PILOT PROGRAM The core Blueprint in Action

The Culture of Respect Engagement (core) Blueprint
The core Blueprint is a multi-faceted holistic framework for campus sexual assault prevention and response. Prescriptive in its broad approach but flexible in specific implementation, it engages all constituencies: students, faculty, administrators, staff, coaches and parents. The corresponding core Evaluation is a robust self-assessment tool that helps colleges and universities benchmark their growth and achievement over consecutive years.

The core Blueprint Pilot Program and Research Project
More than 150 colleges and universities have accessed the core Blueprint and core Evaluation since they launched in October 2014. The schools’ feedback called for additional support in realizing a strategic, comprehensive approach to preventing campus sexual assault. Responding to this need, we created the core Blueprint Pilot Program, a rigorous implementation of the core Blueprint and core Evaluation on 14 select campuses nationwide. Coupled with a research project, the program will:

1. Give each participating college and university one-on-one support to implement the core Blueprint
2. Measure the Pilot Program schools’ progress towards comprehensively addressing campus sexual assault
3. Serve as an innovative model that can be replicated at colleges and universities nationwide

The Pilot Program commenced in summer 2015. Participating institutions use the core Blueprint and core Evaluation to apply leading practices in campus sexual assault prevention and response, building their capacity in all six areas of the framework – support, adjudication, education, public disclosure, school-wide mobilization and self-assessment – while engaging in an ongoing process of feedback and reflection.
**Pilot Program Six-Part Process**

1. Each participating institution’s Title IX Officer and/or Sexual Assault Coordinator establishes a **core** Campus Leadership Team comprised of various stakeholders.

2. Team members complete the **core** Evaluation together to determine their institution’s strengths and areas for growth.

3. The results of the **core** Evaluation inform each institution’s Individualized Implementation Plan, created in collaboration with Culture of Respect.

4. Colleges and universities receive technical assistance to guide all aspects of the Individualized Implementation Plan execution.

5. Colleges and universities take advantage of a variety of learning opportunities to share information, innovative strategies and resources with other participating institutions.

6. At the end of the year, each institution’s progress is measured by completing a second **core** Evaluation, which helps the **core** Campus Leadership Team identify achievements made in the current year and ways to refine the Individualized Implementation Plan for subsequent years.

**Endorsements**

“The **core** Evaluation and Blueprint are important for our campus as we respond to the results of a recent climate survey. They will help us to continue to develop comprehensive approaches to addressing sexual assault and other forms of gender-based violence.”

Carmen Hotvedt, Manager, Violence Prevention and Victim Advocacy; End Violence on Campus, University Health Services, University of Wisconsin – Madison

“By partnering with Culture of Respect, Sacred Heart is taking crucial steps towards reshaping the way our campus culture responds to and supports survivors of gender-based discrimination and sexual misconduct at SHU. We’re assessing what we do, ensuring it’s thorough and supportive, and encouraging a culture of respect for every pioneer in our community.”

Leonora P. Campbell, Title IX Coordinator, Sacred Heart University

**About Culture of Respect**

According to a recent climate survey, 23 percent of undergraduate women and 5 percent of undergraduate men were victims of non-consensual sexual contact in the 2014/2015 academic year. Despite earnest efforts by colleges and universities, campus rape and sexual assault remain a major obstacle to schools achieving their academic mission. Culture of Respect provides colleges and universities with a holistic framework for sexual assault prevention and response, in addition to other helpful resources available at CultureofRespect.org. To learn more about becoming a Culture of Respect **core** Blueprint Pilot Program campus, contact Allison Tombros Korman at akorman@naspa.org.