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**A CLOSER LOOK:
RESPONDING TO SEXUAL
VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE
CAMPUSES**



Western Washington University

- Bellingham, WA
- 14,500 students
- 92% of first year students live on campus (28% of total student body)
- No Greek system
- Have a police department, health center and counseling center



What is CASAS?

Crime And Sexual Assault Support Services

- ◉ Medical/Legal Advocacy
- ◉ Professional Case Management
- ◉ Emotional Support
- ◉ Safety Planning
- ◉ Information and Referral
- ◉ Academic Advocacy
- ◉ Financial Advocacy
- ◉ Housing Advocacy
- ◉ Support Group

650-3700

student help line

www.wvu.edu/~casas



Confidentiality

- ⦿ CASAS services are confidential
- ⦿ Mandated Reporter
- ⦿ Clery Act
 - The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act 20 USC § 1092 (f) requires all colleges and universities that participate in U.S. federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses.

WWU Reporting Options

- ⦿ University Police
- ⦿ Judicial Office
 - ResLife & Student Life Office
- ⦿ Equal Opportunity Office
 - Title IX Coordinator



CASAS WANTS YOU TO KNOW

WWU's Sexual Misconduct Policy

It is the policy of Western Washington University to provide an environment in which students, staff, and faculty can work, live, and study free from all types of sexual misconduct. The range of sexual misconduct includes sexual harassment, sexual intimidation, sexual coercion, sexual assault, and rape. The University will act to prevent and eliminate such behavior. Individuals who engage in such behavior will be subject to sanctions, including written reprimand, suspension, or expulsion.

WWU is committed to a comprehensive educational program to promote awareness and prevent the full range of sexual misconduct. WWU provides a range of services to students, faculty, and staff who have experienced sexual misconduct. Contact CASAS at 650-3700 for information on available resources, such as counseling, support groups, case management, legal and medical advocacy, academic support, and reporting options. CASAS is a confidential service available 24 hours a day.

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CASAS 24-Hour Helpline

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How survivors access CASAS

- ⦿ Referral from other offices
 - University Police
 - Student Health Center
 - Counseling Center
- ⦿ Door to Door's
- ⦿ Safe Space Training
- ⦿ SHARE Tutorial
- ⦿ Network Group



Special Consideration for College Students who are Survivors

- Often students are repeatedly triggered by seeing their perpetrator
- The risk of backlash can be higher due to small community, friend groups, etc.
- Housing concerns
- Class/major concerns
- Athletic teams
- Clubs, ROP offices
- Who they access for support (Coach, faculty, RA's)

Survivor Story

The importance of college specific offices:

- ⦿ University Judicial System
- ⦿ Equal Opportunity Office
- ⦿ University Police
- ⦿ Residence Life

CASAS & DVSAS

Working together to meet survivor's needs

- Group co-facilitation
- After hours/ back-up coordination
- Legal advocacy assistance
- Fall Training/Volunteer Training
- Client Consultation
- Advocate Process Group



From here...

- ⦿ Are their colleges in your community?
What resources do they have?
 - Women's Center
 - Counseling Center
 - Something similar to CASAS?
- ⦿ Questions?

Thank you!

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