ASSUMPTIONS GUIDING THE PROTOCOL

Binghamton University does not tolerate sexual assault. This protocol defines and coordinates efforts of various on and off campus units and agencies in order to provide a caring and effective uniform response to the student who reports having been sexually violated. Student victims of sexual violence may seek assistance from any University department. This protocol is based on the following understanding of sexual assault:

1. Sexual assault is a broad term that encompasses any sexual activity that occurs without the consent of the student. Sexual assault includes, but is not limited to, unwanted kissing and fondling; forcible vaginal, oral or anal intercourse; and forcible penetration with an object or a finger. Both student and alleged perpetrators can be male or female.

2. Consent is an agreement reached without force, coercion or intimidation between persons. Non-consensual sexual activity occurs when consent is not reached or when the student is mentally incapacitated or physically helpless.

3. Sexually assaulted students need to know what services are available and what offices provide them. Service providers will recognize their own limitations and make referrals when appropriate.

4. Students need clearly defined choices and options because when they were sexually assaulted, they were in a powerless position and denied choice.

5. Timely services are of the utmost importance for students as they may be in crisis. There may also be time limits associated with the collection of physical evidence of the crime, as well as the effectiveness of some medications.

6. Confidential services are essential to the recovery of the student. Any limits of confidentiality must be explained to the student.

7. You may be a first responder. A first responder is a source of support and referral. Remember, the student may be reporting an old or a new incident; all options should be given no matter what the time frame of the incident.

The procedures below have been designed to assist responding staff, faculty, University departments and community-partnered agency personnel in helping the student of sexual violence, assault, rape or attempted rape obtain the support and services needed during the time of crisis. The student's trauma will be minimized if staff are able to maintain a calm and concerned approach. Remember, the staff's role is to advise students of their options and to assist them in accessing services. You should not be making decisions for students or trying to counsel students on your own. As every situation is different, staff's interview may not happen in this specific order. However, all aspects of this procedure should be addressed.

If the student does not need medical intervention(s) and wishes to further discuss the situation:

1. Move to a private, calm, safe location that is comfortable for the student. Should you need assistance ensuring safety, call 911.

2. Discuss confidentiality.

There are limits to confidentiality, especially if the assailant represents a threat to the safety of the University/local community. However, it is of the utmost importance to maintain the student's desire for confidentiality whenever possible.

3. Assess for immediate needs and physical well-being of the student:
   - If emergency health care is needed, call 911.
   - Medical referrals may be made to the Decker Student Health Services Center, as well as the local hospital emergency departments (i.e. Lourdes Hospital, UHS Wilson Medical Center or UHS Binghamton General Hospital).

6. Inform the student of available support personnel and resources.

On-Campus Resources

Harpur's Ferry: 607-777-3579 or 911 from any campus phone (24/7)
New York State University Police at Binghamton: 911 from any campus phone or 607-777-2393
University Counseling Center: 607-777-2772 (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Staff are on-call after hours and can be contacted by University Police
Decker Student Health Services Center: 607-777-2221 (regular hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.)
University Ombudsman: 607-777-2388 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Title IX Coordinator: 607-777-4775

Case Management and Advocacy: 607-777-2804
Office of the Dean of Students: 607-777-2804 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Interpersonal Violence Prevention (IVP): 607-777-3062 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

(On-Campus Resources cont.)

Residential Life: Resident Assistants and Resident Directors are on duty daily.
Residential Life Central office: 607-777-2322 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Office of Student Conduct: 607-777-6210 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Off Campus Resources:

Crime Victims Assistance Center (CVAC): 607-722-4256 or 607-725-8196 (24/7)
RISE: advocacy and shelter services for women and children (Binghamton/Johnson City/Endicott area), 607-754-4340 (24/7)
A New Hope Center: (Owego area), 607-687-6866 (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
Family Planning of the Southern Tier: 607-723-8306 (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
Lourdes Hospital: 607-798-5231
UHS Wilson Medical Center: 607-763-6611
UHS Binghamton General Hospital: 607-762-2231

Interpreter Services:

Interpreter services may be obtained through friends of the student. If additional interpreter services are needed, the following offices may be able to provide more information:

University Office of International Student Services: 607-777-2510 (Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
American Civic Association: 607-723-9419

Other Resources:

RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network): rainn.org
Not Alone: notalonedotgov
University Counseling Center: binghamton.edu/counseling
Interpersonal Violence Prevention: binghamton.edu/ivp
Crime Victims Assistance Center: cvac.us