

# Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN)

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# What Is SAIN?

***SAIN is a collaboration of volunteer professionals working to reduce the incidence of child on child sexual abuse in our community through identifying, referring, supervising and treating children with sexual behavior problems.***



Hillsborough County



Sexual Abuse Intervention Network



# Who We Are:



- SAIN was officially established in 1999 and provides a forum where organizations can work together on a voluntary basis to improve the county's response to child-on-child sexual abuse.
- The creation of this network is authorized by Section 985.308 of the Florida Statutes and funded by a grant through the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

The members of SAIN meet monthly to conduct a cross-system analysis of child-on-child sexual abuse in HC.

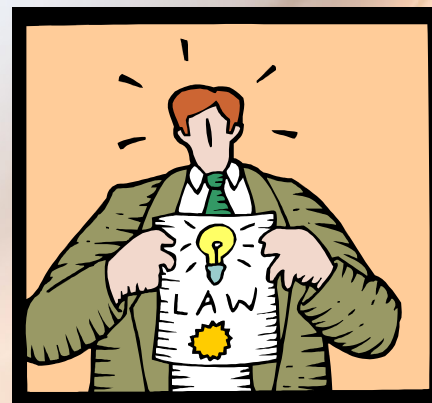
- Identified needs and services for youth with sexual behavior problems are recommended to one of three committees for further review and response project planning.
- The three SAIN committees are as follows:
  - (1) Education & Training
  - (2) Legal/Advocacy
  - (3) Treatment Providers

***Interested in joining the SAIN team?***

Please contact the SAIN Program Coordinator at:  
(813) 490-9406 or e-mail at  
[info@hillsboroughSAIN.com](mailto:info@hillsboroughSAIN.com)

# Florida Statute 985.308 (SAIN)

- 11) A child protection team or the state attorney in any judicial circuit may establish a sexual abuse intervention network to assist in identifying, investigating, prosecuting, treating, and preventing sexual abuse with special emphasis on juvenile sexual offenders and victims of sexual abuse.
- **(12) Membership of a sexual abuse intervention network shall include, but is not limited to, representatives from:**
  - (a) Local law enforcement agencies;
  - (b) Local school boards;
  - (c) Child protective investigators;
  - (d) The office of the state attorney;
  - (e) The office of the public defender;
  - (f) The juvenile division of the circuit court;
  - (g) Professionals licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, s. 490.0145, or s. 491.0144 providing treatment for juvenile sexual offenders or their victims;
  - (h) The guardian ad litem program;
  - (i) The Department of Juvenile Justice; and
  - (j) The Department of Children and Family Services.





# Florida Statute 985.308 - Continued

- (13) Each sexual abuse intervention network shall develop a **cooperative working agreement** describing the roles and responsibilities of all members towards the identification, investigation, prosecution, treatment, and reintegration of juvenile sexual offenders and the treatment of their victims.
- (14) Subject to specific appropriation, availability of funds, or receipt of appropriate grant funds, **the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or local juvenile justice councils shall award grants to sexual abuse intervention networks** that apply for such grants. The grants may be used for training, treatment, aftercare, evaluation, public awareness, and other specified community needs that are identified by the network. A grant shall be awarded based on the applicant's level of local funding, level of collaboration, number of juvenile sexual offenders to be served, number of victims to be served, and level of unmet needs.



# SAIN Services

## SAIN SERVICES TO COMMUNITY:

- Provide community awareness, education and training workshops to the community and professional organizations on issues related to healthy sexuality in youth and/or youth with sexual behavior problems. **Specialized presentations are offered by request.**
- Serve as an advocate for youth, families and professionals seeking treatment for a child with sexual behavior problems.
- Facilitate monthly cross system review and analysis of child-on-child sexual abuse issues in Hillsborough County
- **Access to a specialized resource** library is available to all SAIN members

**For more information call (813) 490-9406**



## SAIN SERVICES TO FAMILIES

- Provide information, referral and support services to families and professionals working with a child with sexual behavior problems..
- Provide specialized family assessments to determine appropriate services needed.
- Develop a formal safety plan with families who are dealing with a child-on-child sexual abuse situation in their home.
- Provide families with door alarms to help minimize further sexual behavior problems in the home.

**To schedule an appointment call:  
(813)250-6675**

# 2009 SAIN Strategic Planning

- SWOT Analysis Conducted by SAIN Governing membership
  - June, 2009 – August, 2009
- Findings
  - Revision of Program Vision, Mission and Core Principals
  - Re~Org of Committees
  - Standardization
  - Data Driven Decision Making
    - Data Collection Barriers
- Functional Committee Priority Project Assignments



# Mission, Vision and Core Principals

SAIN...

*OUR NAME IS OUR PROMISE*

- Sexual Safety for All Youth
- Abuse Prevention, Community Awareness and Advocacy
- Intervention and Treatment Expertise
- Networking and Collaboration of professionals



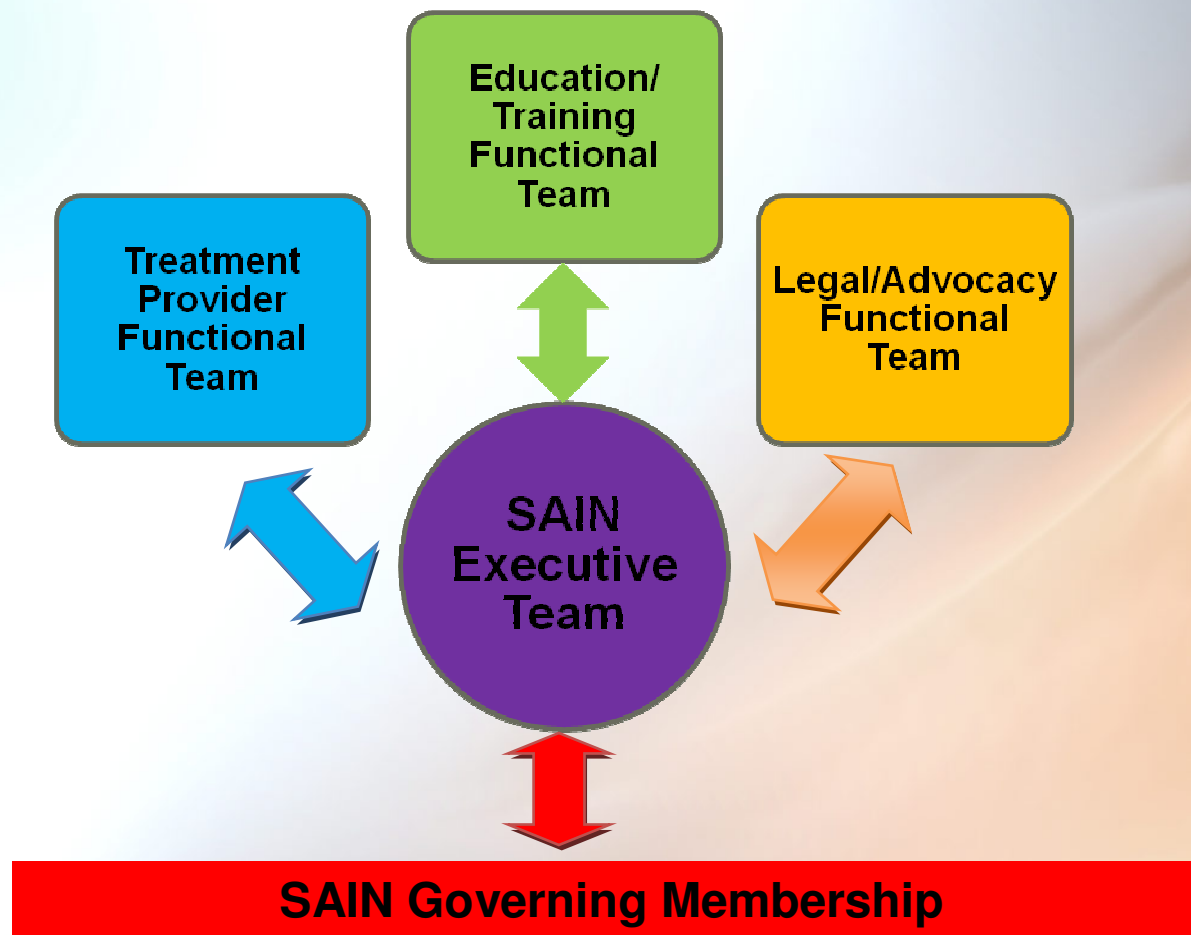
*Our Core Principals...*

- Reduce incidence of child-on-child sexual abuse in Hillsborough County.
- Promote healthy sexuality in all children and adolescents in Hillsborough County.
- Advocate for family and community safety.
- Provide best practice, evidenced based treatment models to youth with sexual behavior problems and their families.
- Promote professional growth and quality service.
- Promote community awareness of child-on-child sexual abuse and children with sexual behavior problems in Hillsborough County through education.
- Critical analysis and response to challenging issues.



# Sexual Abuse Intervention Network

## Functional Team Structure



# MEMBERSHIP ROLES

- **SAIN Governing Membership**

- All parties required by statute as well as others interested in reducing incidence of child on child sexual abuse in Hillsborough County.



- **SAIN Executive Team**

- The executive committee will act as an overseer of SAIN Program activities and will be empowered to make, direct and implement major program decisions based on their review and analysis of functional team project reports, industry changes etc...



- **Functional Team**

- A functional team is a group of people with different expertise working toward a common goal, responsible for carrying out all phases of SAIN projects from start to finish.

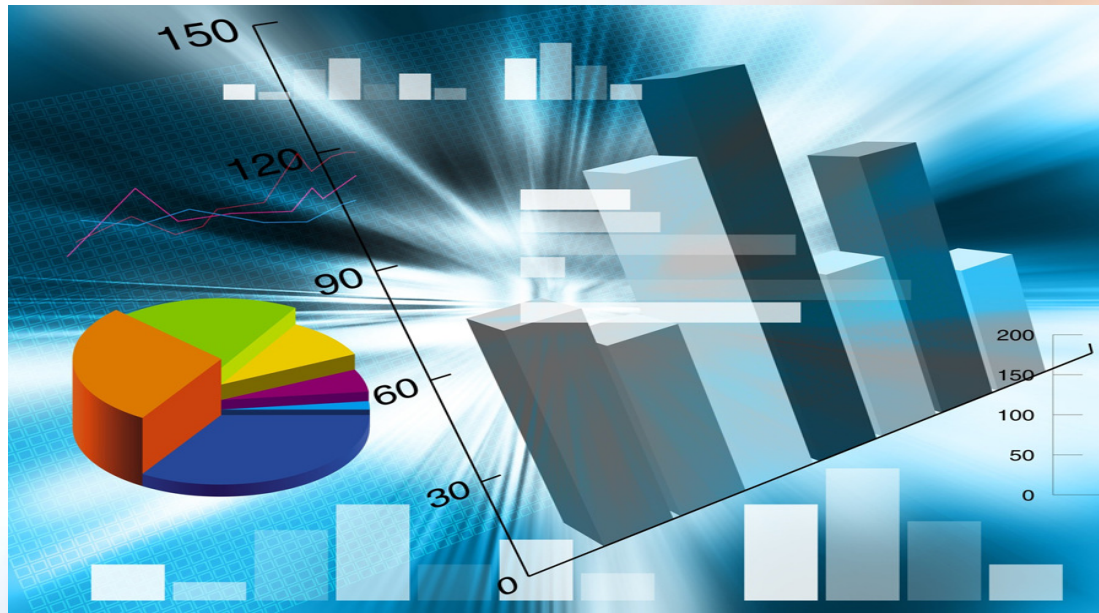
# SAIN Governing Membership Agenda

- **Announcements**
- **Agency Check-In**
- **Ongoing Business**
  - SAIN Program Coord Update
  - Community Collaboration
  - SAIN Website Stats
  - SAIN Family Coord Update
    - Utilization Review
    - Patterns/Trends
  - SAIN Library
  - SAIN Training/Education
  - Analyze Training Evaluations
  - Prevalence Data Analysis
- **New Business**
  - Group Discussion Topic(s)
- **Committee Updates**
- **Other Items for Discussion**
- **Standing Reports:**
  - Committee Action Plan Project Updates
  - SAIN Training Evaluation Outcomes
  - SAIN Program Coordinator Utilization Report
  - SAIN Family Coordinator Utilization Report
  - Hillsborough County JSO Prevalence Data
    - ADAM Walsh Registered Youth Review in HC



# Data Driven Decision Making

- Data Collection Barriers
- Anecdotal Data from Membership





# **SAIN Accomplishments FY '09**

**(10/08 – 9/09)**

- **985 Professionals trained about youth with sexual behavioral problems and related topics FY 08-09**
  - Overall satisfaction rating indicating gained new knowledge from the training was 98.9%
- **48 families served directly** (safety planning, information and referral & parent education)
- **Website Utilization**
  - 5,399 Website Visits
  - 18,782 Page Views
- **Network Membership Participation**
  - An average of 17 members attended meetings monthly



# How Can You Help ?????

- **Make a Commitment to Support the SAIN Network**
  - **Provide additional funding opportunities for SAIN**
    - Availability of Services for youth and families
  - **Address data collection/reporting barriers**
  - **Specialized curriculum/training for foster/adoptive parents on sexual behavior problems in youth**
  - **Attend or designate a representative in your organization to attend our SAIN meetings regularly**
  - **Assure that staff within your organizations are educated about the issue of child-on-child sexual abuse and the dynamics of sexual behavior problems in children and adolescents**
    - ❖ **Schedule training through the SAIN Program**
  - **Help dispel myths about children with sexual behavior problems**



**THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

# **Gabriel Myers Work Group Presentation**

## **Question and Answer Session**

**“We worry about what a child  
will become tomorrow, yet we  
forget that he is someone  
today.”**

**-Stacia Tauscher**

