



HAWC | Houston Area
Women's Center
Ending domestic and sexual violence for **ALL**



COLLABORATION ENHANCES TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS webinar available now!

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.

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OTHER RESOURCES

Sexual Assault Reform

[Sexual Reform Resources](#)

Online Glossary

[Multidisciplinary Sexual Violence Glossary](#)

Podcast

[Just the Evolution of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection](#)

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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](#).