

# CAMPUS ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Our Campus Coordinator can help college students in Albany County who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, or sexual harassment in any area of their lives - in or out of school.

Students can receive confidential assistance over the phone or in person about their rights, counseling, reporting, on-campus accommodations, and more. Students are entitled to have an advocate or advisor with them when meeting with school personnel or law enforcement.

Our campus coordinator can act as the student's advocate.

The Campus Coordinator can be reached Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm at (518) 447.7100. For after-hours emergency assistance, please call our 24-hour sexual assault hotline at (518) 447.7716.



## MISSION

The mission of the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center (CVSVC) is to provide direct and comprehensive services to all individuals affected by sexual assault and other crimes of personal violence. Utilizing therapy, advocacy, community mobilization, prevention education and bystander engagement, CVSVC seeks to change societal conditions that allow and perpetuate oppression.

Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center is a department of Albany County government.



Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive

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*Cares* about our community

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity (as defined in paragraph 249(c)(4) of title 18, United States Code), sexual orientation, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under [VAWA], and any other program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated for grants, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered by the Office on Violence Against Women.

*This brochure is meant for informational purposes only and is not intended to be construed as legal advice. If you need legal advice, we recommend contacting an attorney.*

## ALBANY COUNTY CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER

# Campus Advocacy Program



112 State Street, Room 1010  
Albany, NY 12207

**24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline**  
(518) 447-7716

**Main Office & Information**  
(518) 447-7100

Fax: (518) 447-7102

**email:** [cvsvc@albanycounty.com](mailto:cvsvc@albanycounty.com)

**website:** [www.albanycounty.com/cvsvc](http://www.albanycounty.com/cvsvc)

*Proudly serving the community since 1975*

**ALBANY COUNTY CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER** provides a comprehensive range of services to emotionally and physically injured crime victims in Albany County. Services are available to anyone of any age who has experienced a sexual assault or other interpersonal crime at any time in their life, or who has been affected by someone else's assault.

The Center operates a 24-hour sexual assault hotline for crisis counseling and advocacy at Albany County hospitals and police stations for victims of sexual assault.

Confidential therapy for victims of interpersonal crimes, including sexual assault, domestic violence, assault and homicide, is available Monday through Friday by appointment. Friends and family members of crime victims may also schedule therapy appointments. Therapy is offered in individual, family or group sessions.

The Center provides information, referral services and criminal advocacy to crime victims. Professional staff and trained volunteers assist victims in filing claims for compensation through the New York State Office of Victim Services. Dedicated case managers facilitate and coordinate services and service providers.

The Center offers public education programs on interpersonal violence prevention for adults, children and professional groups throughout Albany County.

## All Services Are Free

## OTHER RESOURCES

### State & Local Resources

Equinox Domestic Violence Services: 24-hour domestic violence emergency hotline (518) 432-7865

In Our Own Voices (LGBTQ+): (518) 432-4188

The Legal Project: Campus Violence Legal Connection: (518) 435-1770

New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906

New York State Police Campus Sexual Assault Victims Unit: 1-844-845-7269

Sanctuary for Families: Title IX & Advocacy for Campus Sexual Assault Survivors (212) 349-6009

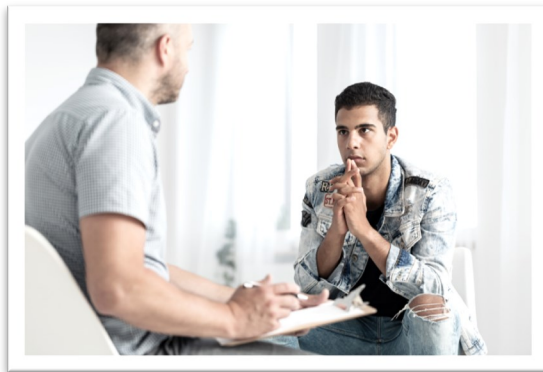
### National Resources

End Rape on Campus: <https://endrapeoncampus.org/>

Know Your IX: <https://www.knowyourix.org/>

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or [thehotline.org](https://thehotline.org)

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE or [rainn.org](https://rainn.org)



## HOW CAN THE CAMPUS ADVOCATE HELP ME?

The goal of the campus advocate is to help you identify the best course of action for you, and to provide any support you may need to carry out that course of action.

If you talk to the campus advocate and then decide you don't want to move forward, that's totally fine. We're not here to tell you what to do - we want to help you figure out what will work best for you.

Some of the things the campus advocate may be able to help with include:

- Initial discussion to go over possible options (may include medical, legal, and/or on-campus reporting options)
- Identifying further resources at your school or in the community
- Reporting the incident to your school
- Acting as your advisor of choice if the school pursues a Title IX investigation
- Obtaining accommodations or interim measures from your school to help you continue your education
- Reporting the incident to law enforcement
- Referrals to off-campus, trauma-specific counseling services
- Referrals to court advocacy services if you decide to pursue your case in the criminal and/or civil justice system
- Referrals to other community agencies as appropriate

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Experiencing an act of gender-based violence can make it difficult to continue your education**, whether due to safety concerns or dealing with the emotional, mental, and physical aftermath of the incident. Your school may be able to assist with accommodations or interim measures that enable you to continue your education safely. You can access these accommodations via the Title IX office even without filing a formal complaint with your school. Possible accommodations include the following:

### Academic Accommodations

- Change to class schedule
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Extra time to complete exams
- Alternate exam location
- Tutoring or other extra help
- Make up an assignment that was missed (including providing alternative assignment if applicable)
- "Incomplete" without academic or financial penalty, to the extent possible

### Other Accommodations

- Change in housing, athletics schedule, work-study job, etc.
- No contact order against the perpetrator
- Assistance preserving your eligibility for academic, athletic, or other scholarships, financial aid, internships, study abroad, or foreign student visas, to the extent possible

***Please note, not all accommodations are available on every campus or for every situation.***

## FAQ

**Q: If I receive services from the Campus Advocacy Program, will you notify law enforcement or my school?**

A: No, all communications are confidential. We will not contact your school or law enforcement without your explicit consent, except possibly where there is child abuse or we fear there is an immediate threat to you or to somebody else.

**Q: What if I contact you and then decide I don't want to pursue the matter?**

A: That's totally fine. We are here to discuss your options and help you figure out what is best for you. Should you decide not to proceed, your decision will be respected.

**Q: What if I'm not sure that what happened "counts" as sexual assault/domestic violence/etc.?**

A: We understand that these situations can be extremely confusing and intimidating, and we hope that you will call even if you're not sure about what happened or how to categorize it. No matter the circumstances, if it's bothering you, we want to help.

**Q: What if the incident happened off-campus and/or the perpetrator is not a student at my school?**

A: You are still eligible for assistance from your school and from the Campus Advocacy Program.