

Delaware Sexual Assault Statistics

- A 2005 study found that 32,400 adult Delaware women have had sex without their consent at some time during their lives.
- The same study found that 4.8% of high school boys and 10.3% of high school girls had been forced to have sex when they did not want to.
- During 2005, CONTACT Delaware, the state's only rape crisis hotline, reported 560 calls to the hotline, with 390 follow-up calls.
- As a result of these calls, 182 rape victims were accompanied on hospital and/or police visits. These calls are usually from victims of forcible rape, attempted rape, or other sexual assault.

Victim's served annually: 446

Special state challenges: The coalition and rape crisis center is combined under one organization. This is a very unique situation. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) programs are not standardized throughout the state. There are no consistent guidelines.

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 377

Forcible rape is defined by the FBI as "the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded". This definition of rape is extremely limited, excluding male victims of sexual assault, incidents where physical force was not used, victims raped by family members, and only counting victims of vaginal/penile penetration.

About the Sexual Assault Network of Delaware

What they do: Affects change over the state system by creating a Sexual Assault network of professionals, victim advocates, and victims.

Innovative Projects: Meeting with Homeland Security working group concerning the proposed Sex Offender Management Board, modeled after Colorado's. The purpose is to standardize treatment for sex offenders. This is needed because the coalition has a sex offender management subcommittee that found services for sex offenders are extremely fragmented.

Special populations: All immigrant populations. Large Latino population as well.

Number of rape crisis centers: 1

Staff: 1

Funding

Federal funding received annually:

80,000

State funding received annually: 0

Pass through? No

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