

ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING COVID- 19

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO TODAY

- 11 Sexual Assault Service Providers serve survivors throughout the state with crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling, & community outreach & education, with funding and coordination from the Coalition.
- 11 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs serve survivors with post-assault medical care & forensic medical exams with funding & coordination from the Coalition

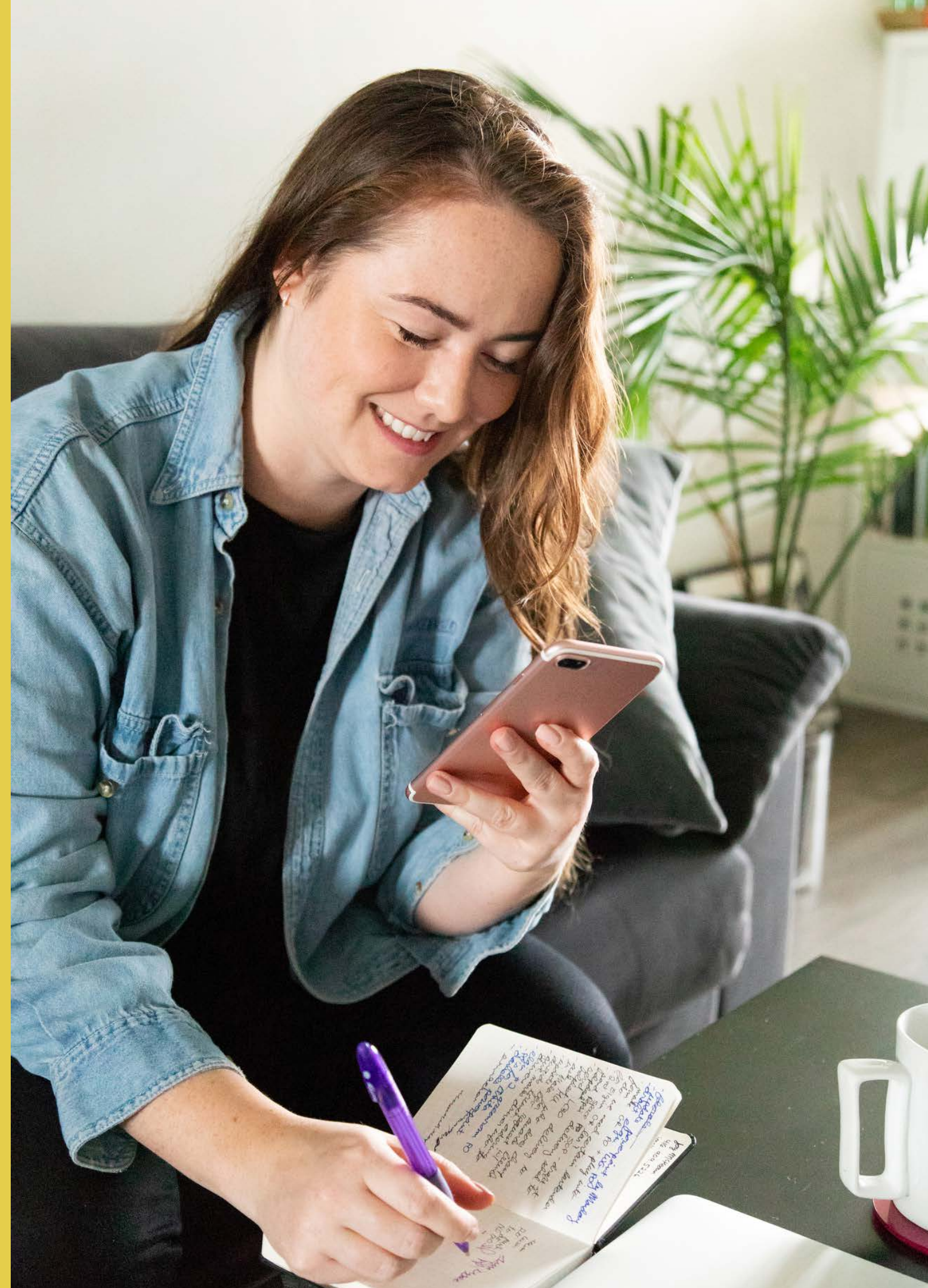
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- The Coalition provides state of the art trauma/survivor centered training and conferences for advocates, therapists, prosecutors, & law enforcement.



UPDATES ON STATEWIDE EFFORTS

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking
System
Prosecution Training
Counselor Training
Prison Rape Elimination Act Training &
Technical Assistance



PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Developing Sexual Violence Prevention and Healthy Relationship Curriculum for Schools
- Creating innovative digital content to engage young people online
- Working with local businesses to market prevention messages
 - KidTalk chat line



INCIDENCE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN NEW MEXICO

- 41% of reported sexual assaults involve children under the age of 18
- 1 in 4 New Mexican Women
- Law enforcement reported decreases in the average number of crimes related to sexual assault in 2015 -2019.
- Increase in the average number of survivors served by sexual assault service provider agencies across New Mexico in 2015-2019. An average 4% more adult survivors were served in 2015-2019



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- There was a 3% increase in the average proportion of survivors with a disability..
 - There was a 4% increase 2015 -2019, in the average proportion of survivors served who were victims of sexual harassment .
- There was a 3% increase in the average proportion of survivors of spousal rape..



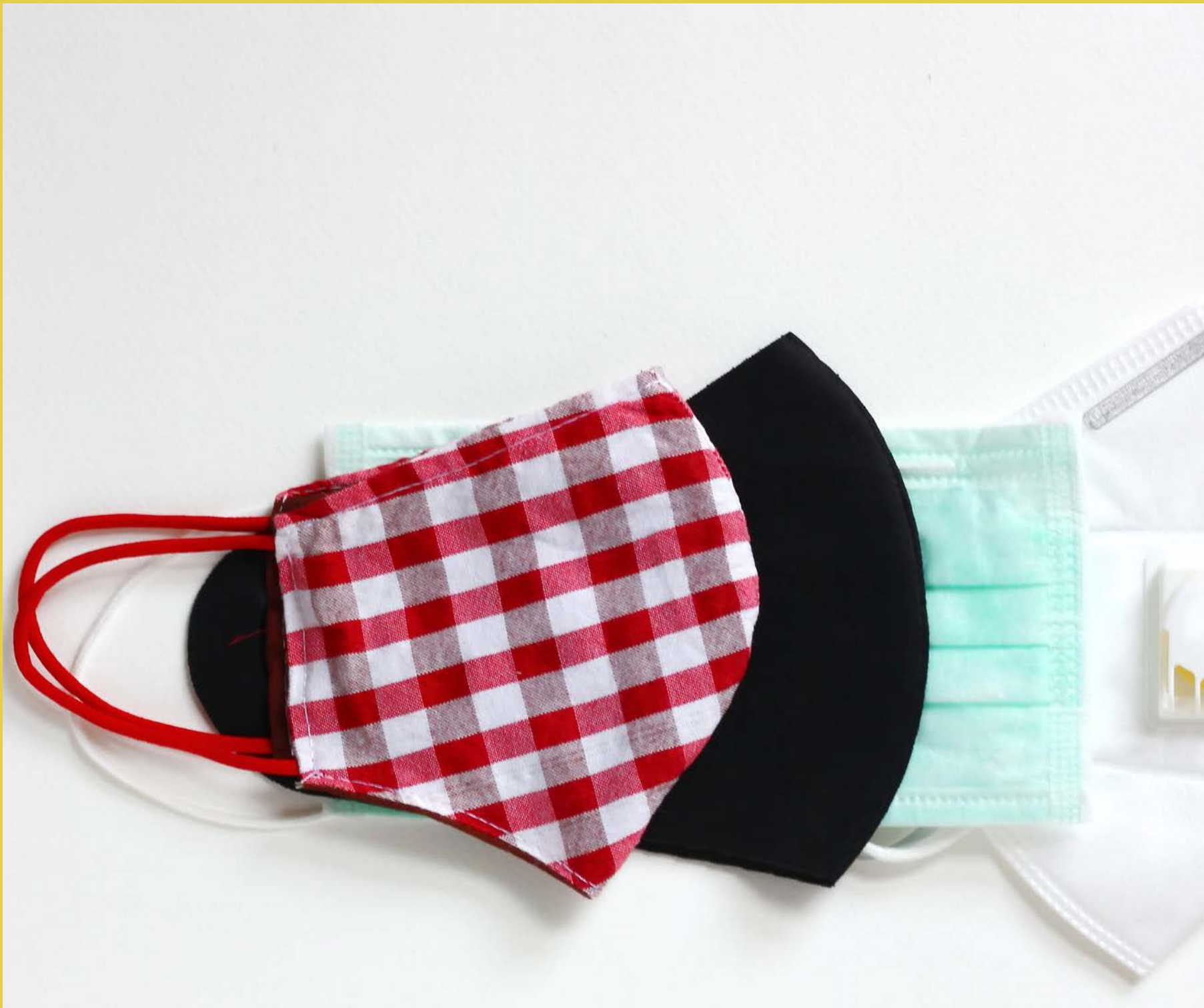
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- Reaching more male survivors.

From 2010 -2014, service provider data found males who did not seek sexual assault services within the first year of their assault, waited an average 12.0 years to seek services.

From 2015-2019, the average delay for males to seek services beyond the first year, was reduced to 7.7 years.





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- Reports of child abuse down and child sexual abuse the easiest to hide from the virtual school camera
- Programs need ongoing support for telehealth services
- Programs need plexiglass, virtual platforms, computers for clients, hot spots, cell phones.



CONTINUING NEED

INITIAL JOINT REQUEST -
\$3.75 MILLION

- Sexual Assault Services have not been included in CARES Act funding
- First in Line
- Impact of Anticipated budget cuts

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- First in Line for any additional Covid related relief
 - Affirmative Consent - Representative Liz Thomson
- Closing the marital rape exception within the NM Military Code
- Extending the criminal law statute of limitations on child sexual abuse crimes.
 - Amending statute to make sexual consent while in law enforcement custody impossible.





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