Project  
Kim Hansen  
MAIL: Roswell Refuge 1215 N. Garden Roswell, NM 88203  
Chaves County  
575-627-8361 phone  
575-627-5359 fax  
[babynurse\\_88201@hotmail.com](mailto:babynurse_88201@hotmail.com)

### Santa Fe

Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center SANE Program  
Colleen Dearmin  
MAIL: 455 St. Michael Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505  
PHYSICAL: 6601 Valentine Way Santa Fe, NM 87507  
Santa Fe, Sandoval, San Miguel & Rio Arriba Counties  
505-913-4999 main phone  
505-982-4917 fax  
505-989-5952 SANE dispatch  
[colleen.dearmin@stvin.org](mailto:colleen.dearmin@stvin.org)

### Silver City

Silver Regional Sexual Assault Support Services and SANE  
Chelsea Cooper  
MAIL: 905 N. Hudson, Silver City, NM 88061  
PHYSICAL: La Clinica 3201 N Ridge Loop Drive Silver City, NM 88061  
Grant, Hidalgo & Luna Counties

## Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs in New Mexico

575-313-6203 main phone  
575-388-4251 SANE clinic  
575-388-1690 fax  
866-750-6474 emergency  
[sassexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:sassexecutivedirector@gmail.com)

### **Taos**

Taos/Holy Cross Hospital SANE Program  
Josephine Brown  
PHYSICAL: 1329 Gusdorf Road Taos, NM 87571  
575-751-8990 main phone  
575-758-8883 SANE dispatch  
[jbrown@taoshospital.org](mailto:jbrown@taoshospital.org)