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**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# MEMBERSHIP

The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) is a professional education and membership association representing nearly 6,000 forensic nurses and allied professionals worldwide. The Association establishes and improves standards of forensic nursing practice by fostering growth and development of the specialty. We promote increased knowledge and skills among our members and professionals from other disciplines who are dedicated to disseminating evidence-based information about forensic nursing globally.

In 2022, IAFN hosted "Open Office Hours" for members to meet with a variety of IAFN staff and volunteers to discuss issues including certification, human trafficking, pediatric patients, suspect exams, elder patients, social justice, federal grant opportunities, and leadership.

## MEMBERSHIP AND CHAPTERS

The Association closed the year with 5,576 members and 26 chapters, including three new chapters formed in Missouri, Mississippi, and Arizona.

## ASSOCIATION WEBSITES

- [ForensicNurses.org](https://www.ForensicNurses.org)
- [SAFEta.org](https://www.SAFEta.org)
- [ISAAConline.org](https://www.ISAAConline.org)

## CONNECTIONS

Facebook – 10,502 followers

LinkedIn – 8,459 followers

Twitter – 2,643 followers

YouTube – 2,342 subscribers

Instagram – 2,189 followers

Our weekly newsletter, Forensic Nurses News, continues to be widely read with over 14,000 subscribers.

## AWARDS

Each year, the Association recognizes those individuals who have contributed significantly to the advancement, growth, and success of forensic nursing and/or the Association.

**Virginia A. Lynch Pioneer Award in Forensic Nursing**  
Kathy Bell

**Distinguished Fellow Award**  
Rebecca Navarro

**Front Line Forensic Nurse of the Year**  
Iris Potter

**Ann Burgess Research Award**  
Nancy Downing

**Kim Day Service Award**  
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**Patron Award**  
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## RESEARCH AWARDS

IAFN distributed \$16,150 in research grants to members in 2022.

- **Suzanne Ackers, MSN, RN**

*Examining School Nurses' Knowledge and Confidence Related to Their Ability to Screen for Early Identification and Referral of Child Sexual Abuse: A Descriptive Cross-Sectional Study*

- **Elizabeth Keller, BSN, RN**

*Evaluating Stress and Wellbeing Trends in U.S. Correctional Nurses*

- **Donna Scott Tilley, PhD, RN, CA-CP SANE, FAAN**

*A Pilot Study to Establish the Acceptability and Feasibility of a Mindfulness-Based Intervention for College Age Survivors of Sexual Assault*

- **Melissa Wholeben, PhD, RN, CNE, TCRN**

*Analysis of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Markers to Inform Training Programs in the Emergency and SANE Departments at a Level 1 Trauma Hospital*

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# ADVOCACY



Our 2022 Advocacy Day was held live, February 23, 2022, in Washington, DC, as well as virtually throughout the months of February and March. To prepare for each event, the Government Affairs Committee held briefing sessions that highlighted the current health care legislative policies that support and influence the healthcare system specific to forensic nursing practice. The attendees heard from our keynote speakers, Allison Randall, the Principal Deputy Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH). They were also equipped with the training and education necessary to have successful congressional meetings. Nearly 60 members attended these events, and after each briefing, forensic nurses from throughout the US and Canada either took to Capitol Hill or held meetings virtually to talk with legislators and their staff about forensic nursing related issues. They shared IAFN's top priorities and issue briefs related to VAWA Reauthorization, Supporting a Forensic Nursing Center of Excellence, and Increasing Access to Forensic Nurse Examiners through the TeleSANE program.

## FORENSIC NURSES WEEK

Forensic Nurses Week is celebrated annually during the second week in November. The November 6–12, 2022 celebration featured the theme, "In every hospital. For every community. The future of care."

**Forensic Nurses Week**

November 6 - 12  
**2022**

In every hospital.  
For every community.  
The future of care.

30 YEARS 1992-2022  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Forensic Nurses

Celebrate with us at [www.ForensicNurses.org](http://www.ForensicNurses.org)

# JOURNAL OF FORENSIC NURSING

The *Journal of Forensic Nursing* (JFN), the official journal of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, features empirical studies, review and theoretical articles, methodological and concept papers, and case reports that address the provision of care to victims and perpetrators of violence, trauma, and abuse.

## 2021 JFN Clinical Article of the Year

Valentine, J. L., Presler-Jur, P., Mills, H., & Miles, S. (2021). Evidence Collection and analysis for touch deoxyribonucleic acid in groping and sexual assault cases. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 17(4), 67-75.

## 2020 JFN Education Article of the Year

Shaw, J., & Coates, V. (2021). Emergency contraception administration, toxicology kit use, and post-assault reporting: A comparison of sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) and non-SANE medical providers. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 17(3), 146-153.

## 2020 JFN Research Article of the Year

Graham, A. C., Knopp, A. F., & Beers, K. (2021). I'm just a person: Self-labeling following sexual assault. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 17(4), 202-209.



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# 603

nurses applied to  
take the SANE  
certification  
exams

# 434

nurses renewed  
their SANE  
certification

# CERTIFICATION

The Association's certification program continues to thrive. 1037 candidates applied to sit for exams or renewal in 2022. The Association maintained a minimal wait time, with the average submission-to-notice time going from 1.2 days to less than 1 day.

In 2021, a record 25% of examination applicants received institutional funding to pursue certification.

The Association continued to offer the Live Remote Proctoring exam option and free transfer to a future testing window, upon request.

## COMMISSION FOR FORENSIC NURSING CERTIFICATION (CFNC)

The CFNC develops, oversees, and administers the Association's SANE-A and SANE-P certification programs. Serving as an independent and autonomous entity within the Association, the CFNC establishes, implements, applies, and evaluates the CFNC certification program policies and decisions related to certification eligibility and renewal and examination development and administration, consistent with the Association's Bylaws, mission, and policies.

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# 99%

of SANE  
renewal  
applications  
were approved

# EDUCATION

The Association offers education through live trainings, our Online Learning Center, our grant projects, and our clinical partner sites.

**31%**

increase in online learning certificates awarded

# ONLINE LEARNING

In 2022, IAFN's Online Learning Center issued 8,196 certificates. The most popular course continues to be our 40-hour Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course (1,219 certificates issued), followed by the Intimate Partner Violence Examiner Certificate Program and the Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner course.

# APPROVERSHP

IAFN's Approver Unit approves forensic nursing professional development programs that meet the standards of educational planning, implementation, and evaluation as set forth by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. In 2022, 44 applications were approved.

**689**

hours of nursing professional development were approved

# CONFERENCE

1395 people and 187 presenters joined IAFN at this year's live and/or virtual conferences. 2022 marked the start of "Innovation Theater" at live conference; nine 20-minute presentations introduced innovative topics or existing topics with a new or innovative perspective. Additionally, a 30th anniversary reception was held, honoring IAFN's history and future.

Our virtual conference was held October 17 to November 21 allowing attendees to view 70 presentations and 19 poster sessions from their computers.

**104.25**

contact hours offered

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**19,920**

hours of nursing professional development completed

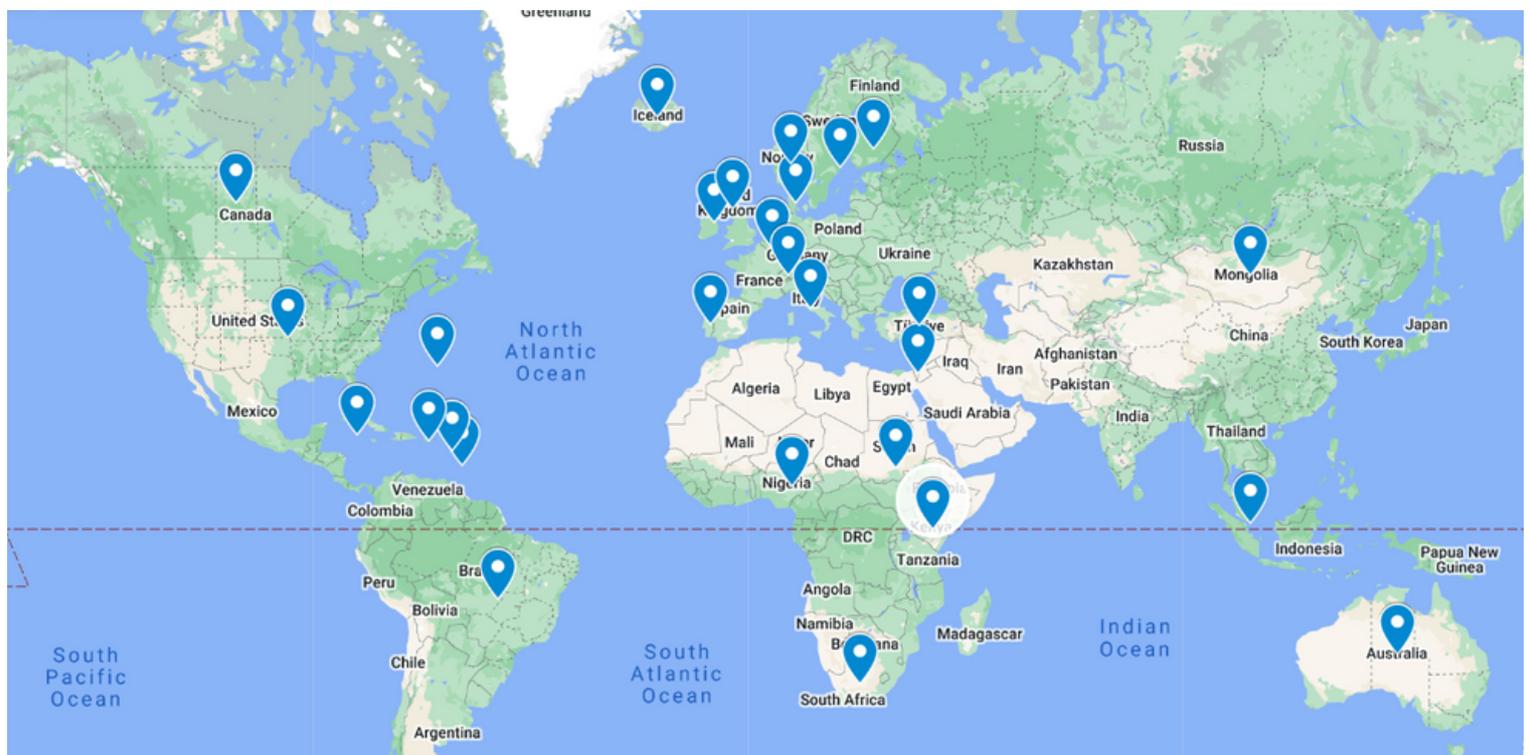
# GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Partnered with the Human Rights and War Crimes Unit of the US Department of Homeland Security to provide training on the medical forensic response to gender-based violence for an event in Botswana.
- Provided education and clinical skills training for Peace Corps Medical Officers in the needs of sexual assault victims.
- Presented to officials in security and law enforcement throughout Mexico on improving their response to gender-based violence.
- Provided a series of presentations organized by the College of Nursing and Department of Forensic Medicine at the All India Institute Of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India.
- Presented at a US Embassy-organized event in New Delhi, India.



In November 2022, IAFN staff visited the Republic of Georgia at the request of the US State Department. While there, IAFN provided training, helped assess current responses, and modelled the effectiveness of multidisciplinary teams.

## In 2022, IAFN had members in 32 countries and territories



# GRANT PROJECTS

303

technical assistance  
requests answered

107

trainings provided

3148

attendees trained

64

hours of training provided

## SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SAFEta)

**Award Dates: October 2021 through September 2023**

- Provide education and technical assistance (TA) around implementing the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations Adult/Adolescent 2nd Edition, the National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations: Pediatric, the National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: a Multidisciplinary Approach and the National SAFE Training Standards 2nd Edition.

The safeta.org website totaled 37,499 page views.

**SAFEta.org**  
The Ultimate Source for Sexual Assault  
Forensic Examiner Technical Assistance

TA line: 1-877-819-7278



## EXAM PAYMENT PROJECT

**Award Dates: October 2018 through September 2024**

- Provide education and TA to states, localities, and healthcare providers to improve access to, and payment of, forensic exams for victims of sexual assault, including for victims who do not wish to report the crime at the time of the exam.
- Create webinars, fact sheets, and an interactive map of the US that outlines every state's exam payment and reimbursement model.

# GRANT PROJECTS

## EXPANDING SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE) SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Award Dates: October 2021 through September 2024**

- Provide comprehensive education and technical assistance to OVC's campus and non-campus grantees to ensure they have the information, guidance and support they need to develop, expand and sustain their SANE programs. IAFN and its partners offer a full range of culturally-specific assistance, working closely with all grantees to ensure their programs develop, foster, and maintain patient-centered, trauma-informed, and evidence-based SANE programs. Build campuses' capacity to train and retain SANEs.
- 18 funded sites receive education, and TA: Swedish Covenant Hospital (IL), Rhode Island Hospital (RI), Providence Health (AK), Utah County (UT), Tuba City Regional Healthcare (AZ), Promedica Toledo Hospital (OH), Ascension Seton (TX), Memorial Health (CO), Safe Alliance (TX), University of Arizona (AZ), Duquesne University (PA), Penn State University (PA), Spartanburg Regional (SC), Tennessee Tech (TN), South Texas Forensic Nursing Project (TX), University of Southern Alabama (AL), University of Wisconsin (WI), and Dell Children's Hospital (TX).

## EXPANDING SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE) SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

**Award Dates: October 2022 through September 2025**

- Provide comprehensive education and TA to grantees of the Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) to ensure they have the information, guidance and support they need to develop, expand and sustain their SANE programs. IAFN and its partners offer a full range of culturally-specific assistance, working closely with all grantees to ensure their programs develop, foster, and maintain patient-centered, trauma-informed, and evidence-based SANE programs. Build campuses' capacity to train and retain SANEs.
- 5 funded sites receive education, and TA: City of Tulsa (OK); Indiana University (IN); Owensboro Health (KY); Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners: Forensic Center of Excellence (TX); Tides of Change (OR).

# GRANT PROJECTS

## NATIONAL INDIAN COUNTRY CLEARINGHOUSE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT (NICCSA)

**Award Dates: October 2019 through September 2023**

- Provide education and TA specific to sexual assault in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities.



The isaaconline.org website totaled 6,161 page views.

ISAAOnline.org | Toll-Free Helpline (800) 999-5444 | isaac@forensicnurses.org



## FORENSIC-MEDICAL AND ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR TRIBES (FAST) INITIATIVE

**Award Dates: October 2020 through December 2022**

- Provide training and TA to rural, remote, and tribal communities and sites funded under OVW's Forensic-Medical and Advocacy Service for Tribes (FAST) initiative to establish, sustain, and/or expand Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) services.
- Support FAST grantees through all phases of program development, including garnering community support, gathering funding for program development and ongoing costs, leadership and management development, and community protocol development.
- FAST sites receiving ongoing education and technical assistance (TA) from IAFN through this award include Norton Sound (AK), San Carlos Apache (AZ), the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (OR), Sitka Tribe of Alaska (AK), University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (WI), and South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (SD).

# GRANT PROJECTS

148

technical  
assistance  
requests  
answered

25

readiness  
assessments  
conducted

267

people trained

## USING TELEHEALTH TO IMPROVE CARE, ACCESS AND QUALITY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMS

**Award Dates: October 2019 through September 2023**

- IAFN and its partners provide comprehensive technical assistance to OVC's telehealth demonstration sites to ensure they have the information and support they need to be successful, including offering a full range of culturally-specific assistance where appropriate.
- Work closely with all the demonstration sites to ensure they are able to use telehealth technology to develop, foster, and maintain patient-centered, trauma-informed, and evidence-based telehealth examinations, while ensuring victim safety and autonomy.
- 4 funded sites include Avera Health (SD), University of Arkansas (AK), Tundra Women's Coalition (AK) and Texas A&M (TX)

## NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS

**Award Dates: October 2020 through March 2023**

- Creation of a National Protocol for Domestic Violence Medical Forensic Examinations that equips healthcare providers and other first responders with necessary guidance to address the broad healthcare needs of patients who disclose domestic violence; promote their recovery; and gather forensic evidence for potential use within the criminal justice system.

# PARTNERSHIPS

AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women

Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Battered Women's Justice Project

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

Cleveland Clinic

Crisis Services of North Alabama

Danger Assessment Training and TA for IPV Risk Assessment Center

District of Columbia Forensic Nurse Examiners

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center – Idaho Falls, ID

Driscoll Children's Hospital

Duquesne University

Emergency Nurses Association

Emory University

End Violence Against Women International

Evidentia Learning

Fairview Hospital

Florida International University – Fort Myers

FORGE Forward

Frederick Health

Futures Without Violence

Healing Justice

International Association of Chiefs of Police

Louisiana State University

Massachusetts Department of Health

Michigan State University Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Workgroup

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

National Children's Alliance

National Sheriffs' Association

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Nursing Organizations Alliance

Pennsylvania State University

Prisma Health

Redwind Consulting, Inc.

Regions Hospital

# PARTNERSHIPS

Research Triangle Institute (RTI)

Rhode Island Hospital

Sexual Violence Justice Initiative of Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Tennessee Tech University

University of Colorado Health – Memorial Hospital

University of South Alabama College of Nursing

University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls

Urban Institute

US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime

US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime Training Technical Assistance Center (OVCTTAC)

US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

US Department of State

US Department of Health and Human Services' National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC)

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault

University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Memphis

Vera House

Vera Institute of Justice

Victims Rights Law Center

# Statement of Financial Position

as of December 31, 2022

## International Association of Forensic Nurses, Inc. Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2022

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 330,313	\$ 354,795
Grants and Other Receivable	273,033	336,636
Investments	2,705,840	3,270,320
Prepaid Expenses	50,277	63,861
Due from Foundation	4,386	9,123
Fixed Assets, net	24,907	31,133
ROU Asset	35,398	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,424,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,065,868</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,816	\$ 28,431
Accrued Expenses	93,620	175,590
Deferred Revenue	112,128	109,896
Operating Lease Liability	35,763	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>250,327</b>	<b>313,917</b>
<b>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>3,173,827</b>	<b>3,751,951</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,424,154</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,065,868</u></b>

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