IAFN's Spotlight-on-a-Member

Miriam Stauter, BSN

LOCATION: Fayetteville, New York
WORK SETTING: Hospital Labor & Delivery Nurse and Emergency Department SANE responding to 4 local Hospitals
FORENSIC NURSING ROLE: Works as a SANE responding to four local Syracuse area hospitals.
YEARS OF IAFN MEMBERSHIP: Four-years

Tell us more about your forensic nursing role:

Miriam received her BSN from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. Miriam is an RN at St. Joseph's Labor & Delivery department and takes call after hours for the Onondaga SANE Program in Syracuse, NY. Miriam has performed over 200 exams as a per diem SANE responding to Adult/ Adolescent/ and Pediatric Patients in her community over the last 4 years.

Why did they become a forensic nurse or decided to work with forensic nurses?

Miriam decided to pursue Forensic Nursing because she wanted to "do something for the community and learn more about how I could use my nursing degree to help others".

What do they enjoy most about forensic nursing, or why they continue to work in the forensic nursing field?

What Miriam enjoys most about forensic nursing and working in the forensic field is "helping others during a horrible time in their life".

Catherine Narcavage-Bradley shares her reasoning behind "Spotlighting" Miriam:

Miriam has been a dedicated per diem SANE in the Onondaga SANE program for 4-1/2 years. She also works as a Labor & Delivery Nurse as her primary RN role. Miriam should be honored as an IAFN Spotlight member for her dedication and hard work she consistently demonstrates in her Per Diem SANE Role. Miriam consistently takes extra call hours well beyond the required minimum hours, helps provide last minute call response, and last minute extra schedule coverage. Miriam is an excellent role model and mentor to new SANEs orienting to the program. Miriam goes above and beyond to assist in providing the best care and service to sexual assault and abuse patients in the Syracuse community. Miriam is highly deserving of an IAFN member spotlight.