



*Better Together:*  
**CONNECTING VICTIMS  
SERVICES & HIGHER ED**

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# *Who we are* **MOCSA**

The **Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault** exists to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual assault and abuse and prevent violence from happening.

**MOCSA** offers free services in 6 counties:

- Advocacy, including 24-hour crisis line
- Legal services for victims
- Individual & group counseling
- Education & prevention

# *Things to* **CONSIDER**

- Content warning
- Pronouns & language
- What is your role/interaction with survivors?
- What questions do you hope will be addressed today?



*Let's talk about*  
**SEXUAL VIOLENCE**





*What is*  
**CONSENT?**

Verbal & non-verbal permission for sexual activity.  
Consent must be freely-given, ongoing &  
enthusiastic.





# *Campus* SEXUAL ASSAULT

6%

A study of 1,882 male college students found 120, or 6%, were rapists.

>1%

Less than 1% of accused sexual perpetrators are disciplined by the school.

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The average campus based sexual predator will have 6 victims.



1,045

In a college study by Dr. David Lisak, 76 serial rapists committed 1,045 offenses.



*What is*  
**TITLE IX?**

"NO PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES SHALL, ON THE BASIS OF SEX, BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN, BE DENIED THE BENEFITS OF, OR BE SUBJECTED TO DISCRIMINATION UNDER ANY EDUCATION PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY RECEIVING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE."





## WHO IS INCLUDED UNDER TITLE IX?

Any education institution that receives federal funding

### Challenges?

Some private and faith based schools that do not receive federal funding are not required to abide by Title IX

## IS TITLE IX ONLY FOR WOMEN?

Title IX protects any student that is harassed or discriminated due to their gender or gender identity

### Challenges?

LGBTQIA+ students are not always provided adequate protections due to lack of understanding of Title IX



## WHO DOES IT PROTECT?

Title IX protects both staff and students.

Title IX includes harassment by: staff to students, staff to staff, & student to student

Harassment on campus and at school related events is considered a Title IX violation.

## WHAT IS CONSIDERED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT?

Intimate partner violence

Sexual assault

Sexual harassment

Harassment based on gender identity

Harassment based on sexual orientation

Stalking

For K-12 schools, bullying can fall under Title IX if the bullying is of a sexual nature





*What's going on with*  
**TITLE IX?**



*How do schools handle*  
**TITLE IX COMPLAINTS?**





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**WORKING TOGETHER**







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- Trust
  - Liability
  - Difference in Approach/
  - Differing Priorities
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*How do we*  
**BRIDGE THE GAP?**

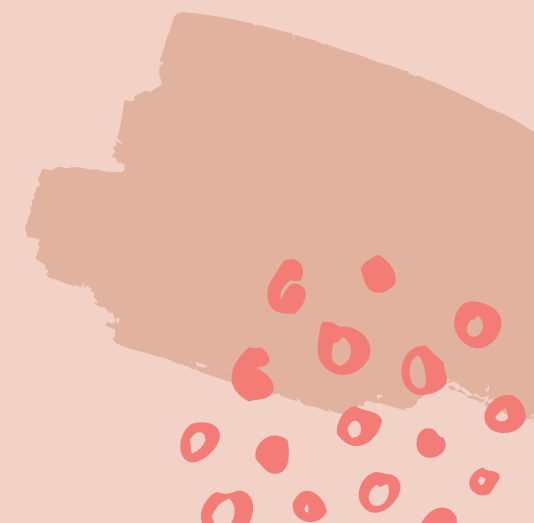
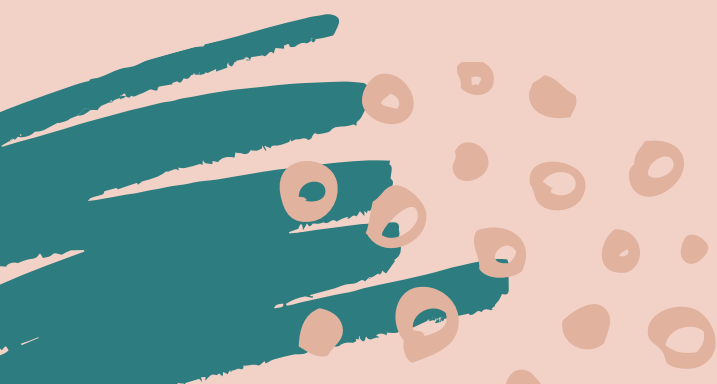


*How do we start a*  
**TITLE IX SART?**

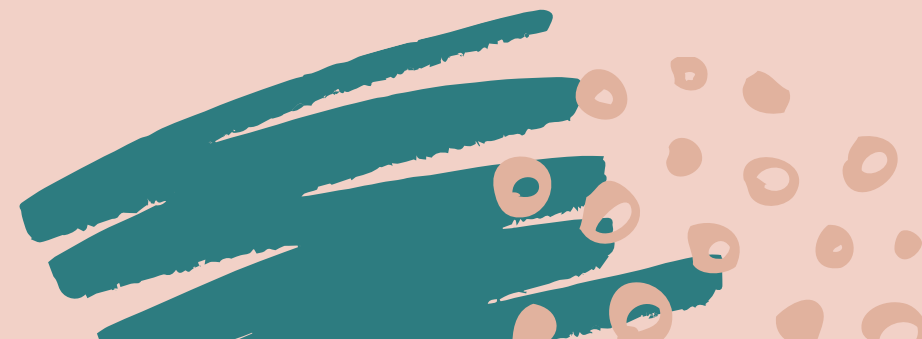

Introductions

Survey

Goals & Expectations







# *Opening up* **OPPORTUNITIES**

Partnering for events

Presentations on Campus

Don't Cancel That Class

Outreach Sites





**FIGHT FOR THE THINGS THAT  
YOU CARE ABOUT, BUT DO IT  
IN A WAY THAT WILL LEAD  
OTHERS TO JOIN YOU.**

*Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

# Resources

Know Your IX - [knowyourix.org](http://knowyourix.org)

End Rape on Campus -  
[endrapeoncampus.org/titleix](http://endrapeoncampus.org/titleix)

American Association of University  
Women - [aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/title-ix](http://aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/title-ix)

MOCOSA - [mocsa.org](http://mocsa.org) - 816.531.0233



*Thank you*  
**FOR YOUR TIME**

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