

# AUSTIN TRAVIS COUNTY SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE AND RESOURCE TEAM

Public Safety Commission  
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# INTRODUCTIONS

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## Steering Committee

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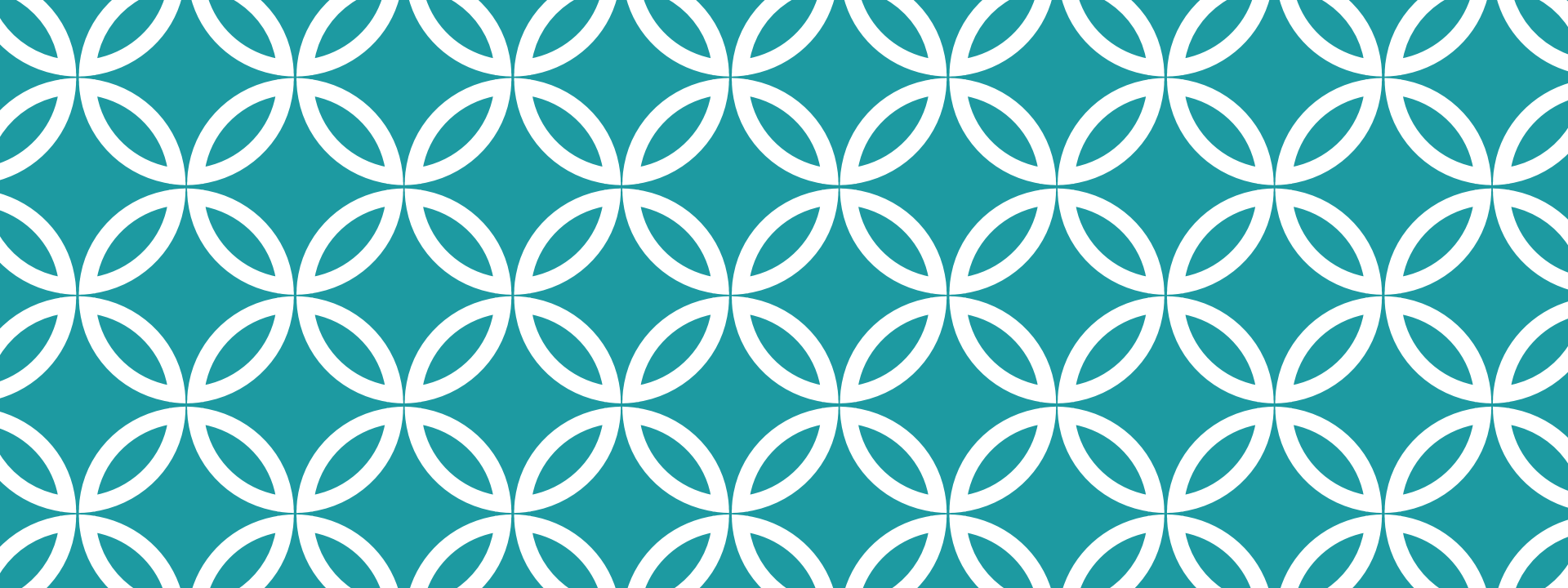
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The mission of the SARRT is to enhance the local response to post-pubescent adolescent and adult sexual abuse and assault by ongoing coordination among the agencies charged with responding to these crimes.

SARRT MISSION

# WHAT IS THE A/TC SARRT?

## SARRT History

- Founded in 1992
- Formalized partnerships in 2003 with a Cooperative Working Agreement
- CWA renewed in 2009 and 2017
- A/TC SARRT recognized by Human Rights Watch for Improving Police Response to Sexual Assault in 2011-2012
- In 2015, 3 member agencies received a grant from OVW aimed at increasing arrests

## SARRT Leadership

- Steering Committee is democratically elected and is comprised of:
  - 2 Co-Chairs
  - SARRT Coordinator
  - 1 sworn member of law enforcement
  - 2 other active members of the SARRT

## SARRT STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

- Bylaws
- Cooperative Working Agreement-defining roles & responsibilities of each member
- Collaborative agenda setting
- Collaborative prioritization of work on an annual basis
- Decisions - by Voting Members
- 23 Community Partners- medical, academic, state agencies, civil legal organizations
- 13 Voting Members
- General Monthly Meetings- also project based/subcommittee meetings



## SARRT'S MISSION IN ACTION

- Engagement with survivors who do not report
- Collaboration with diverse programs and organizations that serve victims of sexual assault
- Transparency
- Productive dissent
- Accountability
- Dialogue

## SARRT TANGIBLES

1992 SART (SARRT) Formed

2003 Making A Difference Project

2003 CWA

2005 Free Statewide Training MAD

2009 Free Statewide Training MAD

2010 120 hours

2010 "We Believe" PSA

2010 International Association of Chiefs  
of Police

2011 End Violence Against Women  
International

2011 The "Ally"

2011 Human Rights Watch Report (2013)

2015 "Start By Believing" Campaign

2015 Eloise House

2018 SAFE BAR

2018 EMDR

2018 CNA



## VISION

SARRT members envision a community in which response to sexual violence includes offender accountability through successful investigation and prosecution and justice for victims according to their definitions.