

Campus Sexual Violence

Guidelines for a comprehensive response

- 1 Develop strong leadership and an inclusive and diverse working group that will guide the development of a comprehensive response to sexual violence, including the drafting of an institutional policy and protocol.
- 2 Develop a clear definition of sexual violence, a shared understanding of the nature and impacts of sexualized trauma, and a common language that is trauma-informed, victim/survivor-centered, and gender-inclusive.
- 3 Develop and implement a stand-alone sexual violence policy outlining the institution's position, intentions, and guiding principles.
- 4 Develop and implement a sexual violence protocol outlining who is responsible at each level and stage of response and intervention.
- 5 Develop clear institutional guidelines pertinent to confidentiality and information sharing in cases of sexual violence and sexual assault.
- 6 Clearly outline the full range of options, including formal reporting options, available to victims/survivors, both on- and off-campus.
- 7 Develop interim protection provisions to increase the safety of victims/survivors while the institution responds to incidents of sexual violence.
- 8 Clearly articulate the full range of academic and non-academic accommodations available to victims/survivors of sexual violence.
- 9 Develop a plan for the provision and coordination of service delivery to victims/survivors, both on- and off-campus.
- 10 Provide training and education to students, faculty, staff, and student services, in the areas of sexual violence prevention, including awareness of campus sexual violence policies and protocols, responding to disclosures, and bystander intervention.