

## Welcome to Kristina Rose EVAWI's New Executive Director!

We are delighted to announce that Kristina Rose will soon be joining EVAWI, to serve as our new Executive Director. Building upon our 15 1/2 years of success, she will establish a new office for EVAWI in the Washington, DC area, to help forge new partnerships, implement EVAWI's strategic plan, and expand EVAWI's impact both domestically and internationally.



Perhaps no one is more excited than our Chief Executive Officer, Joanne Archambault:

*I have personally worked with Kris over a period of decades, in each of her assignments at the Department of Justice, and I can't say enough about her extensive knowledge, passion, integrity, and interpersonal skills. I think one of her greatest gifts is her ability to work with different professional disciplines, but she has a particularly in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system and the people who work in it.*

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Ms. Rose most recently served as Deputy Director at the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as a Senior Policy Advisor on Violence Against Women to Vice President Joe Biden. She was the Acting Director and Deputy Director for the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and the Chief of Staff at the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). We know she will bring the in-depth experience and "lessons learned" from these positions, to benefit our work.

### **Sexual Assault Focus**

As the driving force behind numerous cutting-edge initiatives on sexual assault, Ms. Rose provided leadership on an action research project on untested sexual assault kits, a virtual practicum on sexual assault forensic exams, and telehealth centers for serving sexual assault victims in underserved and remote communities. While working for Vice President Biden, Ms. Rose managed the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and developed a guide for college presidents on how to create a comprehensive response to sexual assault on college and university campuses.

Ms. Rose officially begins work at EVAWI on August 28th, and she is reportedly "thrilled" to join the team:

*Improving the criminal justice system's response to violence against women is deeply important to me. EVAWI has long been a leader in this area and I am looking forward to working with such a talented, committed, and accomplished group of individuals to shape the future of the organization.*

### **Reducing Gender Bias**

Her work will initially focus on the Justice Department's groundbreaking 2015 guidance on *Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence*. In October 2016, EVAWI was awarded an OVW grant to support the implementation of this Guidance, and improve law enforcement responses to sexual assault. Ms. Rose knows the critical importance of this work:

*Having worked at OVW for several years, I couldn't be happier to know I'll be contributing to EVAWI's work with OVW on sexual assault and gender bias. Ensuring law enforcement has access to the tools and information they need to address implicit bias is a crucial step toward changing the culture.*

### **Compassion and Vision**

Since our inception in 2003, we have had the great fortune of working with countless dedicated and talented professionals. With the addition of Kris Rose to the EVAWI family, we are now better equipped than ever to transform criminal justice and community responses to gender-based violence. Again, returning to our CEO Joanne Archambault, whose leadership team is about to double:

*We all know that we have a great deal of work ahead of us, to improve community responses to violence against women, but to be successful, we have to be able to listen to all of the various stakeholders and act with respect and compassion. I know Kris can do that, and I can't wait for her to start work on August 28th . In fact, I feel like a 5-year-old waiting for Christmas morning!*

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