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Preface

I was raped last night at a party and *I* need someone to help me.

These were the words Susan used when she appeared at the front desk of our campus health center. Frantic, tearful, and feeling alone, Susan shared the story of her experience. She was angry that this had happened to her and needed someone to assure her she was safe. The only help that we knew to offer was to send her to a local hospital, but she declined. Susan feared going to a strange environment and was embarrassed to tell anyone else of her victimization, despite our encouragement. In the end, Susan never went to the hospital for care; never reported the crime to police; and, ultimately, never returned to school.

This incident occurred more than twelve years ago and was the sole motivation to improve services at our university in New Jersey, and resulted in the creation of our campus Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). From the very beginning, we made a personal and professional commitment to do whatever was necessary to assure that Susan's experience would never occur again among our students.

Working together, the external resources available to our University Police Department and the University Health Center were evaluated in order to identify ways to improve services to our campus victims. Through this process, the concept of the SART was discovered—a multidisciplinary response system composed of sexual violence advocates, law enforcement, and forensic/medical professionals. This traditional SART format existed primarily in municipal and county agencies but seldom in a university environment. Although many campuses throughout the country have used the acronym SART, our research demonstrated these were not fully comprehensive services under the traditional definition. Although many counties in the state of New Jersey were creating SART services, further investigation made it evident that a community SART system did not exist within our local area. There were also no external quality services for partnership except the local Rape Care Center. Thus, our campus SART system needed to be created from the ground up.

We followed the state standards created for the care of sexual assault victims within our state and replicated these services on campus. A year later, after intensive work and some occasional obstacles, the Montclair State University (MSU) SART was launched as a fully comprehensive, on-campus service available 24/7, 365 days a year. As of this writing, the MSU SART has been sustained effectively and serves our students well.

Despite its success, we have continued to look for ways to improve and expand the service. All counties in New Jersey now have established SART systems. We have partnered with two of our local counties to educate community SART responders regarding campus victims—a high-risk population with unique needs, rights, and options. If our students choose not to use the MSU SART and seek services within the community, these needs will hopefully be recognized and their rights upheld. In doing so, our students will be empowered to move forward and make informed decisions about their options.

The decision was also made to bring our SART model to other campuses through workshop presentations at national conferences with the objective of encouraging other institutions to develop comprehensive services. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and enlightening as well. The majority of schools we encountered had similar resources to what we had offered before the MSU SART was formed. Advocacy was reported as being the primary focus and mainstay of response. Campus and municipal law enforcement frequently lacked specialized training in responding to the needs of sexual assault victims. Forensic/medical examinations were often the *weak link* in existing services, and, many times, the examinations were done by providers without appropriate training. Our anecdotal experiences were confirmed by a survey done by the American College Health Association in 2008.¹ This and other research makes it evident that a significant need still exists for the development of comprehensive services on campuses to address the high-risk population of college students. The SART model has been highly successful throughout the country and is a benchmark program for campus response.

Our audiences also expressed a strong sense of determination and commitment to improve existing services. Many schools have contacted us to consult regarding issues specific to their own campus SART development. The most frequent inquiry we have received has been "Is there a manual available we can follow as a guide?" This question and the recognition by other campuses of the need to improve services made it evident that a text was the next logical step to assist our fellow institutions with SART development.

This book is based on several fundamental principles:

- 1. A solid understanding of the nuances of college students and campus environments is of critical importance in all aspects of campus sexual violence prevention, response, investigation, and prosecution. This includes factors such as individual campus cultures, dynamics, and administrative governance—and recognition of their impact on student vulnerability to sexual assault, victim response, and perpetrator behaviors. Without this understanding, success in dealing with all issues of campus sexual violence will be difficult if not impossible.
- 2. Most institutions of higher education must abide by federal statutory regulations that mandate specific actions regarding sexual assault. In fact, colleges and universities are actually held to a higher standard than our communities. It is imperative that campus professionals possess a working knowledge of these regulations in order to integrate these mandates into SART development. In addition, institutions also maintain an internal code of conduct and disciplinary process that can be most foreign to community responders. In order for community partners to effectively work with campus victims, an understanding of this process and victim options must occur.
- 3. Familiarity with the traditional community SART system is crucial in order to understand each member's role and purpose, and to create an effective team approach. Coordination and oversight is also a vital aspect of a successful SART. However, SART development cannot occur through a cookie-cutter approach. The only template that exists is one of primary team membership—advocacy, law enforcement, and the forensic/medical provider. A successful SART needs to be individualized to each campus environment and dependent on multiple variables. Each institution must discern what will work best on its own campus in order to provide effective, comprehensive, and compassionate services.

¹ The survey is reproduced as Appendix G in the first edition of this book, or it can be obtained by contacting the American College Health Association.

Part 1 offers research and concepts to provide the reader with a deeper understanding of the college environment. The chapters address the recognition of an at-risk population; the impact of campus culture and dynamics on sexual assault; and a discussion of alcohol/drugs and their relationship to sexual violence.

Part 2 is designed to assist multidisciplinary professionals in getting started with comprehensive descriptions of the critical components of campus SART development. The chapters are planned in a stand-alone format and written in a user-friendly manner. Thus, any discipline can turn directly to a chapter for rapid location of information. This part, in effect, serves as a manual that has been requested by many of our constituents. It will assist the reader in posing difficult questions that are necessary in order to complete an accurate needs assessment of services.

Part 3 discusses the internal aspects of protocol development and critical training needs, and it also demonstrates integration of all services into a successful campus SART system. The appendices offer extensive resources that are highly recommended as tools for the creation of an effective campus SART.

We would be remiss if we did not clarify certain writing techniques at this point:

- Throughout the book, the term *victim* is used instead of *survivor*. The choice was intentional, because our students have truly been victimized when a sexual assault occurs. It is through effective response that those victims become survivors and is a primary goal of SARTs.
- The pronoun *she* has been used throughout this text when referring to victims. While this gender-specific pronoun has been used for continuity purposes, we recognize that people of all gender identities and expressions can be and are victims of sexual assault. Additionally, we recognize that sexual assault against males and individuals in same-sex relationships do occur and are most definitely underreported to a far greater extent. MSU's SART is designed to be gender inclusive, and we encourage readers to develop responses that will provide inclusive, comprehensive services to all victims regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.
- Campus victims are part of a population with special needs and are the focus of this book. The text does not address other populations with special needs but assumes that campuses will integrate the needs of these populations into their response system. A list of resources is included in Appendix I to assist the reader.
- All SART members need to develop cultural competency in order to understand the specific dynamics and mores of their campus and provide an effective response. However, many colleges and universities are also highly diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. It is important to address the needs of these groups as well and recognize the impact of these factors on victim behavior and response.

In the second edition, several changes have occurred. Chapters from the first edition have been revised to reflect current practices, terminology, and recent research findings. Three stand-alone chapters have now been added to cover student records in regard to FERPA/HIPAA, Title IX, and the Clery Act. In addition, a chapter is included to discuss the development of a Sexual Assault Response Executive Group and how to conduct effective and productive meetings for this group as a planning tool for SART development. Our hope is that this book will serve our colleagues not only as an effective training tool and comprehensive foundation for campus SART development but as a manuscript for discussion, program planning, and professional development. In the end, we will have provided a roadmap of our experience including the speed bumps that we needed to navigate in achieving our final goal. It has been an enlightening and rewarding journey. We invite you to share the experience and the rewards, and we wish you the best in your endeavors. It is a journey worth taking!

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Donna M. Barry, DNP, APN, FN-CSA, has been in the health care field for over thirty years as a registered nurse, professor of nursing, and nurse practitioner. In 1997, Ms. Barry completed her post–master's certificate as a family nurse practitioner and began specializing in college health at Montclair State University (MSU) as a clinical care provider. She holds licensure as a nurse practitioner and certification as a forensic examiner. Ms. Barry earned a master's degree in nursing from Seton Hall University and a post–master's certificate from Rutgers University. In 2013, Ms. Barry completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice at Loyola University New Orleans. She has also received advanced training through the International Association of Chiefs of Police as a law enforcement trainer in sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

Ms. Barry's areas of expertise have focused on campus sexual assault response, disaster and public health medical response, and college health. In 1999, she was appointed director of the Montclair State University Health Center and continues to serve in that capacity today as well as provide direct care to the student population. In this role, she serves as the chief administrator of student health services and the Montclair State University Sexual Assault Response Team (MSU SART); medical advisor to the university's Emergency Management Team; response coordinator for public health incidents; and a member of the Student CARE Team.

After certification as a sexual assault forensic examiner in 2001, Ms. Barry developed and implemented the MSU SART that is now recognized as a model response system for other colleges and universities across the country. MSU SART was recognized in 2008 for its excellence in victim services by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. She currently serves as coadministrator for MSU SART with the Chief of University Police and responds as a forensic examiner for sexual assault victims at the university. In 2002 and again in 2005, Ms. Barry wrote and served as project director for two \$200,000 grants from the Violence Against Women Office of the Department of Justice to Reduce Violence Against Women on Campus.

Considered an expert in the field of campus sexual assault response, she has served on the National SART Toolkit Advisory Board representing institutions of higher education, as a consultant to the American College Health Association for a Centers for Disease Control sexual violence grant, chair of the American College Health Association Campus Safety and Violence Coalition, American College Health Association representative for the 2008 U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Campus Safety Summit, and as a member of the 2007 National SART Training Conference Planning Committee. She presently serves on the Advisory Board for the Clery Center and for the periodical *Campus Safety and Student Development*. In 2015, Dr. Barry was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council on Sexual Violence for the state of New Jersey and serves as the representative for colleges and universities. She is a frequently requested speaker for national conferences on the topic of sexual assault response.

Ms. Barry has received awards for these initiatives, including a vice presidential award from MSU in 2004, the New Jersey College and University Public Safety Association 2004 Distinguished Assistance Civilian Award, and was recognized as a "Vagina Warrior" by MSU and Eve Ensler in 2004.

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Chief Paul M. Cell began his law enforcement career in 1980 and has served as the chief of police at the Montclair State University (MSU) Police Department in New Jersey since 2001. In 2014, he was elected to the Board of Officers of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and currently serves as vice president (president in 2018). In 2013/2014, Chief Cell became the ninety-eighth president of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) and the first university police chief to hold that title. He continues to serve as the NJSACOP International Executive Law Enforcement Liaison and chair of the Critical Incident Response Committee. Chief Cell is also part of the National Law Enforcement Advisory Board for the drug education program Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) and the International Law Enforcement Advisor for the United States Asian American Law Enforcement Foundation.

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One of the founders and coadministrator of the MSU Sexual Assault Response Team (MSU CSART), he is an integral force in providing sexual assault training for law enforcement. In 2004, Chief Cell was recognized for his work to reduce violence against women through the Eve Ensler initiative. In 2007, he was selected to attend the IACP National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women. In 2008, MSU SART was recognized by the IACP for its excellence in victim services.

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