

2019 MID YEAR REPORT
PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ENHANCING VICTIM SERVICES THROUGHOUT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

2018-2019 MID YEAR PROJECT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Rutgers University has a long and successful history of responding to and preventing campus interpersonal violence. The university has been identified as a leader in the field for programs and research and has been recognized as a leader in the field of violence prevention.

Funding administered through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) from the N.J. Attorney General's office in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 allowed the university to continue work to expand and refine our "Rutgers Model" for addressing campus sexual violence.

The following mid- year report highlights the ways in which the AG-VOCA grant has enabled Rutgers University to strengthen and expand services and programming on all of the Rutgers campuses during the period from September 2018-February 2019.

PROJECT GOALS

1

To enhance the work on each of the Rutgers campuses to address sexual and dating violence

2

To strengthen a coordinated, university-wide message about the Rutgers response to sexual violence



Victim Services Offices at Rutgers

177

Clients received services
September 2018 -
February 2019

4

Victim services offices
now open on each
Rutgers campus

123

New clients have received
services September 2018 -
February 2019

UNIVERSITY - WIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- There are now stand-alone victim services offices on each of the 4 Rutgers campuses that provide a range of support services to victims as well as education and awareness-raising to the larger campus community
- Offices of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) have expanded their services on the Newark, Camden, and New Brunswick campuses
- An Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) has been established for the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS) campuses

UNIVERSITY - WIDE PROJECTS

- A public service announcement has been filmed addressing the graduate student experience and providing information about resources and services
- The university-wide website has been updated and enhanced to continue to serve as a hub of information for ALL Rutgers students
- An animated video has been created targeting faculty and staff exploring the ways in which they can support students
- All campuses will be participating in events to honor National Crime Victim's Rights Week and will be working together throughout the University to facilitate a "Talk it Out Series" that explores issues around sexual violence, dating violence, consent, and healthy relationships

CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Each campus organized various awareness events for "Turn the Campus Purple" which recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month, honors survivors of violence, and provides violence prevention training and education, all while using the signature color for domestic violence—purple.

Other campus & community programs included:

Camden

The Community Ambassadors program consists of a team of students that serve to develop and strengthen relationships with the community

A 4-tiered Healthy Relationship series was implemented that educates students about healthy ways to start and end a romantic relationship, understanding sexual consent, and the impact of technology on dating.

New Brunswick

Rutgers Community Action, Respect, Engagement, and Service (CARES) trains students on how to effectively and sensitively respond to peers who have disclosed

Rolling with Rejection is a presentation that examines the cognitive and emotional impact of dating rejection and helps participants develop alternative perspectives for coping

Newark

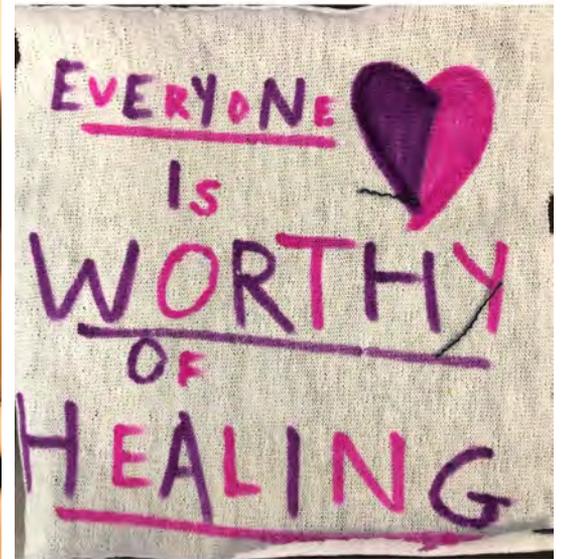
WeSpeak Upstander training encourages participants to be engaged upstanders rather than bystanders to violence

"Talk It Out" is video series where VPVA canvasses campus to ask students a question of the week—one that addresses dating and dating violence. The one-on-one Q&A session is video recorded and posted on the VPVA's social media outlets.

RBHS

In January 2019, RBHS officially established its own Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance office, providing crisis and short-term counseling, advocacy, and education to RBHS students.

RBHS VPVA introduced the interactive, online sexual assault prevention program "Not Anymore" to the School of Nursing, the School of Graduate Studies at Rutgers-Newark, and the School of Public Health.



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EVALUATION

Ongoing evaluation and assessment of all project related activities was conducted by the Center on Violence Against Women and Children. Findings are continuously shared with the campuses as feedback loops to help them improve their services and programs.

1,179 students who have participated in 46 different educational programs have been surveyed about their perceptions from September 2018-February 2019



81% of individuals who have completed a Post test said they were "a great deal" satisfied with the program they attended.

Overall, students who received services at VPVA and participated in the satisfaction surveys across the campuses indicated very high levels of satisfaction with both with the provision of services and overall experience with VPVA staff.



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The AG-VOCA Advisory Board was created including representatives from all campuses.

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