
ENHANCING VICTIM SERVICES AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

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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



RUTGERS

School of Social Work

UNIVERSITY-WIDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Rutgers now has three victim services offices open on the Newark, Camden, and New Brunswick campuses
- 94 new clients have been served between the months of October 2017 and January 2018
- Technical assistance has been provided to all three campuses to help them use evidence-informed programs and procedures

Examples of Technical Support Provided to Campuses

- A Guide for New Hires
- Toolkit for Establishing Comprehensive Victim Services Programs
- A Guide to Trauma-Informed Approaches*
- Support Groups Guidance*
- Self-Care & Wellness Toolkit*
- Best Practices Guide for Campus Sexual Violence Webpages*
- Training on Victim Rights and Assistance in the Criminal Justice Process

*Currently being finalized for dissemination

UNIVERSITY-WIDE PLANS

- A public service announcement has been filmed and includes students from all three campuses talking about resources available at Rutgers
- We are currently revamping a university-wide website to serve as a hub of information for ALL Rutgers students
- The "We R Here" campaign will launch in April as a way to connect the services and initiatives across all campuses
- All campuses will be participating in events to honor National Crime Victim Right's Week

We R Here
Support Services for Victims of Violence

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018

291

INDIVIDUALS

Received training and education on sexual violence

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VICTIM SERVICES OFFICES

Open on Newark, New Brunswick, and Camden campuses

94

NEW CLIENTS

Have been served by Victim Services Offices between October 2017 and January 2018

CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Camden

- Community Ambassador program created to work with local residents
- Bystander intervention sexual violence prevention program initiated

New Brunswick

- Health Masculinity Project launched
- Rutgers CARES program developed to teach students how to help their peers

Newark

- Extensive training of student leaders such as those in Residence Life and in Greek Life
- Peer education trainings provided on sexual violence
- Several community-campus collaboration sexual violence awareness events

10 TRAININGS
FOR 237
ATTENDEES

22 TRAININGS
FOR 1570
ATTENDEES

8 TRAININGS
FOR 254
ATTENDEES

EVALUATIONS

16 programs for students have been evaluated.
Overall evaluations report a positive response

ASSESSMENTS IMPLEMENTED

- Web Assessment of available resources
- Campus Staff Readiness Assessment
- Post Tests for all training and education programs

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

- Survey of student awareness of resources
- Interviews with victims utilizing services
- Interviews with key stakeholders