



Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh – Campus Sexual Assault Collaborative Practices

Allegheny County and the city of Pittsburgh are committed to the safety and well-being of our higher education students in the area of sexual assault. Key stakeholders within the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County comprised of the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, the forensic and medical community, PAAR, the foundation community and leaders and staff from the ten PCHE institutions have come together as partners, endorsing the following collaborative practices:

We are committed to supporting...

- Establishing a regional steering committee that meets at least four times a year for the first year, then twice a year then moves to annually or as needed. The steering committee would consist of representatives from the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, forensic experts including SANE nurses, the Medical Examiner's Office, PAAR, the foundation community and PCHE. Other community based support and advocacy groups can be added as needed. The purpose of the committee would be to review current practices, suggest quality improvements and address areas of opportunity.
- The offering '**First Responder Training**' for all individuals that may come in contact with victims of sexual assault at or affiliated with a Pittsburgh higher education institution. This training will be led by subject matter experts with a particular focus on trauma, proper response to a victim, report writing, initial interview, forensics and understanding the victim's mindset. Curriculum development and delivery of the training modules will be led by key Pittsburgh partners that will include but is not exclusive to the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, forensic experts including SANE nurses, the Medical Examiner's Office, PAAR, the foundation community and PCHE institutions' staff.
- The offering '**Title IX (Non-University) Community training**' that gives an overview of university/college's requirements in the area of sexual assault as outlined by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights, to our community partners (non-university police departments, DA's office, advocacy groups such as PAAR, SANE nurses, etc.) This would include supplemental training and/or communication notifying our community partners of any changes that may be announced by the DoE OCR.
- Facilitating and participating in regular meetings by Title IX Coordinators and others as appropriate from each PCHE institution to share policy, protocols, best practices and new ideas. This includes creating a PCHE Title IX sub-committee to lead discussions and initiatives in the community, and

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creating a PCHE Title IX email distribution list to exchange relevant or pertinent information related to Title IX and Pennsylvania legal issues.

- Communicating to our respective communities when PCHE institutions partner in the area of prevention, investigation and response programming.
- Leveraging and drawing upon the rich, local resources and expertise on sexual assault in the areas of support, training, prevention and education within PCHE institutions. PCHE schools will also utilize one another to stay current and accountable for providing top notch prevention and response.
- Communicating as permitted and appropriate with key stakeholders, including law enforcement agencies, information that is relevant to investigations and developments on sexual assault cases. Any communications would be done within confidentiality guidelines and requirements for all parties involved.