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Not Alone At The Beach:
California State University Long Beach (CSULB)
Lessons Learned for Successful Campus-Community Sexual Assault Collaboration

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, Participants will have increased awareness of:

1. Key **components for successful collaboration** between rape crisis centers and college campuses
2. Key **challenges** in organizing and implementing campus-community collaborations with local rape crisis centers
3. Key **sustainability** elements of campus-community collaborations with local rape crisis centers
History
Gender Equity and Higher Education

…the feminist project to transform women’s lives in the direction of gender and social equality became not only a political [effort] but also an educational and pedagogical one.”


Gender (in)equity “analysis distinguishes 1) access to higher education; 2) college experience; and 3) postcollegiate outcomes. Women fare relatively well in the area of access, less in terms of the college experience, and are particularly disadvantaged with respect to the outcomes of schooling.”

-- Jerry A. Jacobs, Gender Inequality and Higher Education, 1996
Title IX as a Social Justice Act

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 is a federal law that states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
Recent Focus on CCC & RCCs

1999 – Office of Violence Against Women (OVW-DOJ) Campus Program grants awarded (Seed funding)

OVW Campus Program Objectives:
- support colleges and universities in their response to sexual, domestic, and dating violence, and stalking
- Intervention and prevention
- Comprehensive and coordinated
- Engages key stakeholders from the surrounding community and across the campus eco-system.
Campus Program Components

Broad Campus Engagement:
A comprehensive strategy requires buy-in and participation from key stakeholders from the community and across the campus ecology. As such, the foundation for a comprehensive strategy is the utilization of a Coordinated Community Response Approach.

Effective intervention
This goal encompasses two prongs: (1) Creating and maintaining effective systems for enforcement and accountability and, (2) The provision of survivor centered services.

Comprehensive Prevention
Key to effective primary prevention work is that it is: a sustained multipronged, multilevel approach with interventions that impact individuals, communities, systems, and policies; and, is designed to impact attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors leading to long term norms change.
CCRT: Campus and Community Partners*

- Campus and community partners include:
  - Campus-based victim services providers and violence prevention programs
  - Campus law enforcement or department of public safety
  - Faculty and staff administrators, including the institution’s president and student affairs administrator
  - Women’s centers
  - Women’s studies and other relevant academic departments
  - Student groups, including those representing diverse or underserved student populations
  - The athletic department
  - Sororities and fraternities
  - Student health care providers and campus health centers and hospitals
  - Campus counseling centers
  - Faith-based and community organizations
  - Campus clergy
  - Library administrators
  - Campus disciplinary boards and judicial boards
  - Student government
  - Survivors
  - Community SA/DV Program
  - Civil Legal Services
  - Prosecutorial Agencies
  - Community Based Organizations
  - Cultural & Language Programs
  - Community Based Law Enforcement
  - Campus housing/residence hall assistants
Effective Intervention

**Trauma informed:** Also referred to as survivor-driven, this approach places the victim/complainant and their recovery at the center of the response.

**Timely & accessible:** 24/7 & 365 days a year availability, easy access to services, multiple portals to file reports, blind reporting, amnesty/good Samaritan policies (Barry & Cell, 2009).

**Comprehensive services:** advocacy, law enforcement, medical care, academic options, housing options, judicial options, counseling (Barry & Cell, 2009).

**Coordinated:** administrative, communication, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), post-call report (Barry & Cell, 2009).

**Training & Programming:** Responder training for specialized knowledge with cross-disciplinary education, community responders that include campus services and campus victim rights (Barry & Cell, 2009).

**Perpetrator accountability:** due process in student conduct investigations, adjudication, and resolution, and timely notification of resolution to complainant and respondent.
Comprehensive Prevention
Comprehensive Prevention Examples for Higher Education

Community Level:
- Controlling alcohol at parties
- Keg registration
- Social host laws
- Responsible Alcohol Service
  - restrict high volume sales (pitchers, etc.)
  - limit deep price discounts
  - no illegal sales

College Level:
- Awareness of policies
- Change campus drinking norms
- Mandated intervention
- Prevention policies
- System-wide enforcement
- System-wide coordination
- Regulating alcohol marketing
- Accessible website
- Controls on rental properties

Individual Level:
- Age-specific high-quality treatment
- Skill development
- Consistent consequences
- Restricting alcohol availability in a community
  - Limited density of alcohol establishments
  - Balance of non-alcohol business

Student Level:
- System-wide screening
Like a centrifugal force, the CCRT is dynamic, engaged, discernable across the campus and external community.
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Key Components
• Building Relationships
• Building Trust
• Building Effective Communication

Challenges and successes:
• Rolled out program too soon -
• Assessing campus needs first
• Identifying campus experts – getting your team on board
• Contracting services- restrictions and limitations
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