Office on Violence Against Women Campus Grant Project

What is the OVW Campus Grant Program?

In September 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women awarded the Women’s Center at the University of Idaho almost $300,000 to fund the Campus Violence Prevention Project. The grant award is funding efforts to engage the campus, community, and statewide organizations in developing and implementing culturally competent, community responsive prevention education programming and victim services at UI. The project will have a special outreach emphasis to students from diverse and multicultural backgrounds.

What are the grant goals?

- **Goal 1:** Broaden campus and community engagement;
- **Goal 2:** The reduction of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking;
- **Goal 3:** Effective and timely intervention.

These three overarching goals will be carried out through efforts in five key areas:

1. A coordinated community response team (CCRT);
2. Comprehensive prevention education and outreach;
3. Student conduct;
4. Law enforcement;
5. Victim services.

All grant activities will support and promote **Clery Act** and **Title IX** compliance, robust efforts to engage men, and cultural competence.

Campus and Community Partners

A coordinated community response approach ensures a timely, culturally relevant, and respectful response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking committed on or off campus. Implementing such an approach requires establishing a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT). This team coordinates all prevention and intervention efforts; facilitates communication between key campus departments and community partners; ensures messages across efforts are consistent and reinforced; and ensures the system’s response to victims is seamless, consistent, and supportive.

CCRT Subcommittees

**Mobilizing Men**

The Mobilizing Men subcommittee creates and implements educational programming designed to engage campus men in gender-based violence prevention, with a focus on healthy masculinities, non-violent communication, and their roles as empowered bystanders. Members include:

- **Greg Lambeth**, Director, Counseling & Testing Center
- **Rob Spear**, Director, Athletics
- **Tyson Berrett**, Captain, Moscow Police Department
- **Hassel Morrison**, Associate Dean of Students
- **Emilie McLarnan**, Coordinator, Violence Prevention Programs
- **Chris Cook**, Director, Career Services
• **Barrie Steele**, Director, Athletic Training
• **Brian Hopper**, Licensed Psychologist, Counseling & Testing Center
• **Barb Beatty**, University Ombuds (ad hoc)

**Comprehensive Prevention**
This subcommittee is conducting an inventory of existing prevention training and assessing gaps for specific student populations, to identify culturally responsive and accessible strategies for broader implementation of educational programs for all students, staff, faculty, and community members. This group works closely with the Mobilizing Men subcommittee to ensure consistent application. Members include:

• **Julia Keleher**, Director, LGBTQA Office
• **James Fry**, Chief, Moscow Police Department
• **Emily Tuschhoff**, Director of Health Promotion
• **Erin Chapman**, Professor, Family & Consumer Sciences
• **Emilie McLarnan**, Coordinator, Violence Prevention Programs
• **Jesse Martinez**, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
• **Bekah MillerMacPhee**, OVW Project Director, Women’s Center

**Policies, Procedures, and Protocols**
This subcommittee reviews existing University and local community policies, protocols, and procedures through a trauma-informed, culturally responsive lens to determine necessary updates, and identify areas for improvement. Members include:

• **Shawn Dowiak**, Assistant Dean of Students and Director, Fraternity & Sorority Life
• **Christine Wall**, Executive Director, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
• **Cari Espenschade**, Member, Student Disciplinary Review Board
• **Erin Agidius**, Director, Office of Civil Rights & Investigations
• **Matt Dorshel**, Executive Director, Public Safety & Security
• **Glen Downing**, Air Force Officer Education Program
• **Liz Brandt**, Secretary, Faculty Senate

**Marketing and Messaging**
This subcommittee will create program-specific marketing and messaging to ensure consistency, inclusivity, broad appeal, and congruency with the goals set by the grant, and serve to communicate clear values and expectations to the Vandal community. Members include:

• **Jodi Walker**, Director of Communications, University Communications & Marketing
• **Summer Howard**, Chair, Staff Council
• **Lysa Salsbury**, Director, Women’s Center
• **Yolanda Bisbee**, Chief Diversity Officer & Executive Director of Tribal Relations
• **Corey Ray**, Associate Director, University Housing

**Victim Services**
Through a trauma-informed lens, this subcommittee is reviewing existing services and responses to and for victims and survivors, to identify current strengths and opportunities for improvement. This subcommittee works closely with the Policies, Protocols, and Procedures subcommittee. Members include:

• **Sydel Samuels**, Director, Native American Student Center
• **Jill Crump**, Assistant Director, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
• **Tim Bess**, Latah County Sherriff’s Office
• **Casey Green**, Moscow Police Department, Campus Division
• **Evelina Martinez**, Director, College Assistance Migrant Program
• **Jessica Long**, Director, College of Law’s Victim Services Clinic