

NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Introducing the CSAPPnh Initiative

The objective of the New Hampshire Campus Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative (CSAPPnh) is to create an effective, sustainable, and comprehensive program to prevent and respond to sexual and relationship violence and stalking at eight nonresidential and community colleges in New Hampshire. This project is supported by a three-year grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office on Women's Health.

BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: LAKES REGION CC AND NEW BEGINNINGS

The CSAPPnh Initiative has provided the opportunity for Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) and New Beginnings Crisis Center to strengthen their existing partnership and improve resources and prevention efforts for students. Founded in 1991, New Beginnings provides free and confidential services to those whose lives have been impacted by domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Many students of LRCC have sought services from New Beginnings over the years, and we've recently grown our partnership to make services more accessible to students. The introduction of weekly office hours give students a confidential space right on campus to discuss options, ask questions, and get support. In addition, the importance of student involvement is recognized and encouraged. Students in the Human Services program complete their field placements at New Beginnings, with a focus on prevention education or direct service advocacy and empowerment. One student, Kayla Smith, was recognized as the Student of the Year at Commencement for her role of the task force member and her efforts to improve primary education and prevention programming. The opportunity to have New Beginnings staff on campus has also allowed for collaboration between the crisis center and LRCC staff and faculty. Collaborative efforts between LRCC faculty and staff and New Beginnings included planning events for sexual assault awareness month including a display of The Clothesline Project, a coloring contest, resource table & trivia at field day and an informational presentation. The main event was a screening of The Hunting Ground, followed by a panel discussion. Both New Beginnings and LRCC say they look forward to fostering this valuable partnership and collaborating in the future.



"My internship with New Beginnings was truly rewarding. My focus was primarily on education and prevention programs. I was very fortunate to be able to participate in educational and prevention programs throughout Belknap County as well as implement programs on campus at Lakes Region Community College. These programs allowed students the opportunity to engage in conversations they may have not had the opportunity to before. Some topics that were discussed were consent, stalking, healthy and unhealthy relationships, dating violence, and sexual assault on college campuses.

I am really proud of the partnership between New Beginnings and LRCC and I am excited to see what they will accomplish together in the future."

- Kayla Smith, LRCC Student

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Manchester Community College: Engaging Stakeholders

In an effort to broaden the impact of Manchester Community College's SAAM programming, the members of the SAAM CSAPP subcommittee partnered with other stakeholders within the MCC community.

Sustaining a welcoming, supportive environment in which students are empowered to succeed is the responsibility of all members of the college community. To invite and engage allies achieves several objectives. It distributes the task at hand among many, provides an opportunity for students to experience participation in a cause larger than their own self-interest, builds community across silos, and ultimately informs the public, making them aware of an issue important to their own safety, the safety of their friends, and the larger community.

MCC then provides resources for prevention and action if the time comes. MCC's LGBTQIA club, Campus Activity Board (CAB), the Diversity Committee, the Administration, and Behavioral Science faculty deepened the impact of the Sexual Assault Awareness campaign. The LGBTQIA club supplemented tabling material with information about the "Me Too" Movement encouraging individuals to add their comments to a whiteboard. The Consent Video was screened several times during scheduled CAB events in the student lounge at a time when students were already assembled in a relaxed, social gathering. The Diversity Committee planned a Safe Zone Training during SAAM for all faculty and staff to raise awareness, and in the same month the Administration provided a Sexual Harassment/Civility training for faculty and staff. MCC also partnered with the local YWCANH Crisis center to present to Psychology classes on the subject of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence.

Ultimately, it was MCC's goal to include multiple constituencies, in a variety of settings to achieve maximum impact. We believe we achieved those goals and plan to build upon this initial program in the coming years.



Cementing a Partnership in Nashua: Community College and Police

Nashua Community College (NCC) is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH). Although they had an existing relationship with the Nashua Police Department, the CSAPPnh Initiative has fostered a more specific focus on sexual and relationship violence and stalking.

From the beginning of the CSAPPnh project, NCC's public safety staff have been involved in the College's efforts. Jen Cruz is joined on the CSAPPnh Task Force by three members of the public safety and security staff and the Deputy Chief of the Nashua Police Department.

A student in the Criminal Justice department and Task Force member focused her senior thesis on sexual assault. She is joining Lizy Gonzalez, NCC's Vice President of Student and Community Affairs and Amy Vazifdar, Coordinator of Student Activities, on the training team for conducting the school's Bringing in the Bystander Training. With the support of Bridges, the local crisis center, the Task Force has focused on student outreach and on awareness and prevention activities, which have involved the participation of public safety and security staff.

Campaign Spotlight

To launch their #ItsOnUsWMCC campaign, White Mountains Community College President Chuck Lloyd signs three memoranda of understanding with local Crisis Centers.



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preventioninnovations White Mountains Community College (WMCC) launched #ItsOnUsWMCC as WMCC President, Chuck Lloyd, signs MOUs with 3 NH DV/SA Crisis Centers demonstrating their commitment to ending college sexual and relationship violence and stalking. #CSAPPNH

1 WEEK AGO

MEET THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Catherine Shackford State Trooper and Investigative Consultant

Catherine Shackford is a trooper with the New Hampshire State Police and an investigative consultant through the Sexual Assault Justice Initiative (SAJI) Grant. Here is what she has to say about her role with the CSAPPnh project.

Due to their complex nature sexual assaults are historically some of the most difficult cases to investigate and not all police departments have the resources or training to fully investigate these complicated crimes. As the Investigative Consultant under the Sexual Assault Justice Initiative (SAJI) grant my role is to assist local law enforcement agencies in the rural counties in implementing best practices in the investigations of adult sexual assault cases. In addition to assisting in investigations, I also work with agencies to collaborate efforts to address sexual assaults.

When dealing with sexual assault investigations, collaborating efforts with other agencies is imperative in order to ensure better outcomes for victims of sexual assault. Only when law enforcement, prosecution, community colleges, crisis centers and other agencies work hand in hand can the needs of victims be addressed through the implementation of best practices.

Learn how the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence supports the CSAPPnh Project

Marie Linebaugh Program Director

Marie Linebaugh, MSW is the Program Director at the Coalition. In this role, Marie supports the programs team and oversees specialized projects and initiatives of the Coalition. Marie provides support to the Coalition's 13 member programs (crisis centers) by identifying needed resources and training to improve direct service delivery.

Marie serves on statewide committees to assist in the improvement of multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

Marie enjoys being part of the CSAPPnh project. As a member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), Marie supports and facilitates connections between crisis centers and community colleges. Marie brings relevant and up to date information to the CSAPPnh TAG's on projects that the Coalition and the 13 crisis centers are working on, particularly as it relates to furthering the mission of CSAPPnh. Marie is always available for technical assistance questions and support as it relates to coordination and collaboration between campus and crisis center.

Jennifer Tveter Prevention Coordinator

Jennifer Tveter is the Coalition's Prevention Coordinator. In this role, she coordinates the NH Rape Prevention Education project, coordinates the statewide Sexual Violence Prevention and Advisory Committee meetings and activities including statewide trainings and coalition building with allied partners, and guides the crisis center prevention efforts through technical assistance in the strategic planning process, prevention strategy implementation and practice of evaluation.

As a member of CSAPPnh's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Jennifer offers support to the community colleges and crisis centers in navigating their collaboration efforts and building, strengthening and implementing their prevention strategies. Jennifer hopes that she can assist the community colleges to implement prevention programming which synchronizes best practice with their policies to achieve a culture of change.