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2016-MU-CX-K011:	Rutgers Violence Against Women Consortium
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Though there has been much progress in research from a variety of disciplines about the wide impact that violence against women has on individuals, families, and society, there are still gaps in the research. There is room to improve services for women who experience violence, including the development of a more nuanced understanding of the causes and consequences of sexual violence, intimate partner violence (IPV), teen dating violence (TDV), and stalking. There is a need to address victimization, perpetration, prevention, and intervention and to recognize how these may be experienced differently by diverse groups. *Purpose:* The overall purpose of the proposed Rutgers Violence Against Women Consortium is to work collaboratively with interdisciplinary researchers and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) scientists to identify, implement, and disseminate research and evaluation projects that fill the gaps in our current knowledge on IPV, sexual violence, stalking, and TDV. The Consortium will build upon the strong foundation in place at the Center on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC), and will expand to incorporate a branch dedicated to conducting cutting-edge research to address such gaps, in conjunction with NIJ. There are several aspects of the proposed Consortium that make it poised for success, including the leadership and infrastructure, core guiding values, and workflow and communications plans. *Partnerships:* The Rutgers Violence Against Women Consortium has assembled a team of 13 core faculty with expertise in the priority areas of sexual violence, IPV, TDV, and stalking. The consortium will draw upon the exceptional skills of core faculty and will also tap into their wide, diverse networks to help develop the most rigorous research projects assigned by NIJ. *Potential Impact:* The findings from this project have the potential to significantly improve our understanding of the major criminal justice problems of IPV, sexual violence, stalking, TDV, and other forms of violence against women. In order to maximize the impact of the project, the Consortium will develop meaningful translations of research findings for those in the field of violence against women, and for the public at large. The goal will be to provide critical information on violence against women to influence and inform research, practice, and policy. The Consortium's translation and distribution of research will carefully consider both the type of the translational materials, and the process of dissemination for each project.

2020-VA-CX-0003:	Examining the Black Box: A Formative and Evaluability Assessment of Cross-sectoral Approaches for Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence
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Status:	Open

The study proposes to conduct an evaluability assessment and formative evaluation of intimate partner violence and sexual violence (IPV/SV) cross sectoral approaches used in North Carolina (NC) and examine their similarities and differences. Cross-sectoral approaches are complex and adaptive interventions designed to coordinate interagency service delivery and formalize collaboration between varying disciplines and agencies in the public, private, and non-profit sectors (e.g., Family Justice Centers [FJCs], Multi-Agency Model Centers [MAMCs]). The team will develop a logic model, theory of change, and evaluation design informed by interviews with survivors from diverse backgrounds (n=30); focus groups with varying professions working within a cross-sectoral approach (n=60); and conduct a document review of agency materials describing the approach and activities. Study staff will field test the practice and research materials by conducting a process evaluation focused on program implementation (e.g., coordination and collaboration) and key agency outcomes (e.g., referrals) and conducting a preliminary, longitudinal evaluation (n=80) to assess research feasibility and key survivor outcomes (e.g., safety and well-being). An expert advisory group will guide all project aspects, and eight NC community agencies will serve as project sites. The products resulting from the research will include: 1) peer-reviewed publications; 2) presentations at academic conferences; 3) research briefs and white paper; 4) a study website; and 5) a final research report, associated data sets, and other study documentation.

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