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Critical Conversations

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Services

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution

Title IX



Session Outcomes

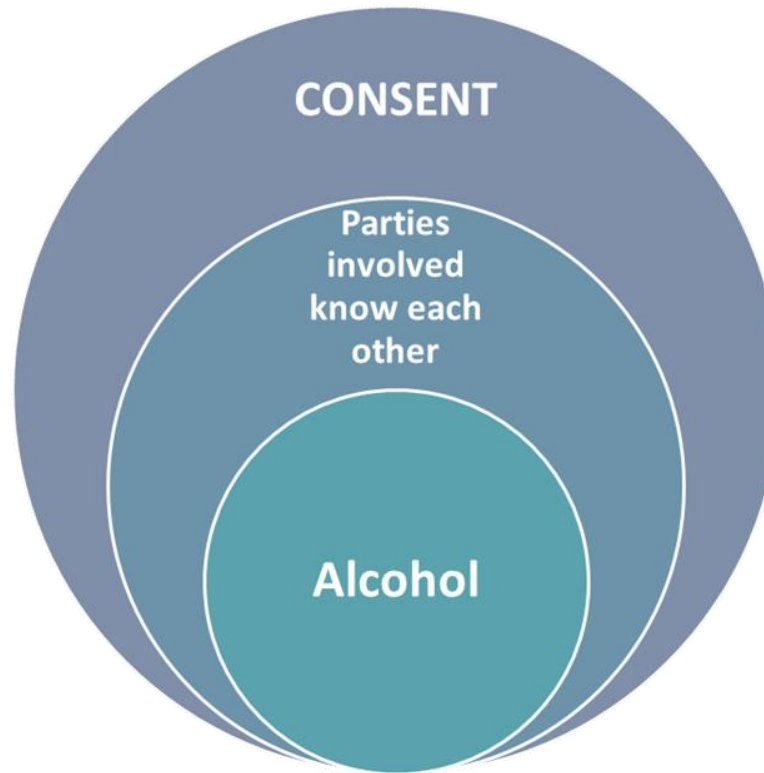
- **Recognize the family and parent influence during the transition to and during college**
- **Recognize the importance of communication and need for conversations both now and later**
- **Know how and when to connect with us**
- **Know how and when we will connect with you**

Preventing and responding to sexual violence and relationship violence

Title IX Office



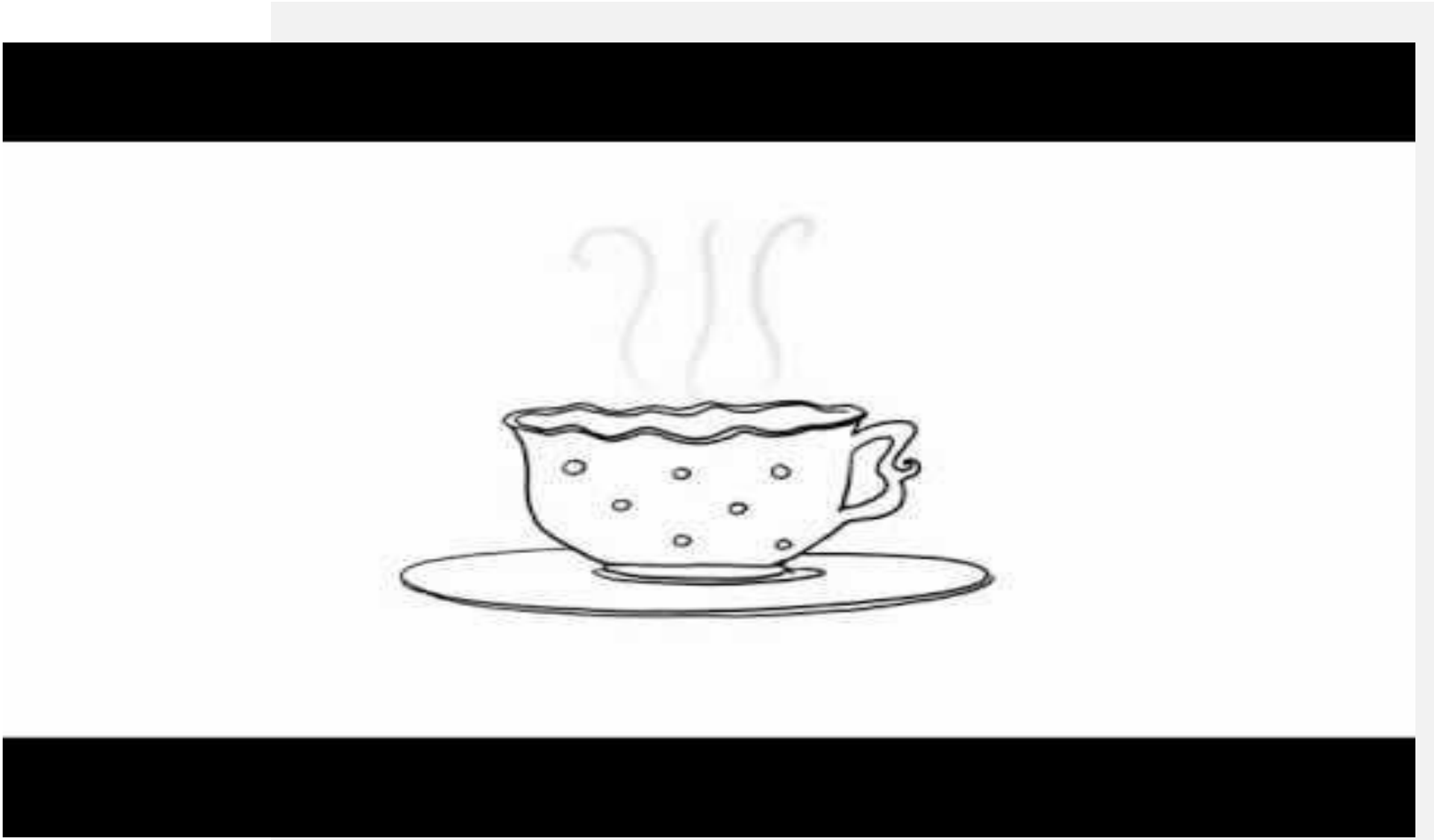
Sexual Violence on College Campuses



Conversations about Consent



Video



Consent Defined at American University

“Consent” – words or conduct indicating a **freely given agreement** to have sexual intercourse or to participate in sexual activities.

- Silence or lack of resistance does not imply consent.
- Consent for one sexual act does not imply consent for any subsequent sexual act and consent must be on-going.
- Sexual contact will be considered “without consent” if no clear consent, verbal or non-verbal is given;
 - if inflicted through force, threat of force, or coercion;
 - or if inflicted upon a person who is unconscious or who otherwise reasonably appears to be without the mental or physical capacity to consent. (see definition of incapacitation).


Your student comes to you about sexual or relationship violence...

- There is no “right” way to respond
- Remember your role
 - Find an outlet for your own emotions
- Ask your student for their needs
- Learn about trauma
 - Trauma is not always immediately apparent
 - Trauma is not always cognitively and emotionally apparent
- Seek support
 - At American University

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Sexual violence is never the survivor's fault!

CAMPUS RESOURCES

- OASIS* (202) 885-7070

The Office of Advocacy Services for Interpersonal and Sexual Violence (OASIS) is located in the Wellness Center. If you have questions about whether you have been sexually assaulted, or if you are not sure what happened but you do not like how it made you feel, consider contacting one of AU's two victim advocates. The advocates can provide emotional support, as well as information about university procedures and resources, local resources related to law enforcement or legal options, medical resources, and university academic and housing options.

**Victim advocates are considered Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). In this capacity, advocates are required to collect anonymous, non-identifying information for crimes occurring on campus or in American University-owned or leased buildings.*

- AU Counseling Center (202) 885-3500

The Counseling Center is a free, on-campus, confidential resource. During business hours, visit the Counseling Center (Mary Graydon Center 214) or call. Urgent care drop-in hours are 2pm - 4pm on Monday through Friday.



MAKING A REPORT

Survivors can report any concern regarding sexual assault to the Title IX Program Officer by calling (202) 885-3373 or emailing TitleIX@american.edu. Survivors can also file a complaint by contacting the Office of the Dean of Students at (202) 885-3300 or at dos@american.edu.

Individuals may report sexual violence to the school online through the Title IX website. Reports can be submitted anonymously, though choosing this option will necessarily limit investigative follow-up. To report online, click "Submit a Title IX Complaint" at the top of the website: www.american.edu/oci/TitleIX

24/7 RESOURCES

<p>Public Safety/Police</p> <p>Public Safety can provide walking escorts to all students on campus property. They can also assist a survivor in filing a case with Student Conduct and/or Metropolitan Police if the survivor wishes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On campus: (202) 885-3636 (emergency)• On campus: (202) 885-2527 (non-emergency)• Off campus: 911	<p>DC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) (Medical Help)</p> <p>For medical treatment and for optional evidence collection, contact the DC SANE call center at (800) 641-4028. The operator can provide students with a free, safe ride to the Washington Hospital Center's DC SANE Program and dispatch an advocate for support. SANE resources can all be used without police involvement, unless requested.</p>
<p>Collegiate Assistance Program (CAP)</p> <p>CAP provides year-round access to prompt counseling services at 1-855-678-8679. Licensed clinicians and crisis intervention specialists will listen carefully to assess students' needs and provide emotional support.</p>	<p>National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline and Anonymous Online Chat</p> <p>The Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) provides a free, confidential hotline for survivors of sexual assault. Call (800) 656-HOPE (4673) or chat anonymously at www.rainn.org.</p>
<p>DC Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline</p> <p>The DC Rape Crisis Center offers free, confidential support for survivors of sexual assault through its confidential telephone hotline. Call (202) 333-7273 or get information at www.dcrcc.org.</p>	<p>UASKDC.org (Mobile App)</p> <p>Free app with on- and off-campus resources.</p>

09/2016   For more information about sexual violence and related issues, a full list of on-campus and off-campus resources, and ways to help a friend who is a survivor of sexual assault, please visit: www.american.edu/oci/OASIS

Title IX covers relationship violence too...

Healthy Relationships

- Has trust
- Is supportive
- Doesn't play games
- Encourages growth
- Accepts boundaries
- Isn't afraid of conflict
- Encourages individuality

Unhealthy Relationships

- Fuels fear
- Is obsessive
- Is isolating & controlling
- Doesn't trust
- Ignores boundaries
- Tries to get something by giving
- Tries to change the other person

What do to?

Be supportive

Focus on the unhealthy behaviors

Keep it conversational, not preachy

Don't place blame on your student

Alcohol Edu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates

Online education for students

All incoming students MUST complete this program

- **July 23rd**: available on the student portal
- **August 17th**: deadline for completing Part 1
- **October 12th**: deadline for completing part 2

Conversations about alcohol and other drugs

Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Services



Alcohol at American University

Trends of Alcohol Use

- Alcohol related transports
- Pre-gaming
- Lack of understanding or experience with alcohol
- Heavier use of hard liquor
- Alcohol in the residence halls

Reported Impacts

- Missed classes
- Blackouts
- Negative impacts on academics
- Negative impacts on relationships with peers
- High-risk behavior



Drugs at American University

Trends of Drug Use

- Marijuana
- Prescription Drugs
- Vaping

What you need to know

District of Columbia
Decriminalization of Marijuana

- Buying and selling marijuana is illegal
- Must be 21 years old to possess or use marijuana
- Must use or possess in a private residence (not AU)
- Cannot possess more than 1 ounce of marijuana

*****Possession and use of marijuana and medical marijuana continues is against AU Student Conduct Code policy*****



**COLLEGE
PARENTS
MATTER**
have the **conversation**

Conversations with your student

- Set expectations regarding behavior, communication and academics
- Safety vs. accountability
- Regular communication is key
- Be aware of perceptions from popular culture
- Be aware of high-risk drinking occasions and situations
- Additional information available at: www.collegeparents.org

Assisting students and families in the transition to college

Office of the Dean of Students



College Student Transition and Life

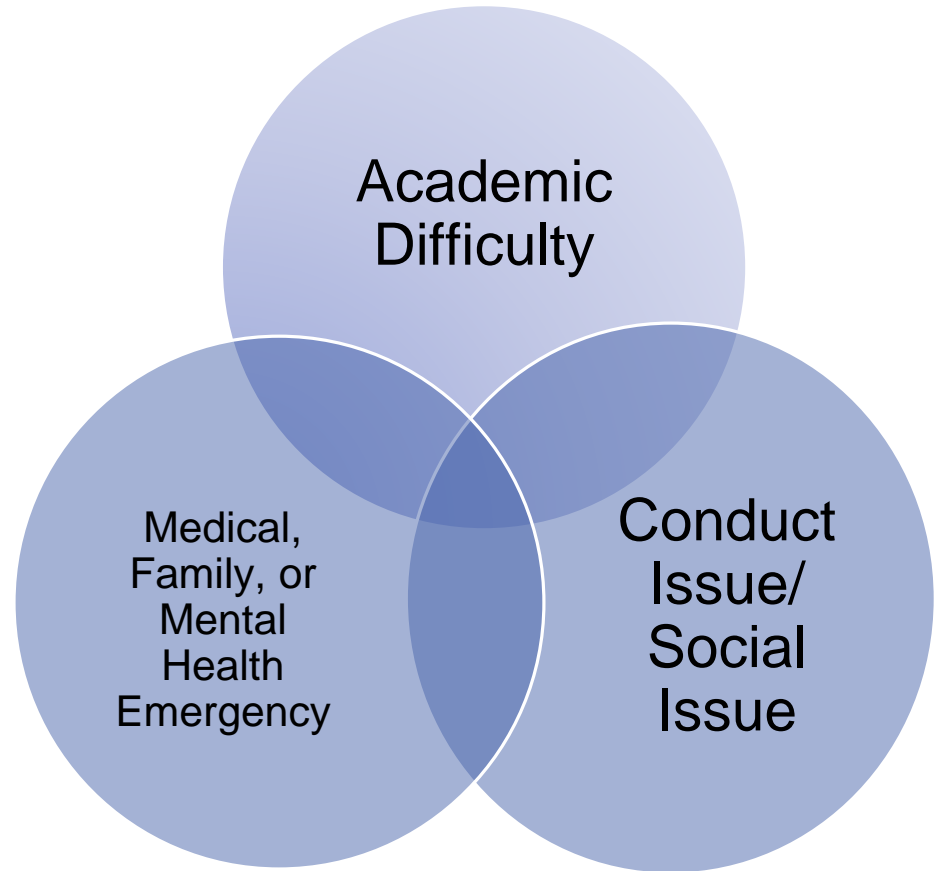
Navigating transition

- Separation from home, family, friends, the familiar
- Communal living/roommates
- Involvement/making friends
- Freedom and personal responsibility

Navigating life's emergencies

- Family emergencies
- Friend emergencies
- Medical issues
- Mental health issues
- Tuition insurance -
<https://www.american.edu/aucentral/Tuition-Refund-Insurance.cfm>

**When
issues
overlap...**



Student Support

- Informing Professors and Advisors
- Academic advisor communication
- Counseling Center referral
- Academic Support and Access Center referral
- Residence Life staff communication
- Student employer communication
- Doctor/therapist communication
- Family communication
- Campus resource navigation
- Conflict assistance



Parent and Family Communication



- Why
- When
- How



- When we do not
- Why we do not



- Is there any “in-between”?

Thank You!

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