

Florida's Sexual Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)



Mission Statement: To empower individuals and organizations in Florida to end sexual violence through social change, advocacy, education, and training.

Quick Facts

- Sexual violence is any sexual act perpetrated against someone's will. Unwanted touching, sexual harassment, threats, stalking and rape, are all forms of sexual violence.
- Primary prevention is a systematic process that promotes healthy environments and behaviors; and reduces the likelihood or frequency of sexual violence. In other words, primary prevention focuses on preventing sexual violence before it occurs.

What is the Florida Department of Health doing to prevent sexual violence?

The SVPP funds sites throughout the state to provide presentations to change knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that promote sexual violence and to create change that will prevent sexual violence. The program supports the following federally approved activities: primary prevention education trainings for schools, professionals, and the public, 24/7 operation of rape crisis hotlines, efforts to increase sexual violence prevention awareness in underserved communities, social norms marketing campaigns, special projects, and services to victims of sexual assault through contracted providers.

What services do Florida Department of Health funded agencies provide?

- 09** agencies provide intervention services for rape victims
- 13** agencies provide 24/7 hotline services
- 27** agencies conduct prevention education, social norms campaigns, or special projects
- 29** agencies are certified rape crisis centers

Strategic Planning and the Social Ecological Model for Community Change

The Sexual Violence Prevention Strategic Plan and the Social Ecological Model for Community Change is the guiding tool for implementing strategies to achieve six goals of statewide significance: increase education, support social change, inform policies for equality, increase capacity to prevent sexual violence, increase funding, and collect data.

The Department of Health, the State Prevention Team (SPT), the Community Mobilization Team (CMT), and the Community Action Teams (CAT) form a statewide network which collaborates to end sexual violence through social change, advocacy, education, and training.

For more information contact the Sexual Violence Prevention Program at 850/245-4485 or visit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/prevention-safety-and-wellness/sexual-abuse-or-violence-prevention/index.html>