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NASPA releases updated resource for student affairs professionals on gender-based violence

The 5 Things Brief gives guidance on the Office of Civil Rights document

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. colleges and universities are facing an epidemic of gender-based violence and widespread allegations that they are responding inadequately to the problem. The list of schools under investigation has grown to 85 as of December 2014, up from the 55 originally announced in April. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) has continued to investigate complaints, conduct compliance reviews and announce resolutions of investigations. To date, there have been a total of five, six and seven-figure publicly disclosed settlements, including one for \$2.8 million and one for \$1.3 million.

In response, NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education releases its newest edition of the *5 Things Brief* titled “Five Things Student Affairs Professionals Should Know About Campus Gender-based Violence.” The issue authored by NASPA’s Research and Policy Institute outlines 5 steps that student affairs administrators can take to develop and implement policy on their campuses. The five things are:

- 1) Know Their IX
- 2) Get a Sexual Misconduct and Assault Response Team (SMART)
- 3) Be Empowered and Empowering
- 4) Conduct Research
- 5) Engage in Comprehensive Prevention

“It is critical for student affairs professionals not only to understand the scope, dynamics, causes, consequences, and complicating factors of gender-based violence on their campuses, but also to operationalize that knowledge into new or revised policies, procedures, training, educational programming, and student advising and counseling methods,” says Nancy Cantalupo, associate vice president for Equity, Inclusion and Violence Prevention at NASPA.

The [*5 Things Brief*](#) is complimentary to NASPA members and available for purchase in the [NASPA Bookstore](#) at non-member rates.

NASPA's Research and Policy Institute generates scholarship and conduct policy analysis to articulate student affairs contributions to student success, learning, and development; interpret information to advance practice and policy conversations; and connect the many research and policy activities of NASPA members to increase reach and impact.

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