

What People Are Saying

"The Survivor Advocacy Program has helped me overcome one of the largest struggles in my life and was by my side every step the way. Without the help of everyone at SAP I don't know if I would feel as strong or if I would have found the path to recovery."

Student Survivor

"In the Survivor Advocacy Program, we found the respect, empathy and support we needed to have during such a painful and difficult time."

Parents of Student Survivor

"The people over at SAP continuously reassure me that my feelings are validated. They believe me, and not only do they express that by saying it, but also with empathy."

Student Survivor

"SAP is an invaluable resource on campus. Their advocates work tirelessly on behalf of individual survivors, while the office as a whole has challenged us to improve our practices and helped guide us in doing so. We truly value their partnership in providing critical services to our community."

Chief Powers, Ohio University Police Department

"Advocates are the one constant support for patients throughout the entire process. They are there with the patient not only during the hospital exam, but through law enforcement and legal processes as well. In the hospital setting, the support of the advocates allows the nurse to focus on collecting evidence and treating the whole patient. The advocates are a key part of our team and we value their presence in the hospital."

*Teresa Mowen, BSN, RN, O'Bleness Hospital
SANE Coordinator*

Resources

Ohio University Police Department (OUPD)

(740) 593-1911
88 University Terrace, 135 Scott Quad
www.ohio.edu/police
Report on campus incidents to OUPD.

Athens Police Department (APD)

(740) 592-3313 or 911 in an emergency
11 North College Street
Report off campus incidents within the city of Athens to APD.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) *

(740) 593-1616 24/7 mental health emergency hotline
3rd floor Hudson Health Center (on campus)
www.ohio.edu/counseling
counseling.services@ohio.edu
Campus-based mental health services for students

Hopewell Health Centers*

(740) 592-3091 or 1-888-475-8484 (24/7 hotline)
90 Hospital Drive (off campus)
Community-based mental health services.

Campus Care*

(740) 592-7100
1st floor Hudson Health Center (on campus)
www.ohio.edu/medicine/community-health/campus-care/
Routine and follow up care. (Forensic exams not offered.)

OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital*

(740) 593-5551
55 Hospital Drive (off campus)
Emergency medical care and free sexual assault forensic exams.

University Equity and Civil Rights Compliance (ECRC)

(740) 593-9140
006 Lindley Hall (on campus)
www.ohio.edu/equity-civil-rights
equity@ohio.edu
To report a Title IX incident involving OHIO students, faculty, or staff.

*Confidential resource: Confidential resources are not required to report specific incidents to any other investigating body and may not disclose any information without the permission of the student.

Survivor Advocacy Program

**Support and advocacy
services for student survivors
of sexual assault, stalking
and relationship violence**

**24 Hour Hotline:
740-597- SAFE (7233)**

**Email:
survivor.advocacy@ohio.edu**



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DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Survivor Advocacy Program (SAP) seeks to provide support and advocacy services to student survivors of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking. We work to increase survivors' access to support and resources.

SAP is staffed by three full-time, licensed professionals: a director of the program and two survivor advocates/case managers. The program is part of the Division of Student Affairs. All staff are confidential and are not mandated reporters.

To Meet With An Advocate:

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED OR IS EXPERIENCING DATING OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR STALKING, THERE ARE PEOPLE ON CAMPUS WHO CAN HELP.

Call: 740-597-SAFE (7233) - 24/7 Hotline

Email: survivor.advocacy@ohio.edu

Office Location: 032/038 Lindley Hall

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

More information about SAP:

Website: www.ohio.edu/survivor

Twitter: @ousap

Individual staff contacts can be found on our website.

What To Expect from an Advocate

» CONFIDENTIALITY.

Assurance that what you share will be kept private and confidential, barring any legal exceptions and/or your permission.

» RESPECT, EMPATHY, SUPPORT, BELIEF.

Advocates are there to listen, not to pass judgment or investigate. We always use the "Start By Believing" approach.

» A SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACH TO ADVOCACY.

We acknowledge that you are the expert in your situation. Advocates have knowledge and experience to assist you in making informed choices, but those choices are yours and deserve to be respected.

Regardless of when an assault occurred, or when the dating/domestic violence or stalking began, the Survivor Advocacy Program is here to serve you and help you make informed decisions.

If the person seeking services is a faculty/staff member or a community member (not an OHIO student), advocacy services are available through The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program (SAOP) (740)591-4266.

If you have experienced sexual assault, dating/ domestic violence, sexual harassment or stalking:

WE BELIEVE YOU.

- If you wish to seek medical attention or receive a forensic exam, an advocate can accompany you to OhioHealth O'Bleness qHospital.
- If you choose to report to law enforcement or Title IX, an advocate can provide support throughout the reporting and interview process.
- If you choose not to report the incident or seek medical attention, you can still utilize SAP services for support, crisis intervention, accommodations, referrals and workshops.

If someone discloses an assault to you:

- Your response to a survivor is very important. Always Start by Believing, it can make a significant difference.
- Ask if the survivor is safe or what they need to feel safe.
- Do not not press for details. Let the survivor guide the conversation and level of disclosure.
- Do not make promises that you cannot keep.
- Trauma may cause a survivor to act in unexpected ways or have limited memory. Know that there is no "right" or "wrong" way to act after a traumatic incident.
- Know that all University employees (exception-SAP, CPS & Campus Care) are mandated reporters.
- Visit www.startbybelieving.org for more information.

Start by Believing

