

Know Your Rights

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, including sexual violence, in educational programs and activities. All public and private schools, school districts, colleges and universities receiving federal funds must comply with Title IX.

If you have experienced any type of sex discrimination, including sexual violence, under Title IX your school should:

- respond promptly and effectively
- provide interim measures as necessary
- make known where you can find confidential support services
- conduct an adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation
- provide remedies as necessary

For detailed information about your rights, visit www.notalone.gov

Campus Resources

STAR Central	479-575-7252
For advocacy email	survivor@uark.edu
For education programs email	respect@uark.edu
CAPS 24 hr Emergency Line (Counseling & Psychological Services)	479-575-5276
UA Women's Clinic	479- 575-4478
Pat Walker Health Center (University Health Services)	479-575-4451
University Police	479-575-2222
Title IX	479-575-7111
Student Standards & Conduct	479-575-5170

In the event of an emergency, call 911.

Confidential Campus Resource Options

If you want to speak on campus with someone confidentially about sexual or relationship violence, you may do so with a victim advocate, a mental health counselor, or a pastoral minister. Faculty and staff are required by federal law under Title IX to report incidents of sexual or relationship violence to the Title IX coordinator in order for the University to further investigate the matter. An advocate is available through STAR Central and may be reached by emailing survivor@uark.edu or at 479-575-7252 to arrange for an appointment.

For more resource information, including community resources, please visit <http://respect.uark.edu>

Forensic Evidence Collection ("a Rape Kit") is available 24 hrs a day (no appointment necessary) at Northwest Medical Center – Willow Creek Emergency Department located just off of I-49, Exit 69 (Johnson exit). Also, available by appointment at NWA Sexual Assault Center, 479-445-6448, located on North Green Acres Road, Fayetteville.

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What is an Advocate?



STAR Central
Pat Walker
Health Center

Reaching out for help can be difficult. But, you may find that a victim advocate can offer you support, information, and access to services that you may not be aware of.

You are in control of what decisions and choices you make along your path of recovery. An advocate will assist you with decision-making in a supportive, non-judgmental, confidential environment.

Victim advocates provide...

Victim advocates are professionals with special training to provide trauma-informed support for victims/survivors of crime (e.g. sexual and relationship violence). Often they work for college health centers on campuses. Within the community, there are a variety of settings in which they work, such as crisis centers, non-profit agencies, prosecutors' offices, police stations, legal firms, and hospitals.

Victim advocates provide information about victims' rights, safety planning, resources, reporting options, programs, protocols, policies, counseling options, and more. They assist victims/survivors with filing of paperwork or accessing services (e.g. victim's reparations, reasonable accommodations, counseling, etc.) and other needs as they arise.

Victim advocates facilitate support groups and provide individual advocacy and support sessions. As a support person and with the permission of the victim/survivor, they may accompany victims/survivors to law enforcement interviews, medical/forensic examination, meetings with campus officials (e.g. Title IX, investigative, conduct meetings), or judicial and court proceedings. In addition, a victim advocate may serve as a liaison between various services and the victim/survivor as needed.

How is a victim advocate contacted?

A victim advocate may be contacted directly by the victim/survivor or by a third party (e.g. law enforcement officer, medical provider, Title IX coordinator, residence hall staff, a friend, etc.)

To access a victim advocate at the University of Arkansas, either email survivor@uark.edu or call 479-575-7252 during business hours.

If a victim advocate is needed after hours in the event of having a medical forensic examination or making a police report, on-call faculty/staff volunteer advocates are available. An on-call volunteer advocate may be contacted by Northwest Medical-Willow Creek Emergency Department or University of Arkansas Police Department at the time of care or reporting. Community resources are also available (see respect.uark.edu).

If counseling is needed for a mental health emergency, CAPS is available 24/7 by calling (479) 575-5276.

Are advocacy services confidential?

Victim advocacy services are **confidential**. If someone does not know where to turn or would like more information about available options and resources, a victim advocate can help. A victim advocate can confidentially provide information and answer questions about available resources within a supportive environment. The only exception is when the person who has been victimized is under 18 years of age or if danger to self or others is revealed.

When to contact an advocate?

An advocate may be contacted at any point. In some situations, the victim advocate is the first person a victim/survivor may reach out to. In other situations, the victim advocate may be brought into the process by another person who learns of what has happened.

Generally, the sooner a victim advocate becomes part of the response process, the more they can do to provide support and assist with access to resources throughout the process.

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