SURVIVOR ADVOCACY PROGRAM
SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICES
FOR STUDENT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL
ASSAULT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT,
DATING VIOLENCE, AND STALKING.
VISIT OUR SITE TO SCHEDULE WITH
AN ADVOCATE.
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SURVIVOR VOICES

As a survivor, this is the best resource I could have found at Ohio University. They helped me immensely and showed me compassion every step of the way.

It’s by far one of the most valuable on-campus resources available to students. Each of the advocates is incredibly compassionate, empathetic, and committed to eradicating the accepted culture of sexual violence that surrounds a university community. I wouldn’t be the empowered survivor I am today without the support of the staff and their outreach activities.

My advocate was amazing. She truly held the space for me to share intimate details of my experiences I haven’t been comfortable sharing anywhere else.

They truly helped me through one of the most confusing and difficult times in my life. I felt safe, believed, and understood when many others in my life did not make me feel that way.

Survivor Advocacy Program played an integral role in my healing process. I can say without hesitation that I would not be who I am, or where I am, without them. They offered me unconditional support, love, respect, and access to resources. I am eternally grateful for them and their exceptional work.

RESOURCES

OHIO UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (OUPD)
(740) 593-1911
118 Ridge Circle, Building 13, Suite 100
ohio.edu/police
Report on-campus incidents to OUPD.

ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT (APD)
(740) 592-3313 or 911 in an emergency
11 North College Street
ohio.edu/police
Report off-campus incidents within the city of Athens to APD.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES*
(740) 593-1616 24/7 mental health hotline
Third floor Hudson Health Center
ohio.edu/counseling
Campus-based mental health services for students.

HOPEWELL HEALTH CENTERS*
(740) 592-3091 or (888) 475-8484 (24/7 hotline)
90 Hospital Drive (off campus)
hopewellhealth.org
Community-based mental health services.

CAMPUS CARE*
(740) 592-7100
First floor Hudson Health Center (on campus)
bit.ly/campus-care
Routine and follow-up care. Forensic exams not offered.

OHIOHEALTH O’BLENESS HOSPITAL*
(740) 593-5551
55 Hospital Drive (off campus)
Emergency medical care and free sexual assault forensic exams.

EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE
(740) 593-9140
006 Lindley Hall (on campus)
ohio.edu/equity-civil-rights
equity@ohio.edu
To report a Title IX incident involving students or staff.

*Confidential resource Confidential resources are not required to report to an investigating body and may not disclose any information without permission of student.
MEET WITH AN ADVOCATE

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted or is experiencing domestic violence, sexual harrassment, or stalking, there are people on campus who can help. Our staff provides confidential services and are not mandated reporters.

CALL (740) 597-SAFE (7233) (24/7)
EMAIL survivor.advocacy@ohio.edu
VISIT 032/038 Lindley Hall
Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
LEARN ohio.edu/survivor @OHIO_SAP

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM AN ADVOCATE

CONFIDENTIALITY
What you share will be kept private and confidential, barring any legal exceptions or your permission.

RESPECT AND EMPATHY
Advocates are there to listen, not to pass judgment or investigate. We use the Start By Believing approach.

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE
Advocates help you make informed choices, but those choices are yours and will be respected.

Regardless of when an assault occurred, or when the dating/domestic violence or stalking began, the Survivor Advocacy Program is here to serve you and help you make informed decisions.

If the person seeking services is not an OHIO student, advocacy services are available through THE SURVIVOR ADVOCACY OUTREACH PROGRAM.

CONTACT (740) 591-4266

A FEW THINGS WORTH KNOWING

WHEN SEEKING SERVICES
If you wish to seek medical attention or receive a SANE (forensic) exam, an advocate can accompany you to OhioHealth O’Bleness Hospital. A SANE exam can be conducted any time within 96 hours of a sexual assault and is free of charge to the survivor.

If you choose to report to law enforcement or ECRC/Title IX, an advocate can provide support throughout the process.

If you choose not to report the incident or seek medical attention, you can still utilize advocacy services for support, crisis intervention, accommodations, referrals and workshops.

WHEN SOMEONE DISCLOSES TO YOU
1 Ask if the survivor is safe or what they need to feel safe.
2 Let the survivor guide the conversation and level of disclosure — do not press for details.
3 Do not make promises that you cannot keep.
4 Trauma may cause a survivor to act in unexpected ways or have limited memory. There is no “right” or “wrong” way to act after a traumatic incident.
5 Remember that university employees are mandated reporters.

Exceptions: Survivor Advocacy Program, Counseling and Psychological Services and Campus Care

GET MORE INFO nomore.org/learn/what-to-say