GREATER WORCESTER
SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESOURCES & SERVICES

MEDICAL SERVICES*
Offer physical exams and provide health services. Additionally, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) are available to collect evidence in case an individual would like to pursue criminal charges.

UMass Memorial ER/SANE Nurse ........................................ 508-334-1000
UMass University Campus ER/SANE ................................ 508-334-1000
St. Vincent’s ER/SANE Nurse ........................................... 508-363-5000

COUNSELING/ADVOCACY SERVICES*
Offer confidential counseling, advocacy, and other services.

Pathways for Change Sexual Violence Services (24/7) ........... 800-870-5905
centralmasspfc.org
Daybreak Domestic Violence Serv. (24/7) ............................... 508-755-9030
ywcentralmass.org/domestic-violence

COURT ADVOCACY*
Provides confidential support, help with access to and explanation of legal process and court procedures for victims of crime.

Daybreak/SAFEPLAN ....................................................... 508-831-2168
Victim Witness Program (DA’s office) ................................. 508-755-8601

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Investigates the allegation/incident. Criminal charges may result.

Worcester Police (24/7) ...................................................... 508-799-8606
Daybreak/Worc. Intervention Network ................................. 508-799-8610

LEGAL ASSISTANCE*
Offers legal advice and provides direct legal representation to survivors of relationship abuse and sexual assault.

Community Legal Aid .................................................... 855-252-5342
communitylegal.org
Victim Rights Law Center ............................................... 617-399-6720
victimrights.org

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE*
May be available for costs related to medical care, mental health counseling, and other expenses through the Massachusetts Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Program.

Victim Compensation ..................................................... 508-755-8601
mass.gov/ago/public-safety/resources-for-victims/victims-of-violent-crime/
victim-compensation.html

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ON-CAMPUS SERVICES

More comprehensive information can be found on the following webpages:

Assumption College ......................................................... assumption.edu/safer
Clark University ............................................................... clark.edu/sane
College of the Holy Cross .................................................. offices.holycross.edu/safer
Worcester Polytechnic Institute ........................................... wpi.edu/offices/edu/campus.html

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UNDERSTANDING CAMPUS VIOLENCE

Issues of sexual violence impact communities at colleges and universities nationwide. Sexual violence occurs with unfortunate frequency on all college campuses. It is destructive to the lives of individuals, damaging their learning experiences and abilities to perform at their highest levels. It impairs or destroys our sense of safety, trust, community and well-being. Violence impacts us all in society, directly and indirectly — physically, sexually, mentally, emotionally, and financially.

Most sexually violent acts occur between individuals who know each other (family, co-workers, and peers) rather than random strangers. This pattern holds true for college campuses as well. In most cases, the survivor knows the person responsible for committing the violence. All forms of sexual violence are crimes and a violation of law. Worcester campuses take any form of sexual violence very seriously. The city’s colleges are committed to establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all members of the community by providing resources in this brochure) who can help in the following ways:

• Referrals to other services
• Accompany your child to interviews, medical exams, court and campus hearings
• Safety planning
• Crisis and long-term counseling
• Do not blame or ask “why” questions.
• Support your child and listen non-judgmentally.
• Let your child choose when and where to talk about the assault.
• Allow your child the freedom to decide when and where to talk about the assault.
• Help in the process of recovery. There are advocates and victim services staff on and off each campus (see the list of resources in this brochure) who can help in the following ways:

Crises and long-term counseling
Answers to questions about medical, legal and campus procedures
Safety planning
Assistance with academic and housing problems
Accompany your child to interviews, medical exams, court and campus hearings
Referrals to other services

Mandatory Prevention Education
All incoming students at Assumption College, Clark University, the College of the Holy Cross, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute participate in bystander training during their first few weeks on campus. These programs teach students how often these crimes occur, how to recognize them, and how to safely and effectively intervene before, during, and after an act of sexual violence.

On-going Training of Professional Staff
All judicial boards, law enforcement officials, and residence life professionals receive training on issues of sexual violence, which includes relevant federal and state laws governing the handling of perpetrators and victims; local programming and services available to victims; and specific policies, procedures, and issues on each campus.

Coordinated Community Response Teams (CCRT)
Every campus has formed a group of campus and community members who work together to develop prevention education, update policies and procedures, and improve the services for survivors. It will take our entire community to end sexual violence.

Worcester Consortium Anti Violence Education (WAVE) group
This group, consisting of members from Worcester-area campuses, works together to address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking in our communities. To accomplish our mission, the group collaborates to: create and share consistent messaging, resources, trainings, and educational events; provide a forum to share goals and philosophies, campus trends, best practices, and policies and procedures; provide professional support across our community; and benchmark with other schools.

SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES & PROCEDURES WHAT CAMPUSES ARE DOING

Campuses have reviewed their sexual assault policies and procedures to define sexual violence in terms that both meet federal recommendations and are clear to students. Policies for Assumption College, Clark University, the College of the Holy Cross, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute can be found on the following websites:

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE: assumption.edu/sites/default/files/SexualMisconductPolicy.pdf
CLARK UNIVERSITY: clarku.edu/offices/dos/pdfs/sexual_misconduct_policy.pdf
COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS: wpi.edu/offices/policies/sect14.html

Professional Staff
One of the federal laws governing how campuses handle sexual violence is Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions. Sexual harassment of students includes acts of sexual violence and is prohibited by Title IX. Every campus has a designated Title IX Coordinator, to whom all complaints of sexual violence should be reported. Information on each campus’ Title IX Coordinator is included in the list of on-campus resources in this brochure.

Impact on Survivors
The impact of sexual assault on survivors can be psychological, emotional, and/or physical. It is important to remember that there is not one “normal” reaction to sexual assault. Survivors’ individual responses will depend on personal and situational characteristics. Effects can be brief in duration or last a long time. Some common effects that survivors may experience include loss of trust, depression, anxiety, difficulty sleeping, nightmares, flashbacks, sexually transmitted infections, and substance abuse.

Feelings of shame and confusion may be exacerbated for members of marginalized and oppressed communities. Sexual violence may impact survivors in unique ways due to gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, class, religion, immigrant status, age, appearance, sexual orientation, religion, ability and past history of abuse and assaults.

What You Can Do
If your child feels unsure about what has happened, he/she should know that sexual assault is ANY unwanted sexual contact that occurs without a person’s consent.

If your child lets you know that he or she has been sexually assaulted, your primary concern, of course, is his/her safety and well-being.

Encourage your child to seek medical attention as soon as possible, even if it has been a while since the assault occurred and if he/she does not want to report it to the police or to campus authorities.

• Support your child and listen non-judgmentally.
• Do not blame or ask “why” questions.
• Allow your child the freedom to choose when and where to talk about the assault.
• It can be helpful and empowering for your child to make his/her own decisions regarding discussing and/or reporting the assault.

Whether your child reports the assault to the police or to the college/university, you and your child should think about talking to someone who is knowledgeable and trained to help in the process of recovery. There are advocates and victim services staff on and off each campus (see the list of resources in this brochure) who can help in the following ways:

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