

The 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council, Kankakee  
Community College and KC-CASA

Present

**Implementing a trauma informed approach to sexual assault for  
Illinois Law Enforcement**

Thursday, March 08, 2018

Iroquois Room

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

\*\*Sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m.

Kankakee Community College  
100 College Drive, Kankakee, IL 60901

The Sexual Assault Incident Procedure Act addresses troubling statistics that show only a fraction of sexual assault victims report crimes to law enforcement authorities. The law was passed to encourage more sexual assault victims to come forward and increase the successful prosecution of sexual assault crimes throughout the state. The trauma of sexual assault and sexual abuse often leads to severe mental, physical, and economic consequences for the victim. A victim's ability to recover from the trauma of sexual assault or sexual abuse has been directly linked to the response of others to their trauma, particularly the response of law enforcement authorities to a victim who comes forward to report the crime. This presentation will explore the neurobiology of trauma and the effect trauma has on the brain and memory. It will help explain why being trauma informed is crucial when interviewing victims of all violent crimes, including sexual assault.

**Presented by:**

**Cordelia Copleson, Assistant Attorney General, Law Enforcement Training  
Project Coordinator, Office of Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan**

**Who Should Attend:**

- Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, SANE, Victim Advocates, First Responders and members of the Sexual Assault Response Team

**Training is free. Coffee and pastries will be served.**

Please register with Carole Franke, FVCC Coordinator, @ [cfranke@i-kan.org](mailto:cfranke@i-kan.org) by March 01

**2.5 CEUs & Nursing CEs provided upon successful completion of this  
workshop.**

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