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Rape Treatment Center

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Program Type:

Medical, psychological, and advocacy services for sexual assault victims; and prevention programming.

Target Population:

Victims of sexual assault and the general community.

Setting:

Clinical offices and prevention programming in schools, colleges, and various locations in the Los Angeles, California, area.

Project Startup Date:

1974.

Information Source:

Provided by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

Evaluation Information:

The program received the Agency of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers, was designated an exemplary program by the National Organization for Victim Assistance, and received the 1991 Department of Justice Award for Outstanding Work on Behalf of Victims.

Annual Budget:

\$500,000.

Sources of Funding:

Grants and private donations.

Program Description:

The Rape Treatment Center provides 24-hour emergency medical care, crisis intervention, psychotherapy, legal advocacy, and accompaniment through medical and legal procedures for victims of sexual assault and their families. The Center also runs an interagency program for sexually abused children that allows therapy, criminal investigations, and medical examinations to be conducted while minimizing trauma to the child. The program has developed rape prevention and general crime prevention programs for adolescents, college students, and the elderly. Staff provide consultation and training to rape crisis centers and schools and have developed educational films, seminars, and publications for medical personnel on conducting sensitive medical examinations that also preserve the requisite evidence.