Empowered Survivors: How to AMPLIFY Their Voices
Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center

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Objectives:
As a result of this session, participants will be better able to:

1. Identify & cultivate empowered survivors in their community
2. Utilize concrete tools, ideas & inspiration in their agencies to engage & sustain relationships with survivors
3. Learn how other communities have successfully integrated survivors into their agencies & mission
4. Gain insight through a real life example of the global effect one survivor can create
How are you & your agency connecting with survivors now?

What would you like to see more of?
Who is an empowered survivor?

Discussion: traits, behaviors
Survivor Action Team

Who are we?
What have we done to date?

- What were you Wearing? Exhibit
- Survivor Art display
- Theater Performance Show
- Speakers Bureau:

FDLE Academy, SANE, Campus, High Schools, Youth Summit, Faith Based & LGBTQ community, SART member agencies, media, state and national conferences, SAAM +
What Were You Wearing?
Media Training & Appreciation Days
Ceremony in the Garden
Field of Hope
Survivor Retreat
Public Service Announcement
CNN documentary
Field of Hope Survivor Speak out
You’ve decided to form a team.

What’s next?
Getting the word out

- Flyer invite
- Social media invite
- Announce at every opportunity: meetings, trainings, media interviews
- Personal discussions
- All of YOUR agency involvement & on board
- Therapists
- Survivor leaders
- Local survivors in media – reach out to them
- Other agencies
- Public Service Announcement
You are invited!!!

Palm Beach County Victim Services
& Certified Rape Crisis Center
Palm Beach County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
Survivor Action Team Meeting

Palm Beach County Victim Service’s & Certified Rape Crisis Center Mission/Vision:
Justice for all Crime Victims - With compassion and respect, we assist victims of sexual
assault, domestic violence, homicide and other violent crimes through crisis response,
advocacy, therapy and community awareness.

Survivor Action Team Purpose: Through coordinated planning of special events, the Survivor
Action Team can raise awareness, media attention and national momentum for ending and
preventing sexual violence. And...to change the world!

Who: Any sexual assault survivors who want to move forward with
reaching out to the community and help bring awareness to these
issues. All genders are invited!

What: Survivor Action Team meeting

When: Call for dates & times

Location: 4210 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33467

Why: To change the world!!

Facilitators: Sharon Daugherty, Sexual Assault Outreach Coordinator
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You get the call...now what?
Organizational Survivor Vetting Flowchart
The Survivor Action Team

Interview Process

- The interview & the results
- After we discuss the process, you’ll form groups of 3
- You’ll then have the opportunity to practice holding an interview today
- We’ll then reform as a group for discussion.
1. Discuss the SART Mission & Survivor Action Team Purpose
2. Review opportunities for involvement, boundaries & expectations
3. Ask the Interview questions. Review all q’s to assure they’ve been answered.
4. Determine level of participation level at end of interview unless need for further discussion between interviewers.
If appropriate:

5. invite to next SAT meeting and/or participation in other events

6. Add new members name to invite lists, (Community Action Network, SART, SAT meetings) send welcome message to all other SAT members, ask for their bio
If not appropriate:

7. Discuss why with the survivor at end of meeting

8. Refer to Victim Services Therapy Coordinator or other resources if survivor is open to it
Practice interviewing
20 minutes
KEEP CALM AND COME BACK !!!
Handling Issues:

- Is crying while presenting ok? Do they become tangential, triggered, etc.
- Asking someone to step down
- Conflict resolution – between members ex. Jennie
- Boundaries with other staff: may be their advocate or therapist ex. Marsha
Holding them up in the highest esteem:

- They all have regular jobs – Respect their time & schedules
- Relate & care on a personal level - They do
- They are volunteers
- Pay for their mileage, food, etc. when you can
- Consider a gift now & then
- Introduce them as a team member & leader – Ask them their title, ex. Survivor Activist, etc.
- Know about their life & what they care about
- Help them achieve their dreams.
Remember that goal at the beginning of our presentation?

“Gain insight through a real life example of the global effect one survivor can create”

Meet Julie Weil
Objectives Review:

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Thank you!!!

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