Supporting Students who have been Victimized by Sexual Violence

Health & Wellness

The health and wellness of women, both physical and emotional, is a top priority at the Women’s Center.

Crisis Intervention
Providing support, referrals and resources to students, faculty and staff.

Educational Programming
Presenting dynamic and educational programming by request around a wide range of issues.

Mammograms
Offering screening mammograms to qualified Kent State employees and spouses bi-annually.

Yoga and Meditation
Offering classes to faculty and staff as a way to relax and support a healthy lifestyle.

Race for the Cure
Joining the fight against breast cancer each year by supporting “Team Kent” for all members of the Kent Community.

Pantry
Providing food and toiletries free of charge on an emergency basis for faculty, staff and students.

Emergency Assistance
Assisting students that need funding for books, academic supplies, housing items, housing and food.

Carriage House
125 Midway Drive
Kent, OH 44242
Website: www.kent.edu/womenscenter
Phone: 330-672-9230
Fax: 330-672-9232
E-mail: wc@kent.edu

Respond

If you are not already in a private space, go to your office or a conference room.

Convey care and concern in a non-judgmental way. The student may have concerns about whom to tell, and being believed, she/he/ze may be worried about being blamed and about safety. Communicate to the student you believe her/him/hir and that she/he/ze is not to blame for what happened. Let the student know you are there to help connect her/him/hir to someone who can provide ongoing resources and support.

Facial expressions and tone of voice can convey caring and concern for an individual. It is possible to be comforting to someone in the absence of physical contact. Use your best judgment, but remember that someone who has been sexually assaulted may not be comfortable being touched.

Provide the student with contact information for the SRVSS Office.
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You are not expected to be an expert on sexual violence, but you can play a huge role in directing the student to experts who can provide advocacy and support.

The Office of Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services (SRVSS Office) can assist the student with connecting to campus and community resources. Additionally, the SRVSS Office ensures that students are aware of their rights and options for reporting and seeking support from the University community.

The SRVSS Office is located in the Carriage House (behind Nixon Hall) or can be reached at 330.672.8016.

Online information: www.kent.edu/SRVSS

All Kent State University employees are REQUIRED to report any instance of sexual harassment or misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Coordinator, and in the case of sexual assault, to the police.

Let the student know that you cannot ensure confidentiality. As an employee, you are required to report any alleged incident of sexual harassment or sexual misconduct that is brought to your attention. The only employee that may ensure confidentiality are licensed counselors and unlicensed trainees of any university psychological services programs.

The University will keep all information shared confidential to the extent possible.

Reporting Number 330.672.2038
Title IX Coordinator: Loretta Shields
Deputy Coordinator: Julie DiBiasio
Deputy Coordinator: Pamela Fitzgerald
Campus Police Department: 330.672.2212

Adapted from the University of Wisconsin, The University of Mississippi & The National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

The Office of Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services provides resources, advocacy and support to anyone who has been victimized through sexual violence.

Crisis Intervention
Providing support, referrals and resources to students, faculty and staff who have experienced sexual violence.

Educational Programming
Presenting dynamic and educational programming by request around a wide range of issues related to sexual and relationship violence.

Take Back the Night
Joining Take Back the Night Foundation in a candlelight vigil to unite in support of survivors of sexual violence.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
Co-creating a gender movement where men will be a part of the solution to ending sexualized violence by marching a mile in high-heeled shoes.

Women’s Leadership

A cornerstone of the Women’s Center is to enhance the development of Women Leaders through programming and collaboration.

Mothers, Mentors and Muses
Honoring and recognizing select Kent State University Women at an annual Spring event.

Women’s Center Scholarship Fund
Awarding selected Kent State students with annual scholarships.

Women’s Leadership Development
Providing opportunities for leadership development through workshops, conferences and training.

Women’s Center Staff
Heather Adams, Director
Cassie Pegg-Kirby, Assistant Director
Jennie O’Connell, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Safe Space Program
The Safe Space program, a four hour training for faculty and staff, provides knowledge of LGBTQ terminology and student needs on campus.

During the training, faculty and staff have the opportunity to dialogue with a panel of LGBTQ identifying students, develop strategies for making their departments more LGBTQ inclusive, and sign a commitment pledge to be allies for LGBTQ identified students on campus.

Resources
LGBT Emergency Fund
LGBT Emergency Fund is for students in need of additional funding for books, academic supplies, household items, housing or food.

Crisis Intervention Support
LGBTQ Student Center staff provide support, referrals and resources to students who are going through a crisis.

Library
The LGBTQ Student Center’s Library has a variety of LGBTQ themed books available for check out.

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