

Background

For years, MECASA has convened a SART Affinity and/or Peer Support space for advocates who spend the majority of their time working with clients as they navigate systems and/or convening SARTs. Based on feedback, the Needs Assessment, and ever-expanding community partners, we acknowledge that it's not only SART Advocates doing systems work and many of these discussions might be of interest to other center staff.

Group Purpose

This group will serve as a shared space for (1) the discussion of direct services related to assisting survivors with accessing systems, and (2) supporting centers staff in creating relationships with and potential change within systems. These systems may include but are not limited to campus, Title IX, civil legal, incarceration settings and trafficking MDTs. Members can share knowledge, best practices, and lessons learned. It will be a place to inform statewide and intervention related projects.

Timeframe

This call will be bimonthly for 60 minutes – opposite the Client Services calls. Calls will have topics determined in advance; calls times, topics, and zoom links will be posted on the toolkit.

Members

- Any member center staff. Drop-in attendance encouraged.
- Join only after reaching agreement with their ED.
- Share and provide feedback, seeking additional information from their center as needed.
- Communicate about meetings and activities of the group with their ED.
- Inform the work of the group with knowledge and expertise about their communities.
- Collaborate on shared projects that reflect multi centers' expertise and a statewide purpose.

Group Guidelines

The standing group guidelines for all MECASA Peer Support Calls are:

- Acknowledge and learn from different approaches to the work
- Direct and ethical communication – if you have an issue with a singular agency or person, have that conversation directly, not in the Peer Support Call
- Do not share client information, including any identifying information