

# **Annual Report of Sexual Assault Education and Prevention University of Wisconsin--Stevens Point Calendar Year 2003: January-December**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point disseminates sexual assault and harassment information to all students, faculty, and staff ensuring that all members of the academic community are informed.

1. Describe the methods and programs at orientation to provide to new students both oral and written information as described in WIS 36.11(22)(1)(a-d)

All new students receive a brochure entitled "Crossing the Line: Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment" at new student orientation. The brochure provides legal definitions for sexual assault and sexual harassment, describes sexual assault according to degree, informs the reader of sexual assault statistics for the previous year, and lists resources for assistance to those assaulted. In addition, each new student participates in a small group discussion, lead by a trained orientation assistant, of behaviors and responsibilities related to personal safety-

2. Describe the methods and programs to provide all students enrolled printed materials that include information as described in WIS 36.11(22)(1)(a-d)

All students, faculty and staff receive the booklet entitled "Community Rights and Responsibilities" via the campus electronic network. This document details the rules and regulations established by the UW System and Stevens Point campus governing the university community. This booklet includes general sexual assault definitions, national, state and local statistical information, sexual assault prevention efforts, victims' rights information, the campus disciplinary process, the consensual relationships policy and sexual harassment policy statements.

In the fall semester, faculty/staff receive a mailing and a reminder in the faculty/staff newsletter indicating the mandated obligation to report any sexual assault of which they may become aware. Anonymous report forms are made available through Deans and/or Department Chairs, Residence Hall Directors, Health and Counseling Center Staff, Protective Service Staff, the Affirmative Action Office, and the Women's Resource Center.

3. Describe how your institution ensures that all students receive the printed information described in Wis 36.11(22)(2)

Materials are delivered to each students' university electronic mail account, which all students are required to maintain. University personnel, who may not all have electronic access are mailed announcements about campus policies and the location of printed and electronic materials.

4. Provide 4 – 6 best examples of programming/services at your institution which: a) assist student victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment and 2) offer education or training in protective behaviors and sexual assault prevention.

#### Information Disseminated

A brochure that addresses rohypnol, GHB, and Burundanga is made available in the residence halls, health center, counseling center, and in a variety of other locations across campus. The student focused brochure describes the drug effects on the body, the risks involved for sexual assault, and the signs of ingestion. In addition, instruction on actions to take if someone has been sexually assaulted with the aid of drugs is included. The campus Protective Services office provides the Crime Victims Information brochure required by Chap 950 and dispenses the SAVS Advocate brochure.

#### Prevention Programming

Throughout 2003, several campus offices and organizations collaborated to implement sexual assault prevention programs among UWSP students including the Women's Resource Center, Women's Studies, Student Government Association, Residential Living, Residence Hall Association, Counseling Center, Promoting Awareness with Students (PAWS peer education group), the Student Health Promotion Office, Inter Greek Council, the Counseling Center, and Health Services. The following list highlights a number of significant programming initiatives for 2003.

- Self defense class—Helped participants learn techniques to protect themselves from potential attackers.
- Safe Space—Located in the Women's Resource Center of the University Center, this office is available for anyone who wants to find support in a safe space.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month—Observed annually in April. This week included a Take Back the Night March and a play entitled "Alice in Sexual Assault Land" among additional promotional flyers, safety posters, a purple ribbon campaign and information booths. Alcohol screenings, offered regularly by the campus Counseling Center staff, were promoted along with a message reminding students that the majority of sexual assaults are alcohol related.
- Campus Safety Week—Observed this year in the residence halls featuring tips on preventing crime ranging from locking room doors to going out with friends.
- Skill building programs—Sponsored by the Counseling Center are open to all students and typically feature learning experiences and content related to self-esteem, negotiating skills, and relationship skills.

#### Campus Resources for Sexual Assault Victims

University personnel promote local services for sexual assault such as sexual assault victim advocates and a local sexual assault survivor's support group.

#### Awareness and Training

The campus peer educator group, the Health Advocates, receive training on strategies to avoid sexual assault and how to help a victim. These students present to other students campus wide. All residence hall students and peer educators are provided with campus resources and contact support. Campus prevention staff provide faculty and staff awareness messages in the fall prior to classes including alcohol education issues, campus resources, and information on common issues a campus faces.

Additional awareness services include bulletin boards on display in residence halls, academic buildings, and service buildings featuring strategies to stay safe, and communication skills and tips. Articles appearing in the campus newspaper discussed strategies to stay safe and how to help a victim of sexual assault.