Massachusetts Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Resources

Resources with Higher Education Specific Expertise Including Trainings, Consultations, and Guest Speakers

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) community-based sexual assault prevention and survivor services, or rape crisis centers, are located across the state. Trained rape crisis counselors at each of the local programs provide 24/7 hotline counseling, information, referral services, and accompaniment to hospitals and/or police stations. In addition, rape crisis centers provide one-to-one and group counseling as well as offer professional education and community outreach. To learn more about the services available at the rape crisis center in your area, please visit:

- Jane Doe Inc. is the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Use the link below to access an interactive service locator tool to find sexual assault and domestic violence resources in your area and a map of service providers across the state.
  http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/find_help

- Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) is located in Boston and is dedicated to serving the legal needs of sexual assault victims. The VRLC provides free legal services, legal training, and technical assistance.
  http://www.victimrights.org/

General Statewide Resources

- MDPH Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Sites are designated hospitals that have Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) on call 24/7. SANEs are specially trained and certified professionals skilled in performing quality forensic medical-legal exams. To learn more about the SANE program and to find the SANE hospital sites in your area, please visit:
  www.mass.gov/dph/sane

- MDPH-Certified Batterer Intervention Programs (BIPs) currently operate in every county of Massachusetts. BIPs work to increase the safety of all domestic violence victims and provide educational groups for batterers to stop their abusive behavior. To learn more and to locate the BIPs in your area, please visit:

- The Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Inc. (MATSA) mission is to eliminate sexual victimization and protect communities through responsible practices with sex offenders. MATSA provides an online resource directory for services by location. To learn more and to locate the services in your area, please visit:
  http://www.matsa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9&Itemid=18

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the Massachusetts state agency charged with the responsibility of protecting children from child abuse and neglect. To report abuse or neglect, call the Child-at-Risk Hotline anytime of the day or night at 1-800-792-5200. To learn more about mandated reporting, please visit:

For National and International resources, please see the resource guide on page 16 of “Beyond Title IX: Guidelines for Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence in Higher Education.”