



The Ascend Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist (SRAS) Certification Program

Coming to Kalamazoo, MI, April 17-18, 2018!

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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.

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Date and Time

• April 17-18, from 8am to 5pm.

Training will be held at
Best Western Plus
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Accommodations

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Group rate available

Rates

- Registration deadline is March 27, 2018
- \$300 early bird registration - ends Feb 18th
- Cost of registration after Feb 18th: \$350
- Lunch is included with the training. Complementary breakfast provided by Best Western for overnight guests.

To register, visit: <http://www.alternativescc.org/Ascend-Conference>

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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