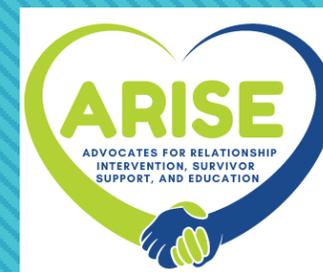


SA/DV/DV/S Information & Awareness

For Hearing Officers and Decision Makers

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Learning Outcomes

- The Definition of each VAWA Crime

- Prevalence of SA/DV/DV/S

- Understanding Victimization

- The Dynamics and Intersections of the VAWA Crimes

- Victim Safety in the Grievance Process

Definitions

Sexual Misconduct Policy



Sexual Assault:

An offense that meets the definition of **rape**, **fondling**, **incest**, or **statutory rape** as used in the FBI's UCR program.



Domestic Violence:

A felony or misdemeanor **crime of violence** committed by: (a) a **current or former** spouse or intimate partner of the victim, (b) a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, (c) a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, (d) a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred, or (e) any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred

Dating Violence:



Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a **romantic** or **intimate** nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the **reporting party's statement** and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

“**Dating violence**” includes, but is not limited to, **sexual** or **physical abuse** or the **threat of such abuse**. “Dating violence” does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.



Stalking:

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a **specific person** that would cause a reasonable person to (a) **Fear** for the person's safety or the safety of others; or (b) Suffer substantial **emotional distress**.

Prevalence of SA/DV/DV/S on Campus

Relationship and Sexual Violence Stats

Prevalence

- 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men in the U.S. will experience sexual violence at some point in their lives.
- College-aged women (aged 18-24) are at the greatest risk of relationship abuse
- 20-30% of college dating couples experience at least one act of physical violence
- 70-90% of college dating couples experience emotional and/or psychological aggression

Facts

- Most men do not rape, but those who do, often commit multiple rapes and other types of assaults
- Most sexual assaults (>70%) are committed by someone the victim knows
- Only 2-10% of reported rapes are false accusations.
- Most victims of SA/DV/DV/S make their first disclosure to a trusted family member or friend

Stalking is all too prevalent

1 in 6
women

1 in 17
men

have experienced
stalking in their lifetimes



18-24 year olds
experience the
highest rates of
stalking among
adults

Prevalence of SA/DV/DV/S at Westminster

- 27.8% of students experienced sexual violence before they enrolled at Westminster College.
- 13% of students reported experiencing some form of sexual violence during their time at Westminster College.
- 6% of students reported experiencing stalking.
- 6.5% reported experiencing intimate partner violence.



College Students at Higher Risk for Experiencing SA/DV/DV/S:

- Women
- Students of Color
- Sexual minority and gender non-conforming students (LGBTQ+)
- Students with Disabilities
- Students living off campus
- Younger students

Understanding Victimization

Costs of Victimization:

- Emotional
- Physical
- Social
- Academic



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School-Specific Impacts of Victimization:

- Difficulty concentrating in class, on assignments, and during exams
- Missing meetings and extra-curricular activities
- Dropping classes
- Lower Grades
- Considering dropping out of school
- Changing living situation, like moving out of the residence halls

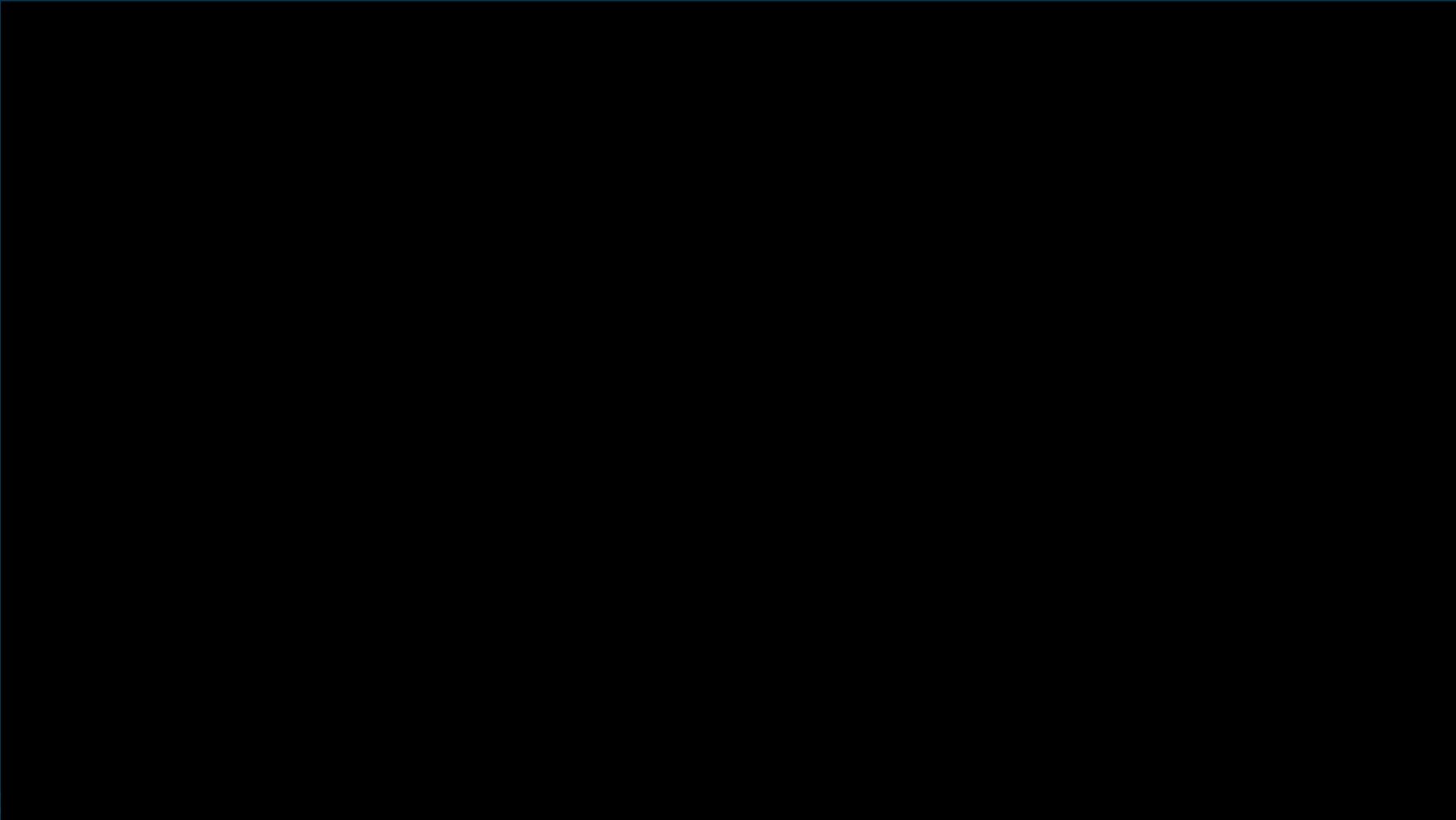
Disclosure & Help-Seeking:

Among College Victims:

- **92% tell friends and/or family**
- 29% contact a program or resource for help, more than victims of sexual harassment (12%) or IPV (19%)
- Transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, or gender questioning (33%) are more likely than cisgender students (28% cis women/29% cis men) to do so
- Of those who contact a campus program for help, 40% say it was extremely useful and 35% say it was a little or not at all useful

Dynamics of VAWA Crimes

Intersectionality of SA/DV/DV/S



Co-Victimization Is Common

Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking

32% were sexually assaulted the prior academic year

40% experienced co-occurring coercive control

27% experience co-occurring threats for a partner to hurt themselves, the victim, or someone the victim loves

11% experienced co-occurring physical assault by an intimate partner

43% of stalking victims who meet the legal criteria of 'stalking' do not identify their experiences as 'stalking'

Most perpetrators are *also*
students

The Most Common Stalkers Are:

- former intimate partners (33%)
- someone the victim knows or recognizes but is not a friend (31%)
- friends (25%)
- classmates (18%)
- current intimate partners (14%).

Victim Safety in Grievance Process

Conditions for Safety

- Minimize Changes for Secondary Victimization
 - Trauma Informed Practice
 - Promote Victim Autonomy
 - Utilize Risk Assessments
 - Enforcing No Contact Orders



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