

Mission, vision and principles

Whitehorse Sexualized Assault Response
Team (SART)

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SART mission statement

Whitehorse SART agencies are committed to providing a coordinated and collaborative response for all people victimized by sexualized violence, and to supporting them along whichever path they choose.

Key team members and service providers

Women's Transition Home

Victim Services, Department of Justice,
Government of Yukon

Community and Primary Care, Department of
Health and Social Services, Government of Yukon

Patient Experience Division and First Nations
Health Programs, Whitehorse General Hospital –
Yukon Hospital Corporation

Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services,
Department of Health and Social Services,
Government of Yukon

Yukon RCMP M Division

Public Prosecution Service of Canada Yukon

Women and Gender Equity Directorate,
Government of Yukon

Key SART services

- Sexualized Assault Support (SAS) Line: 24 hours a day/7 days a week (24/7)
- Emergency shelter for women fleeing violence: Yukon Transition Home
- Support for and accompaniment to hospital, the Yukon RCMP, counselling and other services:
 - Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Victim Services workers – Victim Services
 - Weekends – SART support workers – Victim Services
- Medical care, sexualized assault evidence kits and Kits on Ice provided by specialized sexualized assault examiners at Whitehorse General Hospital: 24/7 on an on-call basis
- Dedicated unit of officers - Specialized Response Unit (SRU) – RCMP: 24/7 on an on-call basis
- Fast access to counselling at Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vision and goals of the Whitehorse SART

The Whitehorse SART has five main goals:

- to provide timely and appropriate responses and supports for all victims of sexualized assault through removing barriers and improving the coordination of departments and agencies;
- to meet the immediate needs of all victims with collaborative crisis intervention and support services 24/7;
- to support victims in navigating the medical, social and legal systems and to provide options and choices while respecting victims' informed decisions;
- to conduct victim-centred, trauma-informed sexualized assault evidence examinations, police investigations and criminal prosecutions; and
- to assist in holding perpetrators of sexualized violence accountable.

SART core principles

The SART approach has five core principles: choice; dignity and respect; preventing retraumatization; cultural safety; and access, equity and inclusion.