

611A.21 DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PROGRAM; DEFINITION; SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Program.** The commissioner of corrections shall develop a community based, statewide program to aid victims of reported sexual attacks.

Subd. 2. **Sexual attack.** As used in sections 611A.21 and 611A.221, a "sexual attack" means any nonconsensual act of rape, sodomy, or indecent liberties.

Subd. 3. **Program services.** The program developed by the commissioner of corrections may include, but not be limited to, provision of the following services:

(1) Voluntary counseling by trained personnel to begin as soon as possible after a sexual attack is reported. The counselor shall be of the same sex as the victim and shall, if requested, accompany the victim to the hospital and to other proceedings concerning the alleged attack, including police questioning, police investigation, and court proceedings. The counselor shall also inform the victim of hospital procedures, police and court procedures, the possibility of contracting venereal disease, the possibility of pregnancy, expected emotional reactions and any other relevant information; and shall make appropriate referrals for any assistance desired by the victim.

(2) Payment of all costs of any medical examinations and medical treatment which the victim may require as a result of the sexual attack if the victim is not otherwise reimbursed for these expenses or is ineligible to receive compensation under any other law of this state or of the United States.

History: 1974 c 578 s 1; 1983 c 262 art 1 s 6; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 103