



SAKI TTA – Supporting the DANY Response to Sexual Assault



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- Director of Planning and Management at the New York County District Attorney's Office
- Oversees the office's Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Elimination Grant Program.
- Manages the office's criminal justice data analysis, grants development, and policy development.
- Served as the Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Programs at the New York City Department of Correction where she oversaw large scale programmatic initiatives aimed at improving institutional safety and post-release outcomes.
- Worked for Vera Institute of Justice and the Center for Court Innovation.
- Graduate of the University of Michigan and New York University's Wagner School of Public Service.



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RTI International

- Program director at RTI International's Center for Justice, Safety and Resilience, where he leads the Policing, Security, and Investigative Science Program.
- Currently serves as project director of the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Training and Technical Assistance program.
- Currently serves as a member of the research advisory committees for both the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF).
- Has led numerous projects for the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), including studies to increase efficiencies for processing forensic evidence as well as research developing more strategic and tactical applications for 911 calls-for-service (CFS) data.



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Bureau of Justice Assistance

- Joined the Bureau of Justice Assistance-DOJ as a Senior Policy Advisor for Forensics in 2014.
- Currently oversees BJA's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and the BJA Homicide Technical Assistance program.
- Has over 12 years of experience working as a forensic scientist on complex criminal cases and missing/unidentified persons' investigations.
- Member of the Mid-Atlantic Cold Case Homicide Investigators Association.
- Received PhD in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from The University of Queensland in Australia.
- Former Director of Forensic Casework at Bode Technology, and Biometrics and Unknown Victim Identification Project Programs Manager at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- In 2015, received the United States Department of Justice Assistant Attorney General's Award for outstanding contributions to the mission and goals of the Office of Justice Programs.





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Supporting the DANY Response to Sexual Assault

*Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)*

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SAKI TTA Team – Role in Supporting SAKI/DANY Sites

- Provide customized TTA to address immediate needs.
- Address long-term needs, including capacity building, interagency coordination, and strategic priorities.
- Facilitate cross-site communication and learning.
- Develop TTA curricula and materials that align with policy and implementation needs.
- Disseminate and assist with implementation of evidence-based practices.

SAKI TTA Team – Guiding Principals

- Victims of sexual assault deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- We support the effective investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases.
- The SAKI TTA Team will:
 - Demonstrate mutual respect for team members and their expertise and roles.
 - Provide an open forum for partners' input into project planning and products.
 - Stay current regarding best practices related to investigation and prosecution of sexual assault, trauma, survivor services, medical forensic exams, and forensic technology.

SAKI TTA Partners



Pathway for Successful SAKI and DANY TTA

- *Appoint liaison*—An assigned RTI Site Liaison will be the primary point of contact between the DANY sites and SAKI TTA project team.
- *Developmental plans*—Work with sites to identify site needs and plans for addressing immediate and longer-term gaps.
- *Flexible TTA process*—Multiple options for submitting TA requests to address site interests and needs.
- *Timely and responsive TTA*—Administer TTA in a variety of formats including in-person, through web-based modules or webinars, or via regional trainings.
- *Onsite availability*—Ability to deploy SMEs to sites to deliver TTA.

Requesting TTA

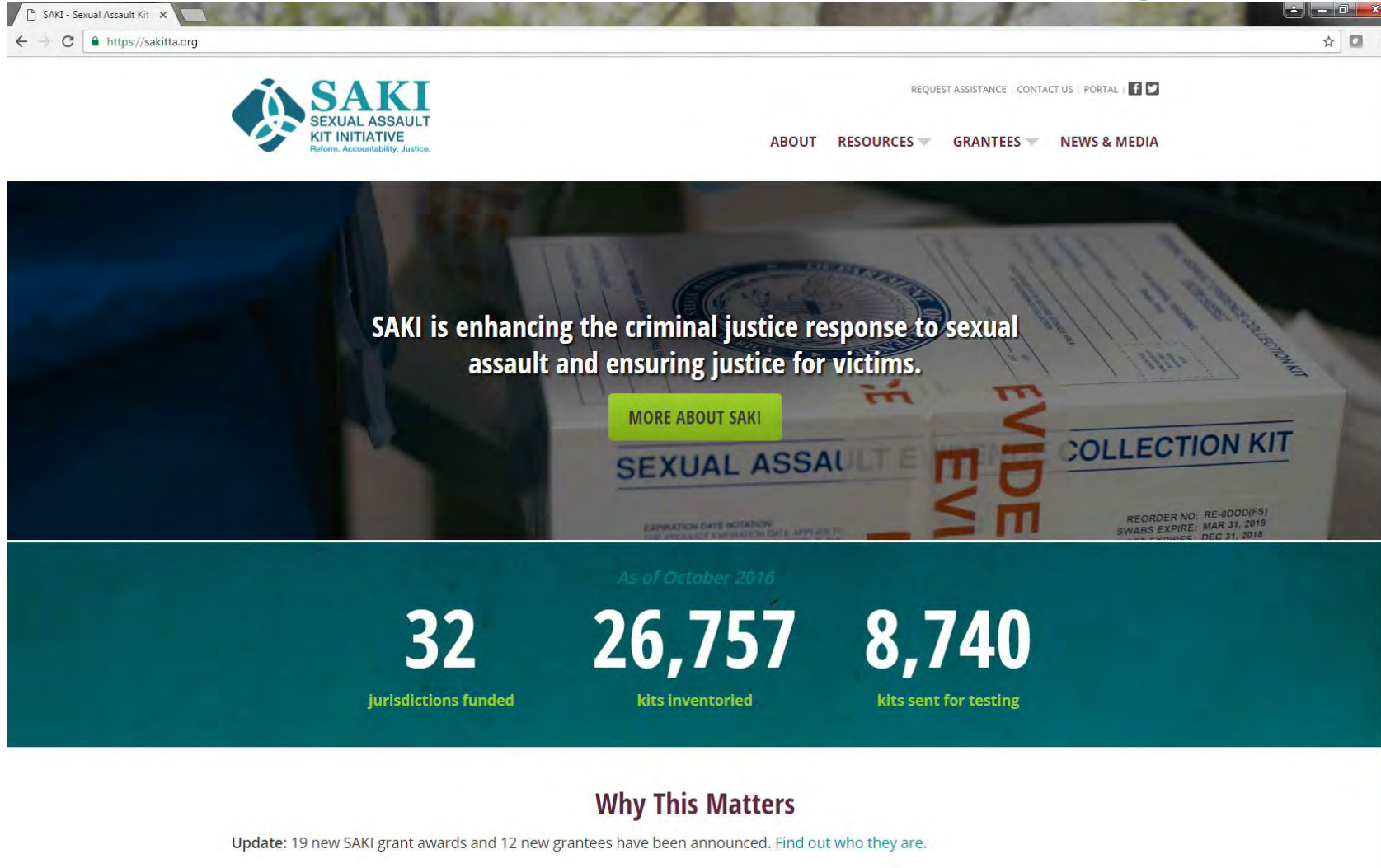
To request TTA you can:

- Email the SAKI Help Desk – sakitta@rti.org
- Email your DANY Site Liaison
 - Crystal Daye – cdaye@rti.org – *primary POC*
 - Paige Presler-Jur – pjur@rti.org – *secondary POC*
- Submit your request through our online TTA request portal – *Coming Soon!*

Available Resources

- Visit the Resources page on the SAKI website (www.sakitta.org) for more information on:
 - Upcoming and archived webinars
 - Regional training events
 - Practitioner resources
 - Survivor resources

SAKI Website – sakitta.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the SAKI Sexual Assault Kit Initiative website. The browser address bar displays "https://sakitta.org". The header includes the SAKI logo with the tagline "Reform, Accountability, Justice." and navigation links: "REQUEST ASSISTANCE | CONTACT US | PORTAL |" followed by social media icons. A secondary navigation bar contains "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "GRANTEES", and "NEWS & MEDIA". The main content area features a large image of a "SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT" box with the text "SAKI is enhancing the criminal justice response to sexual assault and ensuring justice for victims." and a "MORE ABOUT SAKI" button. Below this is a statistics section titled "As of October 2016" with three large numbers: 32 jurisdictions funded, 26,757 kits inventoried, and 8,740 kits sent for testing. The footer includes the heading "Why This Matters" and an update: "Update: 19 new SAKI grant awards and 12 new grantees have been announced. Find out who they are."

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Reform, Accountability, Justice.

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MORE ABOUT SAKI

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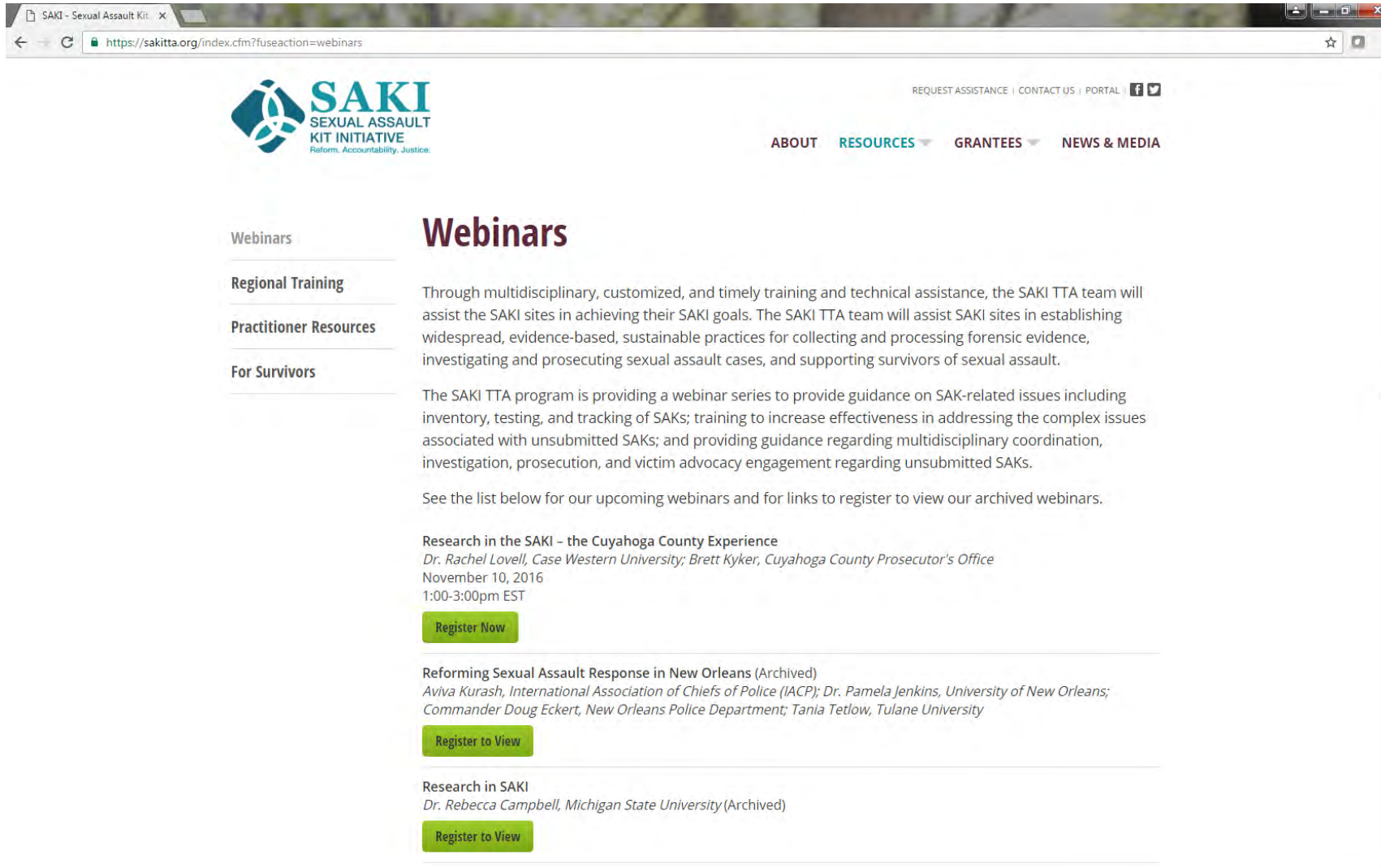
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SAKI Website - Webinars



The screenshot shows the SAKI Sexual Assault Kit Initiative website. The browser address bar displays <https://sakitta.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=webinars>. The website header includes the SAKI logo with the tagline "Reform. Accountability. Justice." and navigation links: "REQUEST ASSISTANCE | CONTACT US | PORTAL" and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. A secondary navigation bar contains "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "GRANTEES", and "NEWS & MEDIA".

Webinars

Regional Training

Practitioner Resources

For Survivors

Webinars

Through multidisciplinary, customized, and timely training and technical assistance, the SAKI TTA team will assist the SAKI sites in achieving their SAKI goals. The SAKI TTA team will assist SAKI sites in establishing widespread, evidence-based, sustainable practices for collecting and processing forensic evidence, investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases, and supporting survivors of sexual assault.

The SAKI TTA program is providing a webinar series to provide guidance on SAK-related issues including inventory, testing, and tracking of SAKs; training to increase effectiveness in addressing the complex issues associated with unsubmitted SAKs; and providing guidance regarding multidisciplinary coordination, investigation, prosecution, and victim advocacy engagement regarding unsubmitted SAKs.

See the list below for our upcoming webinars and for links to register to view our archived webinars.

Research in the SAKI – the Cuyahoga County Experience
Dr. Rachel Lovell, Case Western University; Brett Kyker, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office
November 10, 2016
1:00-3:00pm EST

[Register Now](#)

Reforming Sexual Assault Response in New Orleans (Archived)
Aviva Kurash, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); Dr. Pamela Jenkins, University of New Orleans; Commander Doug Eckert, New Orleans Police Department; Tania Tetlow, Tulane University

[Register to View](#)

Research in SAKI
Dr. Rebecca Campbell, Michigan State University (Archived)

[Register to View](#)

SAKI Online Discussion Forum

- SAKI TTA discussion forum that allows SAKI and District Attorney of New York (DANY) grantees, the SAKI TTA team, and BJA to communicate with each other on critical issues.
- Facilitates collaboration and information sharing among the SAKI and DANY sites so they can share challenges they are facing and successful strategies they have implemented.
- Private, password-protected system. Log-in information will be distributed to the main POCs for each site.

The screenshot displays the SAKI Online Discussion Forum interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SAKI logo, search, and menu icons. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'all categories', 'Categories' (selected), 'Latest', 'New', 'Unread', and 'Top'. A '+ New Topic' button is also present.

The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists categories with their respective topic counts:

- Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigation** (2 topics): Use the Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigation category to ask questions and discuss topics specific to investigating cold cases such as developing an investigative strategy, including case review, crime scene interpretation, understanding forensic evidence, CODIS hit follow up, interviewing strateg...
- Staff** (4 topics): Private category for staff discussions. Topics are only visible to admins and moderators.
- Research and Analysis** (3 topics): Use the Research and Analysis category to discuss research on topics pertinent to SAKI, including scope of the problem, underlying causes, prioritization, criminal history and serial offenders as well as many other topical areas. This category can also be used to discuss creating a researcher-practi...
- Ask An Expert** (2 topics): Use the Ask An Expert category to post specific questions to experts from the SAKI Technical Assistance team. For example, you can ask specific questions about the neurobiology of trauma or receive guidance on how to conduct a complete inventory of previously untested SAKs.
- General** (1 topic): Use the General category if the question or topic you want to post doesn't fit in any of the existing categories. SAKI TTA staff will monitor the General category and will respond to your post.
- Victim Notification** (1 topic): Use the Victim Notification category to discuss issues of importance around victim notification including which cases to provide a notification, how to notify, who will provide the notification, and how to respond to common questions from victims. Please use this category to share, discuss and recei...
- Statewide SAKI Sites** (1 topic): Use the Statewide SAKI Sites category to discuss topics that are unique and relevant to state-wide SAKI sites, such as conducting a statewide inventory, getting buy-in from local jurisdictions, or

The right column displays a list of topics with their respective counts and dates:

- Protocol for Recording Of Victim Interviews** (0 topics, 1d ago): Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigation
- Assets for the site design** (7 topics, 15d ago): Staff
- When you get a CODIS Hit** (0 topics, 27d ago): Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigation
- Overcoming challenges when conducting a statewide inventory** (0 topics, Sep 16): Statewide SAKI Sites
- SAKI Research and Analysis Working Group** (0 topics, Sep 16): Research and Analysis
- Webinar: Research-Practitioner Partnerships in SAKI** (0 topics, Sep 16): Research and Analysis
- How do I find a researcher to work with?** (0 topics, Sep 16): Research and Analysis
- Office Hours - Online soon!** (0 topics, Sep 16): Ask An Expert
- Example Policies and Procedures** (0 topics, Sep 9): Victim Notification
- Neurobiology of Trauma - Existing Resources** (0 topics, Sep 9): Ask An Expert
- Welcome to the SAKI Discussion Forum** (0 topics, Sep 8): General
- READ ME FIRST: Admin Quick Start Guide** (0 topics, Feb 7): Staff
- Privacy Policy** (0 topics):

SAKI Online Discussion Forum

Use the discussion forum to:

- Talk with the Experts
- Post questions to other SAKI and DANY sites
- Share your challenges and successes

Office Hours - Online soon!

■ Ask An Expert

sakita Sep 16

What are office hours? The SAKI TTA team will schedule an hour for one of our subject matter experts to be online in these forums and answering your questions. Announcements and reminders about upcoming office hours will be sent to grantees.

First office hour announcement coming soon!

Reply

Bookmark Share Flag Invite Reply

☐ Normal You will be notified if someone mentions your @name or replies to you.

Suggested Topics

Topic	Category	Replies	Views	Activity
Neurobiology of Trauma - Existing Resources	■ Ask An Expert	0	10	Sep 9
Overcoming challenges when conducting a statewide inventory	■ Statewide SAKI Sites	0	8	Sep 16
Welcome to the SAKI Discussion Forum	General	0	16	Sep 8
✚ SAKI Research and Analysis Working Group	■ Research and Analysis	0	4	Sep 16
Example Policies and Procedures	■ Victim Notification	1	13	14d

Want to read more? Browse other topics in ■ Ask An Expert or [view latest topics](#).

SAKI Social Media

Three reasons you should follow @SAKInitiative on Twitter and “like” the SAKI page on Facebook

1. **Latest News** on how SAKI communities are successfully working #EndtheBacklog of unsubmitted SAKs.
2. **Tools and Resources** to help communities enhance their criminal justice response to sexual assault and ensure justice for victims.
3. **Facts and Tips** on SAK inventories, tracking processes, and victim-centered approaches to investigation and prosecution.



SAKI Researcher and Analyst Working Group

SAKI TTA team facilitates a monthly working group call for researchers, analysts, and those interested in research-practitioner partnerships in SAKI. Provides a forum to discuss research partnerships and analysis issues and to share knowledge and information across sites. The group discusses data collection, analysis, findings, and implications/uses of data, as well as practical/operational issues related to research (e.g., data use agreements, IRB, MOUs).

This group call occurs on the third Wednesday of each month from 1-2pm EST.

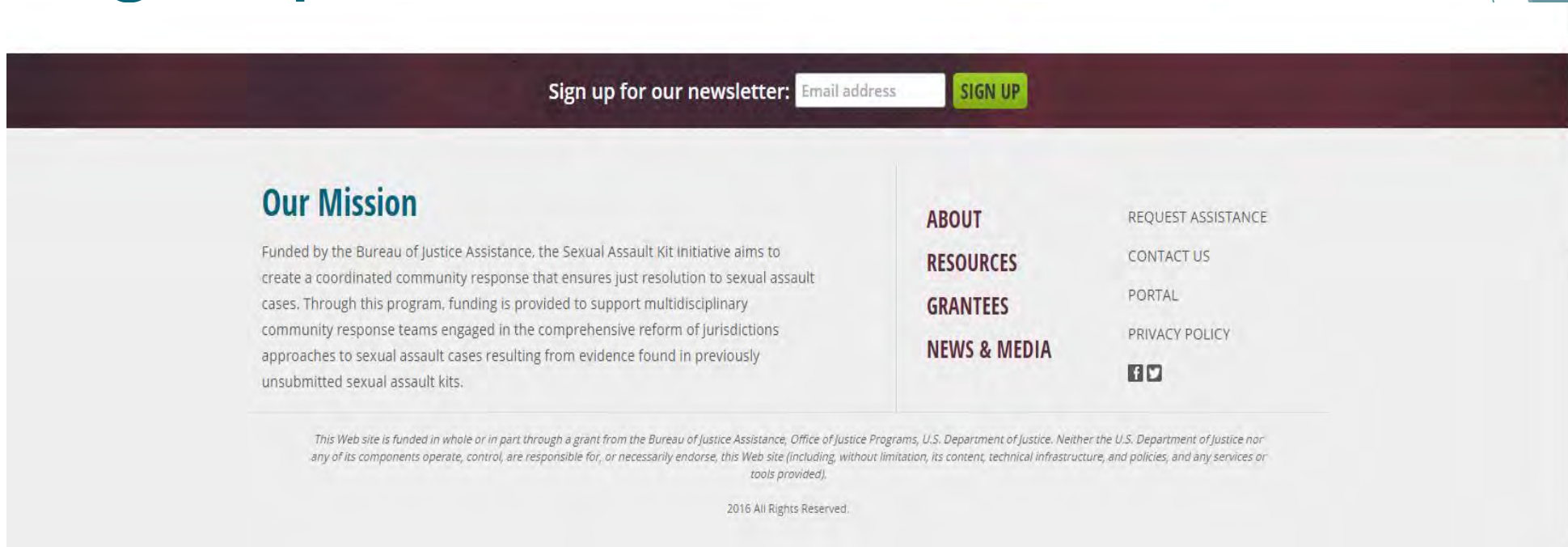
SAKI Toolkit – *Coming Soon!*

SAKI Toolkit will organize resources and other information by topic area, including victim notification, cold case investigation, prosecution, research, and many more, to create a customizable resource guide based on each site's interests and needs.

Welcome Packet

- List of key webinars
- Overview of PMT requirements
- Guidance on conducting an inventory and creating/implementing a testing plan
- Overview of evidence tracking, cold case investigation, and media relations

Sign up for the SAKI Newsletter



The screenshot shows the SAKI website with a dark blue header containing a newsletter sign-up form. The form has the text "Sign up for our newsletter:" followed by an "Email address" input field and a green "SIGN UP" button. Below the header, the main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled "Our Mission", describes the initiative's goal to create a coordinated community response. The middle column contains a vertical list of navigation links: "ABOUT", "RESOURCES", "GRANTEES", and "NEWS & MEDIA". The right column contains links for "REQUEST ASSISTANCE", "CONTACT US", "PORTAL", and "PRIVACY POLICY", along with Facebook and Twitter social media icons. At the bottom of the page, there is a small disclaimer and a copyright notice for 2016.



Sign up for our newsletter: **SIGN UP**

Our Mission

Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative aims to create a coordinated community response that ensures just resolution to sexual assault cases. Through this program, funding is provided to support multidisciplinary community response teams engaged in the comprehensive reform of jurisdictions approaches to sexual assault cases resulting from evidence found in previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits.

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- Stay up to date on project news
- Learn about upcoming events
- See SAKI in the news
- Sign up by visiting the [SAKI website](#)

SAKI National Meeting – Coming Spring 2017



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