

SART/SANE on Campus

SART Listserv

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Background: Does anyone know of any College/University that has implemented a comprehensive SANE/SART Model on campus?

New Jersey

- Montclair State University (MSU) in East Orange, NJ has a program.
 - MSU SART is modeled after New Jersey State Standards for Survivors of Sexual Assault and provides on campus services identical to official SART sites in the state. The team is trained to provide victim-centered, compassionate, comprehensive services directly on campus.
 - <http://www.montclair.edu/health/HC/sexualassault.html>
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Texas

Overview of the University of Texas at Tyler: Campus Assault Response Effort (CARE) model

This model can be expanded to address such issues as domestic violence, dating violence, hazing, celebratory violence, etc. It is modeled after the Texas Attorney General's Office SART model (used in communities throughout the state) and has received a great deal of support from the Attorney General's office over the past two years. The model includes an internal (university specific) and external (university and community agencies) memoranda of understanding. All of the campus components and their respective representatives are active members in the larger community SART and the CARE program is viewed as an extension of that larger team with access to all the resources.

CARE is the only program in the state of its kind and the only place in the state where exams will be done on campus, and currently the only one in the state outside the military where kits will be collected without prior law enforcement approval.

The CARE program has received a great deal of support from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) and was honored as the 2006 Most Innovative Program of the Year at the TAASA state awards ceremony in March, 2007. It has also been honored locally as a HOPE award recipient from the East Texas Crisis Center.

One of the goals for the next 2-3 years is to mentor a minimum of three other universities in establishing a program like CARE on their campus.

Overview of the CARE Model:

Law enforcement: We have campus police department comprised of sworn officers and security guards who work closely with local law enforcement in the event of a sexual assault. The university police are scheduled to complete a Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigation course over the next year to provide more specific and specialized training in this area.

Medical: There is an on campus clinic that in which I work and see the students as an adult nurse practitioner. I am also a certified adult/pediatric SANE and will be doing the SANE exams for students/faculty/staff here on campus this coming year. I am also on the staff of one of the local hospitals that has a SANE program and I take call for them on the weekends, so I can potentially see students in that setting as well. This is also addressed in the memoranda of understanding. Within that understanding is an option that would allow the collection of a kit to be done without prior law enforcement approval. This was discussed with the local District Attorney and his staff and is included as an option to help alleviate some barriers to reporting so the students can get the help they need. This agreement extends to the local SANE hospital programs for UTT students.

Counseling/Advocacy: The counselors (all LPC's) on campus have received specialized training in sexual violence/sexual assault and provide long term counseling for survivors. They coordinate their efforts with the local crisis center that provides advocacy in the acute phase if it is after clinic hours or on the weekend. The university counselors provide acute advocacy services during clinic hours as well as coordinating the change in academic or living arrangements if needed. They also coordinate the "trauma drop" procedure if needed, which allows a student to drop as few or as many classes (even after the drop date) without any repercussions if they need to do this. This keeps them from having to submit a lot of paperwork and repeat their story multiple times. One of the LPC's is the coordinator for prevention and wellness services on campus and has a student group that is active in helping to plan and implement prevention efforts. This is also done in conjunction with the local crisis center. In the fall, we plan to have a sexual assault advocate from the crisis center who will be dedicated one day a week to help in the further development and implementation of the prevention programming, etc on campus. Included throughout the programming will be a focus on bystander intervention and zero tolerance.

Legal/Judicial: The policies and process for dealing with sexual assault are being revised and will reflect a zero tolerance to these issues. This is being done in conjunction with the CARE coalition and the director of UTT judicial affairs/administration. Specific judicial programming related to campus sexual assault is planned for those involved in this process for the coming year. The local District Attorney has been active and supportive of this effort and works closely with the law enforcement and other CARE team members.

Resources

Online Campus Programs

California State University Northridge - Anonymous Sexual Assault Report Form

http://www-admn.csun.edu/police/forms/sexual_assault.htm This form is for reporting a sexual assault anonymously to the CSUN Police Department with the compilation of statistical records for assaults that occurs on the CSUN campus.

College of Scholastica - Sexual Assault Policy

<http://www.css.edu/x17570.xml>

This link outlines the College of Scholastica's sexual assault policy and provides guidance and resources for sexual assault victims.

College Of Wooster - Responding To Sexual Assault: A Resource Manual

http://www.wooster.edu/Policies/assault_manual.pdf#search=%22Responding%20to%20sexual%20assault%20survivors%20%20A%20Training%20manual%20for%20EMS%22

A comprehensive document which contains Wooster College's policies and procedures for sexual assault; information on the options available to a victim in the civil and College judicial systems, resources for assistance available on campus and in the community.

Lewis and Clark College

Campus Safety -- Sexual Assault Response Network

<http://www.lclark.edu/dept/safety/responsenetwork.html>

The Lewis and Clark College Campus Safety website offers resources and information to sexual assault victims in crisis.

Mississippi State University

<http://www.msstate.edu/dept/audit/91118.html>

The site addresses the University's policy and procedures regarding sexual assault. The information includes the definition of sexual assault and consent; roles and responsibilities for SART coordinators; procedures for reporting sexual assault; the judicial process and sanctions; and dissemination of information on sexual assault to students.

Pennsylvania State University- Protocol to assist victims of relationship, domestic and sexual violence

<http://www.sa.psu.edu/uhs/pdf/protocol.pdf>

This document describes Penn State procedures and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence.

Rutgers State University

<http://sexualassault.rutgers.edu/protocolpurpose.html>

The purpose of the sexual assault protocol at Rutgers University is to provide a comprehensive, standardized procedure for all faculty and staff to respond to victims of sexual assault. The protocol provides a detailed explanation of how to offer a victim support, information and referral. The site provides information on victims' bill of rights, and answers to assist first responders in responding to frequently asked questions.

Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara California

Sexual Assault Survivor Information

<http://www.sbccc.edu/healthandsafety/index.php?sec=2034>

This website offers guidance and resources to sexual assault survivors in crisis.

Santa Clara University- California

http://www.scu.edu/studentlife/commhandbook/upp/sexual_assault.cfm

The site includes information on academic and living accommodations following sexual assault; advocacy and crisis counseling; medical and legal considerations; reporting options; and university's response to sexual assault and sexual misconduct.

St. Edwards University, Austin Texas

<http://www.stedwards.edu/studev/judicialaffairs/sexualassault.pdf>

This website features guidelines for university responses to sexual assault victims and features an anonymous sexual assault report form.

University of Buffalo, University Police

Sexual Assault Anonymous Reporting Form

www.public-safety.buffalo.edu/proxy.shtml

This form is for reporting a sexual assault anonymously to UB University Police, to assist with the compilation of statistical records for assaults that occur on the campus.

University of California- Riverside

<http://csw.ucr.edu/assault.html>

This link offers resources and guidance to campus victims of sexual assault.

University of Cincinnati

Sexual Assault Anonymous Report Form

http://www.uc.edu/ucwc/documents/CONTACT_SHEET.doc

An anonymous reporting form for victims of sexual assault.

Virginia Wesleyan College

Sexual Assault Response Guidelines

www.vwc.edu/documents/emergency_B.pdf

This document provides guidelines for sensitive and thorough crisis response to sexual assault victims.

West Virginia University, Sexual Assault Prevention and Education

Faculty and Staff Sexual Assault Protocol Checklist

<http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/shs/sexualAssault/facultyProcedure.asp>

A step-by-step checklist for assisting campus victims of sexual assault.

William and Mary-Survivor Information

http://www.wm.edu/sexualassault/help_myself_dean.php

This website offers resources and information to sexual assault survivors, with special sections for male survivors and survivors from the LGBTQ community.