KEY TAKEAWAYS

At the Houston Area Women’s Center (HAWC), there are six key principles to enhancing trauma-informed responses for sexual assault survivors:

• Understanding the biology of trauma and stress
• Compassion and dependability
• Cultural humility and responsiveness
• Safety and stability
• Collaboration and empowerment
• Resiliency and recovery

Collaboration or cross-training and outreach programs between agencies (like HAWC and the Houston Police Department) are critical for developing a trauma-informed culture.

OTHER RESOURCES

Sexual Assault Reform
Sexual Reform Resources

Online Glossary
Multidisciplinary Sexual Violence Glossary

Podcast
Just the Evolution of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection

ATTENDEE INTERACTION FROM KEY AUDIENCE SEGMENTS

“This work supports our development of a multidisciplinary patient review.”
— Forensic Nurse Attendee

“The biggest benefit was learning a lot of valuable information about the collaborative training developed for various agencies.”
— Victim Advocate Attendee

“The presentation of terminology and court preparation tips is a must-watch for law enforcement investigators.”
— Law Enforcement Attendee

To access the Sexual Assault Reform Resources, visit the topic’s webpage.