Sex Assault Kit Tracking 
In Arizona

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A Brief History

- On March 21, 2017 the State of Arizona passed House Bill 2268 to test all collected Sex Assault Kits (SAK’s).
- SAK’s collected under the Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA) are exempt until consent is provided.
- Before August 30th of each year all law enforcement agencies must report the following to the AZ DPS Crime Lab:
  - The number of SAK’s the agency received
  - The number of SAK’s the agency submitted to the lab for testing
  - The number of SAK’s not submitted to lab
  - The reason or reasons why the SAK’s were not submitted for testing

https://www.azdps.gov/organization/TSD/scientific-analysis/reports
Why Implement Track-Kit?

- It’s a software program designed specifically for SAK tracking
- A completely web-based application, which means no software installation
- The software can generate a variety of reports which can be used to easily report annual SAK numbers
- Every medical facility, law enforcement agency, crime lab and survivor has their own portal in the system that shows them controlled information
- Email notifications are sent throughout the process (mostly to law enforcement agencies)
- The annual cost of the program is funded by AZ DPS and there is no fee for any stakeholders who participate
  - Now part of AZ DPS Crime Lab’s annual budget (formerly on the Youth, Faith and Family Grant)
Current Track-Kit Users

• 44 Medical Facilities (200 Users)
• 108 Law enforcement Agencies (807 Users)
• 4 Crime Laboratories (82 Users)
  – AZ DPS (54 Users)
  – Mesa PD (10 Users)
  – Scottsdale PD (2 Users)
  – Tucson PD (16 Users)
• 6 County Attorney’s Offices
  – In progress, no users yet
Survivor Portal

• All SAK's with a Track-Kit barcode include a card for the survivor which provides a unique login for that specific SAK

• Three main sections
  • SAK timeline
  • Support/Advocacy contacts
  • Medical Facility and LEA Contact information

No Crime Lab or Prosecutor Information is visible
Why Create a Prosecutor’s Portal?

• To complete the loop between all stakeholders involved with sex assault cases
• Allow information to be passed more easily between the LEA’s, Crime Labs and Prosecutors
  – Often cases are submitted to the Prosecutor’s Office before DNA testing has been completed or even started
  – Prosecutors can be alerted when a case has completed testing
  – Cases scheduled for trial can be prioritized over other cases
  – Some cases may not be submitted for charging and may not need additional testing beyond the SAK
Plans for the Future

- Introduce and implement this system with Prosecutor’s Offices across the state
  - Determine the best way to incorporate the system and identify the most appropriate users (paralegals?)
- Continue to educate and implement the system with smaller law enforcement agencies and possibly Phoenix Crime Lab
- Spread awareness about VAWA, the MCAO Sex Assault Protocol and SAKI Grant opportunities
- Integration with Crime Lab Information Management System (LIMS) at AZ DPS
  - This will automate all the updates currently done by lab personnel
Questions?

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