RESPECT (Rape Education Services by Peers Encouraging Conscious Thought) is a peer education internship program of the STAR Central Office. RESPECT interns encourage other college students to consciously think about rape prevention and what they can do to be a part of prevention.

Using the peer education model, RESPECT interns provide education programs on campus and within the community through interactive presentations, awareness campaigns, and outreach events. RESPECT peer educators are trained with the latest information about sexual violence, prevention, risk reduction, bystander intervention, and resources. They also receive training and certification through the NASPA-BACCHUS Initiatives peer education certification program.

If you are interested in a RESPECT internship, recruitment occurs annually, mid-spring semester. Follow RESPECT on social media or watch its website for information as it is released.

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To schedule a RESPECT program, please contact STAR Central by email respect@uark.edu with contact and presentation request details. To learn more about RESPECT and its programs, please visit http://respect.uark.edu

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

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.

Request a Presentation

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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.
STAR Central is the Office of Support, Training, Advocacy, & Resources focused on sexual assault and relationship violence, coordinated through the University Health Services, Wellness and Health Promotion Department. Located at the Pat Walker Health Center, STAR Central serves the University community through education programs, professional consultations, and confidential victim advocacy services.

Various education programs are available and often are tailored to the specific needs of participants. Requests for education programs can be arranged by contacting STAR Central at respect@uark.edu (please include details regarding your request).

Advocacy services for victims of sexual assault or relationship violence are available through STAR Central. Talking one-on-one with a trained advocate, the individual processes available options and resources in a supportive, confidential environment.

STAR Central provides services to members of the University community without charge. Ongoing advocacy services are available to students, but assistance with finding continuing resources will be provided to staff and faculty. Education and consultation services are available for community organizations based upon availability.

## Support

STAR Central provides support for victims of sexual assault and relationship violence, as well as for students who are secondary survivors. Secondary survivors are individuals who have been affected by knowing and caring for someone who has been victimized.

A variety of options are available for victims of sexual assault and relationship violence as they pursue the road to recovery and becoming survivors. Assistance with identifying these options is provided and individual decisions are respected and supported. Access to and information regarding individual counseling and support groups are also available.

## Training

STAR Central provides workshops related to many issues concerning sexual assault and relationship violence. Workshops are designed with the intended group in mind. Workshops may focus on topics such as identifying an abuser, what to do if you know someone who has been raped or is in a violent relationship, trauma-informed training for law enforcement and healthcare providers, risk reduction strategies on campus, understanding and countering rape culture, bystander intervention, and other similar topics.

## Advocacy

STAR Central offers confidential advocacy services for victims of sexual assault or relationship violence. During a time of turmoil and confusion, a professionally trained advocate can provide support and help answer questions related to available options for medical and emotional care, reporting, and follow-up resources to assist with the recovery process. Personal support is provided to meet individual needs and personal choices are respected. STAR Central serves to empower individuals so that they may succeed during and after their recovery. Overall, the goal is for the victim to become the survivor.

## Resources

STAR Central provides a wide variety of information related to sexual assault and relationship violence. Resource materials focus on awareness, risk reduction, victim rights, and cultural influences. Every reasonable effort possible will be made to provide information through individual contacts, group education presentations, awareness media campaigns, campus and community events, and other forms of outreach services.

All advocacy services are confidential.