How to Help
in case of sexual or interpersonal violence
Central Connecticut State University
What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). Sexual assault is compelling by force, or by threat of force, the following: sexual penetration of the vagina or anus, including by an object; oral sex; or contact with a person’s genital area, groin, anus, inner thighs, buttocks or breasts for the purpose of sexual gratification of the actor or for the purpose of degrading or humiliating the victim.

Sexual assault is also intentionally subjecting another to such contact without consent. Any person can be a victim or a perpetrator.

Examples of sexual assault include: rape, attempted rape, intentional touching without consent.

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*Off-campus and confidential services.*
If someone tells you about a sexual assault...

Remember

1. Listen and don’t form opinions

2. Don’t judge the severity of the situation based on their response to it

3. Empower them to make their own decisions

4. Trust their word and help them

5. Tell them you believe them

6. Let them know they are not alone

To report an incident

Office of Diversity & Equity (Title IX Officer)
All complaints
860 832 1652

Office of Student Conduct
Complaints against students
860 832 1667

University Police
All criminal complaints
860 832 2375

Emergency Medical Attention
911 for immediate assistance

Any University faculty, staff member, or administrator who is made aware of a sexual assault involving a member of the CCSU community is required to report the sexual assault to the Title IX officer at 860-832-0178.
Office of Diversity & Equity (ODE)

If you believe you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, you can contact the ODE, which will investigate complaints of discrimination and sexual harassment including sexual violence. Complaints against students are handled by the Office of Student Conduct. (See page 7)

ODE is committed to fostering a positive learning, working and living environment. The Chief Diversity Officer serves as the Title IX Officer. The ODE also:

» Conducts training on the prevention of sexual harassment

» Assists faculty, staff and students who believe they have been harassed or treated unfairly because they are a member of a protected class

» Provides referrals to on-campus or off-campus services including, but not limited to, medical and counseling providers, and victim services

Office of Student Conduct (OSC)

The OSC promotes social responsibility and resolves discipline cases on campus in a sound and fair manner. The staff are available to answer any questions or concerns about University behavioral standards and the CCSU Student Code of Conduct and Statement of Disciplinary Procedures.

» Resolves discipline cases

» Investigates allegations involving students

» Provides referrals to CCSU and community programs

Rosa Rodriguez
Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Officer
On-campus
Davidson Hall, Rm. 102
MON–FRI, 8 AM - 5 PM*
860 832 1652
www.ccsu.edu/affaction
*other times available by appointment

Christopher Dukes
Director
On-campus
Willard Hall, Rm. 107
MON–FRI, 8 AM – 5 PM
860 832 1667
www.ccsu.edu/studentconduct
University Police

The CCSU Police Department will give its full assistance in response to a report of sexual assault.

The CCSU Police Department will:

» Obtain medical assistance
» Conduct a criminal investigation
» Establish a safe plan
» Obtain court order to protect the victim/survivor
» Connect the victim/survivor with support services

If the incident occurred off-campus, CCSU police can assist in contacting the police department of the town in which it took place.

On-campus
Dispatch Center, 24-hours:
860 832 2375
Detective Division
MON–FRI, 9 AM – 5 PM
860 832 2383
www.ccsu.edu/police

Options for Medical Attention

911 Emergency
For immediate assistance

Student Wellness Services, (SWS)
Medical Services (Confidential)
On-campus evaluation or advice
860 832 1925

Hospital of Central Connecticut
Off-campus evaluation or advice when Student Wellness Services is closed and for the collection of medical evidence
860 224 5011 / 860 225 6244
SWS, Medical Services*

The SWS staff are trained in caring for victims of sexual assault. The office is staffed by the University Physician (Medical Director), two APRNs, and an RN. All are ready to listen and provide medical care and support. The collection of medical evidence is offered at New Britain's Hospital of Central Connecticut. SWS Staff provide:

- Medical evaluation and treatment
- Referral to medical specialists and counseling
- Coordination with YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services
- Medical evidence collection facilitation
- Emergency contraception
- Screening for STD/infections
- Medication to prevent any STD/infection

Hospital of Central Connecticut (HCC)

Part of the Gail Burns-Smith Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) program, HCC has specially trained people (SAFEs) who can collect the necessary evidence to aid criminal conviction. Procedures are carried out with compassionate care to help the survivor feel at ease.

These services are on-call 24/7 to improve the chances of gathering successful evidence, as it is best within 72 hours. SAFEs are specifically trained to safely guide survivors through the entire medical-legal process after a sexual assault incident.

- Closest location for free state-funded rape analysis
- 24/7 sexual assault examinations and counseling
- Forensic evidence collection
- Collaboration with law enforcement and justice personnel

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On-campus
Marcus White Annex
MON–FRI, 8 AM – 5 PM
860 832 1925
fax: 860 832 2579
www.ccsu.edu/health

Off-campus
New Britain General Campus
100 Grand St.
New Britain, CT 06050
24-hour SAFE program
860 224 5011
860 225 6244
860 224 5671 (For Emergencies)
If you want to speak with someone

**Office of Victim Advocacy**
On-campus services and support

**Women’s Center**
On-campus crisis intervention and referral

**LGBT Center**
Resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming population

**Residence Life**
On-campus referral for resident students

**SWS, Counseling Services***
On-campus crisis intervention and counseling services

**Sexual Assault Crisis Services***

**Prudence Crandall Center for Domestic Violence***

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**Office of Victim Advocacy**
The Office of Victim Advocacy provides services to assist and support individuals affiliated with CCSU who have been impacted by sexual assault, relationship violence, and/or stalking.

- Professional advocacy services for students, faculty and staff
- Provides information on different options available to address safety and other concerns
- Assists in the navigation of different reporting systems
- Provides referrals to campus or community entities depending on individual needs
- Collaborates with other offices at CCSU to develop meaningful violence prevention initiatives for the benefit of the entire campus community and to assess the impact

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**On-campus**
DiLoreto Hall, Rm. 207
Mon–Fri, 9 AM – 5 PM
(Mid August - Mid June)
860 832 3795
sarahdodd@ccsu.edu
The LGBT Center

The LGBT Center at CCSU offers community building, education, resources, individual support, and advocacy for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and gender non-conforming population.

The office provides an LGBT/Queer friendly place for victims of sexual assault, harassment, or interpersonal violence to find support, resources, and referrals.

» A safe place to report an incident of sexual violence
» Referrals to on- and off-campus LGBT-friendly victim support services
» Access to information and resources regarding sexual assault, harassment, or interpersonal violence within LGBT communities and relationships

During office hours, the Center is generally staffed by a professional. Please check online or call for coordinator’s availability. Their hours may be subject to change each semester.

On-campus
Student Center, Rm. 304-305
MON–FRI, 8 AM – 4 PM
WED, 9 AM – noon**
860 832 2090
www.ccsu.edu/lgbtcenter

Women’s Center

The Women’s Center Coordinator is available to listen, provide crisis intervention, support, guidance, and referrals for victims, survivors, family members, friends, and partners of those who have been affected by violence. She will explain your options ranging from reporting a sexual assault to seeking housing changes.

» Advocates for men and women of the campus community
» Provides crisis intervention and peer support groups
» Provides referrals to on- and off-campus resources
» Conducts training on the prevention of sexual assault

On-campus
Student Center, Rm. 215
MON–FRI, 9 AM – 5 PM
(SEPTMBER - JUNE)
860 832 1655
fax: 860 832 1677
www.ccsu.edu/womenctr
Residence Life

Residence Life staff are often the first line of contact for resident students and they are a good connection during times of crisis because these individuals are trained to offer support and guidance 24/7.

Please check the on-duty schedule posted in the main office of each building to contact the Residence Life staff member on duty.

» Provide referrals to on- and off-campus resources
» Conducts training on violence prevention

SWS, Counseling Services*

The SWS offers crisis counseling to students when needed, minimizing the waiting time, as much as scheduling permits. To ensure swift admittance, when calling, be sure to indicate that it is a crisis situation, and he/she will be seen immediately.

The initial intake assessment is made during the first appointment from which a counseling referral to other resources will be given.

» Immediate counseling appointments for crisis situations
» Free, confidential counseling
» Group/individual counseling for students

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Off-campus Services

Sexual Assault Crisis Services (SACS)
SACS offers assistance to survivors which help them regain feelings of independence, optimism and hope. Hotlines are staffed with trained, certified counselors who maintain confidentiality. SACS also offers accompaniment through medical, police, and court procedures.

» Short-term individual crisis counseling
» Support groups
» Information, referrals and campus advocacy
» Education programs
» Confidential services

Off-campus
YWCA (SACS)
22 Glen St.
New Britain, CT
24-hour Hotlines (24/7)
English - 860 223 1787
Español - 888 568 8332
www.ymcanewbritain.org

Off-campus Services

Prudence Crandall Center
Prudence Crandall Center is dedicated to helping individuals achieve lives free of domestic violence by providing care, advocacy, support, and education in a confidential setting.

» Information & service referrals
» Emergency shelter
» Individual and group counseling for adults and children
» Advocacy during court proceedings
» Domestic violence education and inservice training

Off-campus
Prudence Crandall
P.O. Box 895
New Britain, CT 06050
860 225 6357 (Hotline)
888 774 2900 (Toll Free)
prudencecrandall.org
Helpful Tips

If you are the victim of sexual or interpersonal violence:

» Go to a safe place
» Preserve evidence
» Call someone you trust such as the Office of Victim Advocacy (860-832-3795), a staff or faculty member, your Hall Director, Resident Assistant, or a campus advocate at the local Sexual Assault Crisis Service
» Call CCSU Police at 860-832-2375 or dial 911
» Seek medical care and/or counseling

How Can I Help Stop Sexual Assault/Violence?

Sexual assault and interpersonal violence are complex and very real issues on college campuses today. In order to address this reality, all members of the campus community and relevant outside agencies must work together. Public safety is everyone’s responsibility. Consider the following ways you can work to stop sexual violence and interpersonal violence.

» Speak up. Take a stand in situations that could escalate.
» Talk openly with your friends about these issues.
» Encourage student leaders, coaches, professors, and others to provide information about sexual assault to students.
» Use the resources listed in this brochure to inform yourself and help plan activities and programs for campus clubs and organizations.
» Don’t be afraid to get involved.
» Take care of yourself and your friends.
Student Rights

CCSU has protocols and procedures in place to respond to reports of sexual violence. When a report involves students (as the accuser or the accused), all involved have equal rights throughout the disciplinary process, including the right:

» to select an advisor or support person of their choosing and to bring that person to any meetings or proceedings that they choose.
» to present a statement, evidence and witnesses on their behalf.
» to review information, in a timely manner, that will be used at the hearing by other parties.
» to have a pre-hearing meeting.
» to be informed, in writing, of the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings and any sanctions imposed.
» to appeal the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings.

These rights were established by University policies and, state and federal legislation that prohibits sex discrimination. For information on Title IX see www.knowyourix.org.

Your Rights

» Be treated with respect and dignity.

» Privacy. This means you can refuse to answer any questions about the sexual assault, your sexual orientation, your sexual, medical (including HIV status), and your mental health history.

» Have confidential conversations with licensed counselors in CCSU’s Student Wellness Services.

» Decide whether or not you want the police to investigate the assault.

» Not be judged based on your race, color, age, class, religion, disability status, national origin, gender or sexual orientation.

» Have a counselor/advocate accompany you to medical and legal proceedings.

» Request that someone you are comfortable with stay with you in the examination room.

» Ask questions and get answers regarding any tests, exams, medications, treatments or police reports.

» Be considered a victim/survivor of sexual assault, regardless of the offender’s relationship to you.

Info on the rights of accused students contact: Chris Gutierrez
Veterans Affairs Coordinator and Student Conduct Support Advisor
gutierrezc@ccsu.edu
860 832 2838
Willard Hall, Rm 102

Info on the rights of students who file a report: Sarah Dodd
Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention Specialist
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860 832 3795
DiLoreto Hall, Rm 207
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This document is available in alternate format by contacting Student Disability Services at 860-832-1957.

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