

# Strengthening Sexual Assault Prosecutions

## April 23-25, 2025

Hosted by the Montana Department of Justice  
Office of Victim Services Sexual Assault Response Network Program  
and Prosecution Services Bureau

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/dbKm1nQpMH>  
SAO Training Room, Mazurek Building, 215 N Sanders, Helena

### **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

- 8:00 a.m. Sign in opens
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome – Attorney General Austin Knudsen  
Introductions – Kayla Bragg, Director, Office of Victim Services  
Training overview - Hope Stockwell, Sexual Assault Response Network  
Coordinator
- 9:30 a.m. A survivor’s experience of the criminal justice system
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presenter: Kathleen Campbell, Bureau Chief, Trial Division, Maricopa County  
Attorney’s Office, Arizona
- *Corroborating the Victim’s Account*
  - *Meeting the Victim Where They Are (Literally and Figuratively)*
- (breaks will occur from approximately 12-1 p.m. and 2:45-3 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. Small group breakouts: Montana case discussion - overcoming challenges
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

## **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

8:30 a.m.      Presenter: Fara Gold, Attorney Advisor, Office of Violence Against Women,  
U.S. Department of Justice

- Using the Law and Evidentiary Rules Strategically and Effectively
- Being Thoughtful About What Accountability & Justice Look Like
- Sustaining a Productive, Healthy, & Committed Workforce by Redefining Success

(breaks will occur from approximately 10-10:15 a.m., 12-1 p.m., and 2:45-3 p.m.)

3:00 p.m.      Small group breakouts: closing arguments and rebuttal – preparing from the start

5:00 p.m.      Recess

## **Friday, April 25, 2025**

8:30 a.m.      Presenter: Selene Koepke, Assistant Attorney General, Appellate Services  
Bureau, Montana DOJ

- Lessons from the Appellate Perspective

9:45 a.m.      Break

10:00 a.m.      Presenters:  
Mary Barry, Chief Criminal Deputy County Attorney, Lewis and Clark County  
Meghann Paddock, Assistant Attorney General, Prosecution Services  
Bureau, Montana DOJ

- Opening statements: strategies and considerations

10:30 a.m.      Small group breakouts: opening statements – priming the jury

12:30 p.m.      Adjourn