

Preventing and Responding to Campus Sexual Violence

Across the nation, concerns over the rate of sexual assault on college campuses have generated public interest, new federal regulations, and intense focus. In the interest of building collaborations and meeting both the spirit and the letter of the law, state coalitions across the nation are excited to partner with college campuses to bring awareness, training, and understanding to campus.

The Resource Sharing Project encourages state coalitions to be bold in taking leadership in this arena. We know survivors and campus communities need your expertise at the table.

PROBLEM:

20%
FEMALE
6%
MALE

students will experience **SEXUAL VIOLENCE** while in college

SOLUTION: Regulatory Compliance & Stronger Partnerships

Coalitions are able to assist campuses in:*

- Developing and implementing prevention programs
- Training for administrators, faculty, staff, and students
- Developing partnerships with rape crisis centers to provide support services to male and female survivors including 24-hour medical and legal accompaniment
- Technical Assistance
- Confidentiality

*all needs identified through the Campus SaVE Act of VAWA

Federal Responses to Sexual Assaults on Campus

Clery Act

- Requires campuses to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses
- Schools must afford victims of campus sexual assault certain basic rights
- Provisions dealing with registered sex offender notification and campus emergency response
- Protects crime victims, "whistleblowers", and others from retaliation

Campus SaVE Act

- Passed in 2012 as part of Violence Against Women Act
- Amends the Clery Act and affords additional rights to victims
- Requires reports of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campus in addition to sexual assault
- Includes prevention requirements
- In April of 2014 a rule-making committee for the Campus SaVE Act reached consensus on the proposed rules, final rules go into effect July 2015

Title IX

- Prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal funding
- Sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and sexual violence since it creates a hostile educational environment
- Schools are legally required to respond and remedy hostile educational environments and failure to do so is a violation that means a campus could risk losing its federal funding

White House Task Force

- Created in January 2014
- Led by the Office of the Vice President and the White House Council on Women & Girls
- Released a report with multiple recommendations & resources for campuses to follow including a Model MOU for working with coalitions & rape crisis centers and strong confidentiality recommendations. They also launched www.notalone.gov as well as the "It's On Us" Public Awareness Campaign focusing on bystander intervention

Responses from Congress

- Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO) held roundtables during the summer to analyze the problem
- She along with Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and additional co-sponsors introduced the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (S. 2692)
- Campus sexual assault issues might also be considered in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

What can advocates and coalitions do?

- Develop guidance for rape crisis centers on fee structures for training, prevention and services.
- Meet with and/or write governing boards such as boards of regents that oversee higher education institutions to discuss campus sexual assault policies as well as to offer training, prevention and services expertise.
- Provide an opportunity for campus-based advocates, women's centers, and/or student anti-rape activist groups to network, build relationships with local programs, and/or attend trainings and conferences.
- Host a forum to discuss your state's response to campus sexual assault. Include policy makers, advocates, student activists, and survivors.
- Help rape crisis centers and campuses create or strengthen task forces and response teams.

Resources

- The official government website on campus sexual assault: www.NotAlone.gov
- [Department of Education Office for Civil Rights](#) sexual violence resources and [information about schools with Title IX complaints](#)
- [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence](#) campus sexual assault policy documents
- [National Sexual Violence Resource center](#) campus resources
- The [Victim Rights Law Center](#) represents student survivors
- Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence Resource: "[Creating Change Together: A Guide for Rape Crisis Centers Partnering with Colleges & Universities](#)"
- Student Activist Groups [Know Your IX](#) and [End Rape on Campus](#)
- OVW Campus Grant TA Providers [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) and [Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)

