

OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT

This Operational Agreement stands as evidence that the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center (MCRCC) and the Monterey County Health Department's Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Program agree to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for crime victims residing in Monterey County. Both agencies believe that implementation of the Program proposal, as described herein will further this goal. To this end, each agency agrees to participate in the program, by coordinating/providing the services described below:

1. The Monterey County Rape Crisis Center provides services that include:
 - a. A 24-hour crisis line staffed by Certified Sexual Assault Counselors (SART advocates).
 - b. Crisis intervention, in-person counseling and follow-up services.
 - c. Accompaniment and advocacy services.
 - d. Information and referral services.
 - e. Community education programs and cross-trainings with other SART team members.


2. The Monterey County Health Department (MCHD) provides services that include:
 - a. Conducting forensic sexual assault examinations.
 - b. Ensuring the evidence collected during the examinations is picked up by the appropriate law enforcement agency.
 - c. Providing expert witness testimony in court.

3. The Monterey County Rape Crisis Center will closely coordinate services with the Monterey County Health Department through:
 - a. MCRCC Certified Sexual Assault Counselors being available within 60 minutes to assist victims at the hospital.
 - b. Participation of representatives of all three (3) agencies (MCRCC, SART and MCHD) at SART Coalition meetings and at cross-training's regarding SART protocols.
 - c. Annual meetings between representatives of MCRCC and the SART Coordinator to discuss strategies, timetables, and implementation of mandated services.

The Monterey County Health Department agrees that Certified Sexual Assault Counselors from the MCRCC will be called as soon as notification is received that a sexual assault victim is en route to the hospital, and to provide sexual assault victims and significant others information regarding the services provided by MCRCC.

Any party may terminate this Operational Agreement without cause by giving the other party thirty (30) calendar days' written notice. This Operational Agreement may only be rescinded, modified, or amended by mutual agreement in writing.

We the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center and the Monterey County Health Department do hereby approve this document which shall be in effect from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025.


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