



The Ascend Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist (SRAS) Certification Program

Coming to Columbia, SC, June 6-7, 2017!

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Comments from Past Attendees

"Ascend's SRA training is extremely comprehensive, user-friendly, and up-to-date. This is a must for all SRA presenters and program directors."

"The context, history, knowledge and research truly equips the SRAS with the necessary tools to develop and maintain an effective and beneficial educational program."

"SRAS training has truly exceeded my expectations. I have been given extensive information and tools to be articulate, effective, and compliant in the arena of public health and sex education."

Is SRAS A Curriculum?

No. SRAS is a certification. SRAS offers proficiency on the SRA model. It provides a foundation for any curriculum as it sets a standard of excellence for the field.

See back of flyer for training details

Why Certification?

- Encourages uniform levels of professional expertise in SRA methodology
- Increases the overall quality of school and community sexual health education
- Provides seasoned SRA educators with continuing education to assure that they have the most current data and research in the SRA field
- Offers a quality professional development opportunity for Title V grantees
- Successful completion earns the SRAS (Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist) designation after one's name to signify professional training. (e.g. Jane Doe, SRAS)

Certification Topics Include:

- Defining the SRA approach
- The theoretical and public health basis for SRA
- Content of successful SRA programs
- Building parent-child connectedness
- Building community & school partnerships
- The importance of research & program evaluation
- Implementing an evidence-based approach
- Sexual health data, research, trends, & medical accuracy
- Effective public messaging
- Applying an SRA code of ethics to your program

Pre-course reading is required. There are 9 modules with quizzes that must be completed prior to the training. Please allow 25-40 hours to complete the pre-coursework. Once you register, you will receive further instructions and details.

For more information, please contact Lisa Hobbs at hobbslb@dhec.sc.gov or call (803) 898-0811



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Date and Time

- **Columbia, SC, from 8am to 5pm.**

Training will be held at
Saluda Shoals Park, River Center - Fleet Room
5605 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29212
(803) 213-2025

Rates

- Registration deadline is May 12, 2017
- The cost of this training is being underwritten by a Title V grant, so there is no charge to attend
- Registrants are responsible for their own travel and meals

Accommodations

- Hyatt Place Columbia
819 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201
803-978-2013
- Hampton Inn Columbia - I-26
Harbison Boulevard
101 Woodcross Drive
Columbia, South Carolina, 29212
803-749-6999
- Hilton Garden Inn Columbia - Harbison
434 Columbiana Dr
Columbia, SC 29212-1652
855-618-4697

To register, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/jkk3ede>

For a sample agenda, please go to <https://www.dropbox.com/s/oybh912a5wtip6u/2016%20%20SRAS%20Agenda.pdf?dl=0>

Please note:

- **Once you register, you will need to send a letter of commendation to Christine Eckley at: ceckley@WeAscend.org. This letter can come from a colleague, or someone else in your network, and needs to briefly state why you are a good candidate for the training and how it will benefit you in the work you do.** Upon receipt, Christine Eckley, from Ascend, will send you the link for the pre-coursework.

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