

## Efforts and resources of the University of California to respond and prevent sexual assault and violence on our campuses.

*“We hold ourselves to the highest standards and will continue to ensure that all of our campuses, medical centers and labs maintain a culture of respect and inclusion. We will continue to review and improve our efforts to make sure UC is a place where all students, faculty and staff are safe.”*

*– UC President Janet Napolitano*

In June 2014, UC President Janet Napolitano established the “President’s Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault,” which called for participation of UC’s key constituencies, including members of the UC Board of Regents, representatives from campus police, victim advocacy groups, campus Title IX coordinators, student conduct officers, faculty, systemwide and campus administrators, and undergraduate and graduate students. In its work, the task force outlined key policy actions aimed to develop education and prevention strategies, benefit student survivors, and create a consistent, transparent, and equitable university response to incidents that do occur. A number of the recommendations have been put into place, and when they are all fully implemented by Fall of 2015, UC will have:

- a consistent “response team” model at all campuses (implemented January 2015)
- an independent “confidential advocacy office” for sexual violence and sexual assault on each campus (implemented January 2015)
- systemwide investigation and adjudication standards (Fall 2015)
- comprehensive training and education plans (in place continuing through Fall 2015)
- a comprehensive systemwide website with campus customization capabilities (implemented January 2015)
- broad communication strategies to educate the community and raise awareness about UC programs (implemented January 2015)

To assist the UC campuses from a systemwide perspective, the President’s Task Force has worked to improve services, and ensure consistency in practices across the system. To date, UC has:

- Established a “CARE: Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Misconduct” on each of UC’s 10 campuses. The offices have a full-time trained staff member on campus to provide crisis intervention to students and help them access campus resources such as psychological counseling, emergency housing and academic accommodations. The advocates help students understand their reporting options and are available to accompany students through the reporting process, if they choose to file a report. These are independent offices, separate from reporting and investigations.
- Implemented a standardized two-team response model at all UC campuses for addressing sexual violence. A case management team (CMT) reviews all current sexual misconduct reports to ensure that institutional responses are timely and appropriate and that complainants and respondents receive fair, objective and equal consideration. A second team, the Coordinated Community Review Team (CCRT) focuses on policies, community relations, prevention and intervention.
- Launched a new systemwide website designed to serve as a user-friendly, one-stop portal for quick access to campus resources and important information. In addition, key information such as how to get help and reporting options is being standardized across all primary campus sexual violence websites.
- Develop metrics, which will be evaluated periodically, to determine process efforts are in place and are being utilized.

In July, the Task Force will report on its progress in implementing their additional recommendations. As part of the University's efforts to provide key information on how to get help, reporting options, and access to additional resources for survivors and respondents, each UC campus has developed a sexual assault webpage accessible to the University community. These webpages, along with the reports from the President's Task Force are included below. Additional information, including the URL links to the webpages, is available at [www.ucop.edu/federal-governmental-relations](http://www.ucop.edu/federal-governmental-relations).

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