

## **RESOURCE GUIDE FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OR RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE**

**Pittsburg State University prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct and relationship violence to include rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

Survivors of sexual misconduct or relationship violence may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and/or the university discipline process. University personnel will assist in the report process if requested by the survivor. A representative from the University Police, the Associate Vice President for Student Life, and/or the Title IX Coordinator will guide the survivor through the available options and support the survivor in his or her decision. While the university will investigate the complaint and may pursue appropriate discipline action with or without the survivor's consent, discussing a matter of sexual assault with a university official does not compel the survivor to participate actively in pursuing disciplinary charges. As a survivor, the individual has the option to decline to notify law enforcement or campus authorities.

### **WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE BEEN A SURVIVOR**

Rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are serious crimes whether the act of violence is by a stranger or someone known to the survivor. The university strongly encourages and supports survivors to report the crime immediately to the University Police or City Police. The university also encourages survivors of violence to contact the Safehouse Crisis Center for advocacy services. Advocates on staff can provide safety planning and help survivors navigate through the judicial process. As an alternative, the survivor may report the crime to the Associate Vice President for Student Life, or a resident assistant, assistant residence hall campus or area coordinator. University personnel will assist in the report process if requested by the survivor. As a survivor, the individual has the option to decline to notify law enforcement or campus authorities. University procedures are designed to protect the student who has been hurt by these behaviors and to stop the offensive behavior. The due process rights of alleged offenders are protected, as well as the rights of the survivor.

**Survivors of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment or stalking have the option for and will receive assistance from the university in changing academic, living, transportation and working situations, if such accommodations are reasonably available regardless of whether the survivor chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement.**

Pittsburg State University prohibits retaliation by its officers, employees, or agents against a person who exercises his or her rights or responsibilities under any provision of the Campus SaVE Act.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE BEEN A SURVIVOR**

Go to a safe location as soon as possible. If you can find a friend to accompany you, that would be even safer. From the safe location call:

**Pittsburg State University Police, (620) 235-4624**

*or* City of Pittsburg Police Department, (620) 231-1700

*or* Crawford County Sheriff's Department, (620) 724-8274

*or* Safehouse Shelter, (620) 231-8692

*or* Via Christi Medical Center, (620) 231-6100

*or* PSU's Title IX Coordinator, (620) 235-4186

*or* PSU Associate Vice President for Student Life (620) 235-4945

*or* PSU's Office of Student Life, (620) 235-4231

*or* PSU Student Health Services, (620) 235-4452

*or* resident assistant, assistant hall director or area coordinator (residents of halls)

*or* the Crisis Hotline at 1-800-794-9148. This hotline will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Alternatively, you may go directly to the University Police Department, 1501 S. Joplin (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or to the Via Christi Medical Center Emergency Room, 1 Mount Carmel Place.

## **IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING EVIDENCE**

Time is of the essence. Survivors should **NOT** change clothes, shower, bathe, or douche. If possible, do not go to the toilet. Save all clothing, linens, or other items that may have been touched by the assailant for the police officers who will be responsible for evidence. Do not wash clothing, linens or other items that may have been touched by the assailant. All physical evidence, including seminal fluids, hair, blood types and scrapings of flesh from the survivor's fingernails will be used in prosecution of the crime.

You may request that the police investigation be conducted by a police officer of your gender (i.e. a female police officer for a female student, a male police officer for a male student) if available. As a survivor of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, your name will not be released to the news media.

Be prepared to go to the Via Christi Medical Center Emergency Room, 1 Mount Carmel Place, and request a medical examination by the Emergency Room physician using the Sexual Assault Kit required for evidence in cases of sexual assault. This is done free of charge to the survivor. You should get to the hospital as soon as it is safe and possible. The University Police or City of Pittsburg Police or Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy will be able to arrange transportation to the hospital as soon as an assault that has taken place is reported.

A formal complaint for legal action against the assailant should be made to the County Attorney through the police (no fee will be charged). For criminal prosecution a survivor has two years to file a report from the day of the crime but it should be done as quickly as possible. In order to be eligible for compensation under the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation, the crime must be reported to the law enforcement agency where the crime was committed within 72 hours of the event unless the Crime Victims Compensation Board finds there was good cause for the failure to report. The survivor must be completely cooperative with the law enforcement agency. The survivor must file a claim with the Crime Victims Compensation Board within one year of the occurrence of the crime.

## **RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS**

### **Pittsburg State University Resources**

#### **TITLE IX COORDINATOR**

Russ Hall 218  
620-235-4186

The university's Title IX Coordinator will investigate allegations of sexual misconduct (often concurrently with law enforcement and/or student discipline) to determine what occurred and will inform and obtain consent from the survivor before beginning the investigation. If the survivor requests confidentiality or asks that the complaint not be pursued, the University will take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the complaint consistent with the request for confidentiality or request not to pursue an investigation.

#### **LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER**

Russ Hall  
620-235-4948

Provides free legal resources to students to address their legal needs. An attorney is available part time to help students resolve their legal matters and/or refer a student to an attorney that specializes in the area of law in which the student is seeking advice.

#### **STUDENT PREVENTION AND WELLNESS**

**Bryant Student Health Center**  
620-235-4452

On-going activities and events that support prevention and wellness as it relates to issues such as nutrition, mental health, self-esteem, stress-reduction, healthy relationships, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, tobacco cessation, depression, sexual assault and suicide.

### **BRYANT STUDENT HEALTH CENTER**

620-235-4452

1801 S. Broadway

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

Outpatient ambulatory care supported by a physician supervised medical staff. Services include: treatment for mild to moderate illness and injuries, women's/men's health, immunizations/allergy injections, contraceptive counseling, pharmacy/lab services, radiology services, specialty clinics, and referral services.

### **STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OFFICE**

221 Russ Hall

620-235-4945

Receive reports of crimes or violations of university police and/or the *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, advise survivors of rights and assist with options for resolution, conduct investigations of allegations of misconduct, and administer discipline process on behalf of the university.

### **UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES**

620-235-4452

Bryant Student Health Center

1801 S. Broadway

Confidential counseling provided in a variety of problem areas, such as: depression, anxiety, family problems, communication skills, relationships, self-esteem, stress management and substance misuse/abuse. Sessions are from 25 to 50 minutes in length depending on the needs of the student.

### **UNIVERSITY POLICE AND PARKING SERVICES**

620-235-4624

Lower Level Shirk Hall

Police protection services are provided to the campus 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. PSU police officers have the same law enforcement powers and responsibilities as the local police and are responsible for a full range of public safety services, including all crime reports, and all other incidents requiring police assistance.

### **PITTSBURG COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

#### **CITY OF PITTSBURG POLICE**

620-231-1700

201 North Pine Street <http://www.pittks.org/index.aspx?nid=17>

The City of Pittsburg Police Department provides police protection within the city of Pittsburg. While the city and the university police departments have concurrent jurisdiction for areas adjacent to the campus, reporting of allegations of criminal activity that happens on property not owned or controlled by the university is under the primary jurisdiction of the City of Pittsburg Police department.

#### **KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES**

[620-232-1330](tel:620-232-1330)

408 N. Walnut

toll free application: [800-723-6953](tel:800-723-6953)

website: [www.kansaslegalservices.org](http://www.kansaslegalservices.org)

Kansas Legal Services provides free legal advice and representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and victims of crime, including representation to obtain Protection From Abuse and Protection From Stalking restraining orders in Court.

**SAFEHOUSE CRISIS CENTER, INC.**

620-231-8692

24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 800-794-9148      <http://safehousesek.org>

SafeHouse Crisis Center, Inc. serves survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking with crisis intervention advocacy, individual supportive counseling, a temporary emergency shelter, survivor support groups, and a 24-hour crisis hotline.

**VIA CHRISTI MEDICAL CENTER**

620 231-6100

EMERGENCY ROOM, 1 MOUNT CARMEL PLACE

Full service hospital with emergency room with expertise to conduct examination and complete evidence gathering necessary in cases of sexual assault. This is done free of charge to the survivor.

**NATIONAL RESOURCES**

If you have a life-threatening emergency, **always call 911** for ambulance transportation to a hospital.

**REACH OUT (Depression, Self-Harm, Romance, LGBTQ Information and Support)**

1-800-448-3000

<http://www.reachout.com>

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE (Trained Counselors Available 24/7) 800.273.TALK**

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

**The Trevor Project (Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning 24/7)**

866-488-7386

<http://www.thetrevorproject.org>

**National Sexual Assault Hotline (Confidential Support, Information and Referral 24/7)**

800.656.HOPE

<https://www.rainn.org/>

**Alcoholics Anonymous (Information and Meeting Referral)**

<http://www.aa.org/>

**Narcotics Anonymous (Information and Meeting Referral)**

<http://na.org>