

Trinity College:
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Your Rights, Your Options

A Guide for Victims, Survivors, and Accused Persons

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Trinity College's Policy on Sexual Harassment & other applicable policies prohibit sexual discrimination and harassment, including sexual violence, intimate partner violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and related retaliation.

INTRODUCTION

This booklet explains what rights and options are available if you or a friend is a victim or is accused of sexual harassment, which includes sexual assault; rape; dating, domestic, or relationship violence; sexual harassment; and stalking. All services and resources listed in this booklet are for everyone, including victims and survivors, accused persons, and secondary survivors (friends/boyfriends/girlfriends/family/partners of survivors). Because the incidence rate of sexual assault for those who identify as persons of color and LGBTQ+ tends to be higher, and reporting rates lower, than for other populations, some resources listed in this booklet are specific to these groups.

This booklet also shares the available on- and off-campus resources for support, offers guidance for understanding your rights and options, and explains the levels of confidentiality of campus staff, faculty, and certain student staff. The college will help and support you through any steps you decide to take while doing its best to protect your privacy.

To view Trinity's Policy on Sexual Harassment, please visit the Office of Title IX's website at www.trincoll.edu/Title-IX/. In addition, this site provides the Title IX Coordinator's contact information and the Sexual Harassment Anonymous Report Form.

The college's Title IX Coordinator is Shannon Lynch, who may be contacted by email at shannon.lynch@trincoll.edu or titleixcoordinator@trincoll.edu, or by phone at 860-297-2688.

- The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that Trinity establishes and follows an objective prompt, thorough, and equitable process for addressing allegations of sexual harassment and discrimination or differential treatment based on sex. The Title IX Coordinator is not an advocate for individuals but rather an objective third-party that administers a range of resolution processes. The Title IX Coordinator can implement supportive measures regardless of whether a student chooses to partake in a resolution process or not.
- The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for providing leadership, neutrality, and centralized support for compliance with all requirements under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (Title IX), the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to sexual discrimination, harassment, and sexual violence.

WHAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

Immediate and Ongoing Assistance

If you have been subject to an incident of sexual harassment, you are strongly recommended to seek immediate assistance as listed below:

1. Hartford Police Department

Emergency, call 911; non-emergency, call 860-757-4000

2. Trinity College Campus Safety

860-297-2222, 76 Vernon Street. Campus Safety may, in turn, contact the Administrator-on-Call (AOC), a college administrator who is available 24/7. Campus Safety personnel and AOCs are considered Responsible Employees who are required to report incidents that may fall under the Policy on Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. The AOC can assist the victim with contacting Privileged and Confidential campus resources.

3. YWCA New Britain Sexual Assault Crisis Services (SACS)

- a. Local New Britain: 860-505-0469
- b. Local Hartford: 860-547-1022

4. Interval House

- a. 24-Hour Hotline: 860-838-8467
- b. 24-Hour Spanish Hotline: 844-831-9200
- c. Text: 888-774-2900

5. RAINN Online Network

- a. National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- b. <https://hotline.rainn.org/online> for online chat services

6. Off-campus advocates available to victims, survivors, secondary survivors 24/7:

- a. Statewide Sexual Violence Hotline: 888-999-5545
- b. Statewide Sexual Violence Spanish Hotline: 888-568-8332
- c. Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline: 888-774-2900
- d. Statewide Domestic Violence Spanish Hotline: 844-831-9200
- e. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233 (multiple languages offered)

If you have been subject to an incident of sexual harassment, you are strongly encouraged to seek ongoing assistance from any and all of the below:

1. Office of Title IX

Shannon Lynch, Title IX Coordinator
Titleixcoordinator@trincoll.edu
 Mather 208, 860-297-2688

2. Women & Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC)

Laura Lockwood, Director of WGRAC
Laura.lockwood@trincoll.edu
 Mather Hall, Room 216

3. Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) 860-397-4206, Library A78 & 79

Dr. Pamela McKeever, Student Accessibility Coordinator and Assistant Director of Student Life
 Fernando Rendon, SARC Graduate Assistant

4. Employee Assistance Program

For faculty and staff: www.HigherEdEAP.com or 800-225-2527

Medical Care and Evidence Preservation

If you have experienced or are experiencing sexual harassment, including domestic or dating violence, stalking, rape or sexual assault, or physical or sexual retaliation, you are strongly encouraged to immediately seek medical care or a sexual assault forensic exam at a local hospital emergency room or medical care at the Trinity College Health Center. It is important for you to preserve all possible evidence in case you decide at some point to engage the legal process or to file a complaint with the college. If at all possible, you should refrain from changing clothes, showering, or changing your physical state after an incident until after consulting with medical personnel. If you believe you were drugged, a toxicity test needs to occur within 72 hours of the incident, preferably within 24–48 hours. Toxicity tests are available at the hospitals listed below as part of the forensics exam, at the Trinity College Health Center. Medical exams and sexual assault forensic exams should occur within 120 hours (five days) of the incident, for efficacy purposes.

For more information about sexual assault forensic exams: www.rainn.org/Articles/Rape-Kit/.

For evidence preservation through a sexual assault forensic exam and for medical care, including treatment for injuries, preventative treatment for STIs, STI and drug testing (drugs that may have been slipped into your drink), pregnancy tests, and contraception, you can go to:

1. Hartford Hospital

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) available: 80 Seymour Street, Hartford; 860-545-5000

2. Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford

SANE available: 114 Woodland Street, Hartford; 860-714-4000

3. Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain

SANE available: 100 Grand Street, New Britain; 860-224-5011

Campus Safety will facilitate transportation as needed: 76 Vernon Street; 860-297-2222

The SANE program automatically contacts the YWCA Sexual Assault Crisis Services (SACS) to send a trained volunteer advocate to the emergency room. If you wish, this advocate will stay with you through the emergency room waiting period and the medical exam, answering any questions you may have and acting as your advocate.

4. Trinity College Health Center

Trinity Hall, first floor; 860-297-2018. Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. M–F

For after-hours care, contact Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care: 860-317-9787

The Health Center offers medical exams, emergency contraception, tests for STIs, and drugs (toxicity tests; see above).

WHAT ARE MY TITLE IX RIGHTS?

Confidentiality and Supportive Measures

1. You have the right to request confidentiality.

You have the right to request confidentiality even if the person taking the report/disclosure is mandated to report a disclosure. If you make a disclosure or file a report and want to request confidentiality, you may do so by email and submit it to and discuss it with the Title IX Coordinator. The Title IX Coordinator may consult an appropriate college officer to make a decision based on the available information. Appropriate college officials could include the director of Campus Safety, a dean in the Dean of Students Office, and the Assistant Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Compliance.

2. You have the right to contact law enforcement.

You have the right to contact law enforcement—the Hartford Police Department or Campus Safety—at any time, as well as the right to decline to notify either department. The college will not contact the Hartford Police Department unless requested, the individual is a minor, or unless a threat of imminent danger exists. For contact information, please see page 4.

3. You have the right to notice of and access to available services: support services, information, referrals, medical assistance, and a sexual assault counselor or advocate.

Access to support services will be provided with assistance by the college, including advocacy, academic support, counseling, disability, health or mental health services, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid services, and legal assistance both on and off campus, as applicable. Please see pages 10-13.

4. You have the right to supportive measures regardless of whether you file a formal complaint with the college requesting an investigation, participate in an adjudication process, or file a criminal complaint. Requests for supportive measures are made to the Title IX Coordinator. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Mutual No-contact orders** issued by the college are measures that restrict encounters and communications between the parties. For the full definition, 42-43 of the [Policy on Sexual Harassment](http://www.trincoll.edu/Trinity-College-Policy-on-Sexual-Harassment/) (www.trincoll.edu/Trinity-College-Policy-on-Sexual-Harassment/).
- b. Academic Supportive Measures** are measures that include deadline extensions, incompletes, course changes or late drops, or other arrangements as appropriate.
- c. Residential Supportive Measures** are measures that include arranging for new housing or providing temporary housing options, as appropriate.
- d. Transportation or working arrangements** may be changed or other employment accommodations made, as appropriate.

5. Assistance with reporting a crime to local law enforcement may be requested at any time by an individual involved in an incident of sexual harassment.

Such individuals may request orders of protection, restraining orders, or relief from abuse orders from courts of appropriate jurisdiction upon request. The college also will work to respect and implement the requirements of such orders on premises that it owns or controls, as necessary and appropriate.

6. You have the right to a fair and impartial internal Formal Resolution process.

- a.** If you file a formal complaint with the college and ask that the incident(s) be investigated, or if the college undertakes an investigation based on other circumstances, you have the right to a fair and impartial investigation.
- b.** The Title IX Coordinator will ensure both the complainant and the respondent receive due process (i.e., fair and equitable treatment). Both parties are entitled to have an adviser of their choosing during any and all meetings related to the investigation. The adviser may be an attorney. The college will help either party, if requested, obtain an adviser.
- c.** The college officials who participate on the administrative panel will receive annual training to ensure due process, safety, and accountability. Please see the [Policy on Sexual Harassment](#), page 35.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to sexual harassment, as listed in Trinity College's Policy on Sexual Harassment, include the following:

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

"Sexual harassment" is defined in three categories: (1) hostile environment sexual harassment; (2) quid pro quo sexual harassment; and (3) four specific offenses prohibited under the Clery Act, as amended by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)—sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Such conduct violates college policy when it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or educational opportunities by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, living, or work environment.

Sexual harassment can occur between persons of equal power status (e.g., student to student, staff to staff) or between persons of unequal power status (e.g., faculty member to student, coach to student-athlete). Although sexual harassment often occurs in the context of the misuse of power by the individual with the greater power, a person who may in fact have less or equal power in a relationship can also commit sexual harassment. Sexual harassment can be committed by (or against) an individual or by (or against) an organization or group. Sexual harassment can be committed by an acquaintance, a stranger, or people who shared a personal, intimate, or sexual relationship. Sexual harassment can occur by or against an individual of any sex, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment

Hostile environment sexual harassment involves unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature or based on a person's sex that is objectively offensive and pervasive, persistent, and severe. The college considers a variety of factors related to the severity, persistence, or pervasiveness of the sex-based harassment, including: (1) the type, frequency, and duration of the conduct; (2) the identity and relationships of persons involved; (3) the number of individuals involved; (4) the location of the conduct and the context in which it occurred; and, (5) the degree to which the conduct affected one's employment or educational opportunities.

Examples of behavior that might be considered hostile environment sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Unwanted sexual innuendo, propositions, sexual attention, or suggestive comments and gestures; inappropriate humor about sex or gender-specific traits; sexual slurs or derogatory language directed at another person's sexuality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression; insults and threats based on sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression; and other oral, written, or electronic communications of a sexual nature that an individual communicates is unwanted and unwelcome.
- Written graffiti or the display or distribution of sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or written materials; sexually charged name-calling; or the circulation, display, or creation of emails, text messages, or websites of a sexual nature.
- Display or circulation of written materials or pictures degrading to an individual or gender group where such display is not directly related to academic freedom or to an educational/pedagogical, artistic, or work purpose.

- Unwelcome physical contact or suggestive body language, such as touching, patting, pinching, hugging, kissing, or brushing against an individual's body.
- Physical coercion or pressure of an individual to engage in sexual activity or punishment for a refusal to respond or comply with sexual advances.
- Use of a position of power or authority to: (1) threaten or punish, either directly or by implication, for refusing to tolerate harassment, for refusing to submit to sexual activity, or for reporting harassment; or (2) promise rewards in return for sexual favors.
- Acts of verbal, nonverbal, or physical aggression, intimidation, or hostility based on sex or sex-stereotyping.

Example: When Ann, a new employee, enters a back office, she often is met with unwelcome stares, sexual innuendos, sexual gestures, and off-color sexual jokes. A few co-workers text and email unwanted pornographic images to her. These co-workers also leave notes in her mailbox saying women should only be seen and not heard, with pornographic notes requesting sex. Ann is unable to do her work but fears worse treatment if she reports the behavior.

Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment

Quid pro quo sexual harassment occurs when an employment opportunity (e.g., hiring, compensation, advancement, etc.) or an educational opportunity (e.g., admission, grades, research, etc.) is conditioned upon the targeted student or employee submitting to unwelcome requests or demands for sexual favors. Only individuals with authority to grant or withhold employment or educational opportunities can engage in quid pro quo sexual harassment.

In some cases, quid pro quo sexual harassment is obvious and may involve an overt action, threat, or reprisal. In other instances, it is subtle and indirect, with a coercive aspect that is unstated.

Examples of behavior that might be considered quid pro quo sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Use of a position of power or authority to: (1) threaten or punish, either directly or by implication, for refusing to tolerate harassment, for refusing to submit to sexual activity, or for reporting harassment; or (2) promise rewards in return for sexual favors.
- Physical coercion or pressure of an individual to engage in sexual activity or punishment for a refusal to respond or comply with sexual advances.

Example: Curt is a TA. His professor invites him to dinner at her house several times to discuss a rubric she would like his help designing. The professor has leaned against him several times in class and touched his hair when they were grading papers. Curt feels his professor may have alternative motives so he suggests they meet in her office instead. After Curt's fourth refusal to meet in her home, Curt's professor tells him she's considering replacing Curt. Curt continues to decline the invitations and is let go two weeks later.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is any intentional sexual contact without consent, whether such contact directly touches skin or is through clothing. It includes any intentional sexual contact with the breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, mouth, or other bodily orifice of another; or touching another with any of these body parts; or making another touch you or himself or herself with or on any of these body parts; or any intentional bodily contact of a sexual nature, whether or not it involves the previously mentioned body parts.

Example: As Katie walks to class one morning, her friend Lucy surprises her from behind and slaps her hard on her butt. At first, Katie is simply shocked and caught off guard. After seeing it's Lucy, however, Katie feels uneasy given some of the unwanted attention Lucy has been paying her over the past month.

RAPE

Rape is a form of sexual assault involving sexual penetration without consent. Rape is defined as: (a) any sexual penetration of the vagina or anus, however slight, with any object or body part without consent; or (b) any penetration of the mouth, however slight, by any sex organ or any object used in a sexual manner without consent.

Example: Amaya and Craig have been hitting it off all night. At around 2:30 a.m., Amaya tells Craig she's had enough to drink and is ready to head back to her apartment on Allen. Craig offers to walk her back, and she accepts. When they arrive at Amaya's apartment, she invites Craig in for a bit. Craig helps Amaya into bed, where they begin to kiss. Amaya says she's tired and wants him to leave. Craig says, "I walked you back, so now you owe me." He refuses to leave until she performs oral sex. She says no. He replies, "Do it. I'm not leaving." She is scared and wants him to leave. She complies against her will.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one person to gain or maintain power and control over another person. It includes asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant (e.g., roommate), or person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person.

Example: Luke and Tina have been together for almost a year. For the last two months, Luke has gone into fits of jealous rage every time Tina hangs out with her best friend, Jayden. During his most recent episode, Luke shoves Tina against the wall and threatens to leave her. He calls later to apologize and promises to never push her again.

DATING VIOLENCE

Dating violence is violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim.

DATING VIOLENCE, continued

Whether there was such a relationship will be determined by the length, type, and frequency of the interaction.

STALKING

Stalking involves a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress or to fear for that person's own safety or that of another.

Example: Pete breaks up with his boyfriend, Jamie. For the next week, Jamie calls him hourly and sends threatening texts, saying he will out Pete to his friends and parents if he doesn't continue the relationship. He also threatens to harm Pete's dog. Pete is scared and confused.

AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT

Affirmative consent means an active, clear, and voluntary agreement by a person to engage in sexual activity with another person. Affirmative consent is informed, freely and actively given, and communicated through mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person to ensure that he or she has the affirmative consent of all persons engaged in the sexual activity and that such consent is sustained throughout the sexual activity. Consent may never be given by minors, mentally disabled persons, those who are incapacitated, and those who are by law unable to give consent. If a person is mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired so that such person cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent; this includes impairment or incapacitation due to alcohol or drug consumption that meets this standard or being asleep or unconscious.

Consent obtained by fraud or force (actual or implied) is not consent, whether that force is physical force, threats, intimidation, or verbal coercion. A lack of verbal or physical resistance alone does not meet the affirmative-consent standard and does not of itself indicate consent. Past consent on its own cannot be construed as current/future consent. Moreover, consent may be withdrawn at any time. Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another person. Consent to engage in one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to engage in other forms.

References to "consent" in this policy should be construed as meaning "affirmative consent."

Example: Alexa invites Omar over to her room to study. After studying, Omar asks Alexa if he can kiss her. Alexa answers yes. He asks if it's OK that he move his hand up her shirt, under her bra. She says yes. After some mutually enjoyable time, he asks her if he can get a condom. She says no. He doesn't, and they continue kissing.

FORMS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT PROHIBITED UNDER OTHER COLLEGE POLICIES

INDUCING INCAPACITATION

Inducing incapacitation includes the provision of alcohol or drugs to an individual, with or without that individual's knowledge, for the purpose of causing harm, impairment, or intoxication or of taking advantage of that individual's impairment or intoxication.

COERCION

Coercion is defined for purposes of this section as the application of unreasonable pressure to take part in sexual activity or in any of the prohibited conduct listed in this document.

Unreasonable pressure can be exerted through physical or emotional force, intimidation, misuse of authority, or outright threats. When someone makes it clear that he or she does not want to engage in sexual activity or does not want to go beyond a certain point of sexual interaction, continued pressure beyond that point may be considered coercive. Ignoring or dismissing the objections of another person also may be a form of coercion.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Sexual exploitation occurs when a person takes sexual advantage of another person for the benefit of anyone other than that person without that person's consent. Examples of behavior that could rise to the level of sexual exploitation include:

1. Prostituting another person;
2. Recording images (e.g., video, photograph), audio, or otherwise of another person's sexual activity, intimate body parts, or the person in a state of undress;
3. Distributing images (e.g., video, photograph) or audio of another person's sexual activity, intimate body parts, or the person in a state of undress; and
4. Viewing another person's sexual activity, intimate body parts, or the person in a state of undress in a place where that person would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, continued

Even if a person consented to sexual activity, consent also must be given to any photographing or recording of sexual activity. In addition, even if a person consented to photographing or recording of sexual activity, consent also must be given for any distribution of that material.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Intimate partner violence means any physical or sexual harm against an individual by a current or former spouse of, or person in a dating relationship with, such individual that results from any action by such spouse or such person that may be classified as a sexual assault, stalking, or family violence.

IMPROPER ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

All relationships that occur in a hierarchical relationship present an imbalance of power. By virtue of the individual's position of authority, a supervisor or faculty member is able to influence the terms and conditions of a subordinate's employment or a student's academic standing. Therefore, Trinity College forbids romantic relationships between an employee (faculty or staff) and any student (including undergraduate, graduate, and IDP) for which that employee (faculty or staff) has responsibility by virtue of any professional supervisory obligations, including teaching, advising, departmental, committee, and coaching. Additionally, the college expects all supervisory staff (whether faculty or staff) and all faculty (whether supervisory or not) to avoid engaging in romantic relationships with individuals (whether students or employees) over whom they exercise or have the potential to exercise power.

TO WHOM CAN I TALK? RESOURCES AND SERVICES

DISCLOSING AND REPORTING: RESOURCES, OPTIONS, CONFIDENTIALITY LEVELS

Trinity College strongly encourages individuals to report incidents of sexual harassment so that any victim or survivor of alleged sexual harassment may gain access to available support and so that the college may respond appropriately. The college will accept a report of sexual harassment at any time but strongly encourages prompt reporting, as resolution options narrow over time, especially if the college no longer has disciplinary jurisdiction over the person accused. The options of whom to disclose and report incidents of sexual harassment to are listed below, with their confidentiality levels. You also may file an Anonymous Report (See 2. below). All campus-based staff and offices listed below—as well as the YWCA of New Britain/Hartford Sexual Assault Crisis Services and the Interval House, Hartford’s domestic violence shelter—are members of Trinity’s Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART).

1. PRIVILEGED EMPLOYEES (PE)

Privileged Employees are so named because they have privileged communication under Connecticut law. They may not reveal anything that is told to them in confidence or within the scope of their employment at Trinity College. At Trinity they include:

Counseling and Wellness Center: 860-297-2415, 135 Allen Place

Ralph Dodd, PsyD, Regional Director, Collegiate Counseling for the Behavioral Health Network
 Haben Abraham, LCSW, Director
 Elliott Lacki, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist
 Eliza Alve-Hedegaard, APRN/Psychiatric Consultant
 Maryam Parvez, LCSW
 Jessica Wilde, LCSW
 Nelis Bidó-Jiménez, LCSW
 Nakia Black, LCSW, Ph.D. Candidate
 All other licensed staff and consultants who work within the Center

Spiritual and Religious Life: 860-297-2013

The Reverend Marcus G. Halley, College Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life
 Rabbi Rachel Putterman, Associate College Chaplain, Director of Trinity Hillel: 860-297-4195, 74 Vernon Street

YWCA of New Britain/Hartford Sexual Assault Crisis Services (SACS): 860-225-4681, ext. 211 YWCA SACS provides immediate counseling/advocacy services to victims and survivors of all types of sexual abuse. All services are free. Hospital accompaniment is available by calling the hotlines below or the main number. Trained hotline staff generally will maintain confidentiality and will not share information with the college unless the victim or survivor requests the disclosure and signs a consent or waiver form.

- **Statewide Sexual Violence 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline:** 888-999-5545
- **Statewide Sexual Violence 24-Hour Toll-Free Spanish Hotline:** 888-568-8332

Hartford Interval House serves 24 towns and provides 24/7 hotlines (below), services, and a safe house for victims of domestic violence. Trained hotline staff generally will maintain confidentiality and will not share information with the college unless the victim or survivor requests the disclosure and signs a consent or waiver form.

- **Statewide Domestic Violence 24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline:** 888-774-2900
- **Statewide Domestic Violence 24-Hour Toll-Free Spanish Hotline:** 844-831-9200

2. ANONYMOUS REPORTING OPTION

Anyone can report anonymously using an online form accessible from the websites below. Click on “Sexual Harassment Anonymous Report Form.” The form goes directly to the Title IX Coordinator and the Campus Safety director. If a name is listed, the Title IX Coordinator will contact you. If the form includes a name or personally identifying information, it may serve as notice to the college for the purpose of initiating an investigation and/or timely warning notice to the college community to alert the community to a perceived serious or ongoing public safety threat.

Office of Title IX: www.trincoll.edu/Title-IX/

3. NON-LICENSED COUNSELORS and ADVOCATES: Confidential Employees (CE)

Confidential Employees are identified because while they are required to report basic information about the incident/s to the Title IX Coordinator and the director of Campus Safety, they do not reveal the names or identifying information of all parties involved unless there is imminent harm to the campus or the person/s disclosing. Before filing a report, CEs will first consult with the person disclosing to ensure that the general report does not contain any personally identifying details, unless the person disclosing wishes it to.

Health Center Trinity Hall, first floor

Kara Anastasiou, Clinical Lead: 860-297-2018
Jennifer Grady, R.N. Supervisor: 860-297-2018
All non-student staff

Multicultural Affairs Hamlin Hall, second floor

Jared Delane, P.R.I.D.E. Program Coordinator and Cultural House Supervisor: 860-297-4251

Queer Resource Center (QRC) 114 Crescent Street

Crystal Nieves, Director of LGBTQ+ Life: 860-297-2582
Kim O'Brien, Training and Program Coordinator: 860-297-4131

Women and Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC) Mather Hall, second floor

Laura Lockwood, Director: 860-297-2408
Kim O'Brien, Training and Program Coordinator: 860-297-4131

Note: When required by law or by court order or to avert a serious threat of danger to a person or property, the Confidential Employees listed above may reveal confidential information, including name/s. Connecticut state law specifically requires the college to report incidents to law enforcement or appropriate state officials when a victim is under 18 or has an intellectual disability.

4. RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEES (RE)

All college employees are REs, with the exception of those staff listed above. REs are mandatory reporters.

a. All college employees, including faculty and staff, resident advisers (RA), P.R.I.D.E. leaders, Orientation leaders (while employed during new student orientation week), and all other students employed by the college are Responsible Employees and must report any possible violations of the Policy on Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. Student employees must report any possible violations of the Policy on Sexual Harassment if they witnessed or became aware of the violation during the scope of their employment with the college.

b. A disclosure to a Responsible Employee constitutes a report to the college and obligates the college to take immediate and appropriate steps to resolve the matter promptly and equitably and to remedy the effects of the reported sexual harassment. Offices with RE's include:

Campus Safety 860-297-2222, 76 Vernon Street

- Robert Lukaskiewicz, Interim Director, Dean of Community Life and Standards: 860-297-2222
- Donna Tadiello, Interim Assistant Director: 860-297-2222

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Hamlin Hall, second floor

- Anita Davis, Vice President for DEI: 860-297-4161
- Pamela Whitley, Assistant Vice President for DEI and Compliance: 860-297-2493
- Carol Correa de Best, Director, Multicultural Affairs: 860-297-4251
- Robert Cotto, Jr., Director, DEI Campus and Community Engagement: 860-297-4010
- Shannon Lynch, Title IX Coordinator: 860-297-2688, Mather Hall, room 208

Shelby Cullom Davis Professorship 860 297-2562, 71 Vernon Street #101

- Patti Maisch, Program Coordinator, Davis Endowment and Cesare Barbieri Endowment

Spiritual and Religious Life: 860-297-2013

- Christopher Houlihan, John Rose College Organist, Directorship Distinguished Chair of Chapel Music, and Artist-in-Residence, Department of Music
- Jennifer Sullivan, Chapel Administrator and Spiritual and Religious Life Program Coordinator

Office of Student and Community Life 860-297-2156, Admissions Building

- Joe DiChristina, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management
- Trevor Beauford, Assistant Dean, Director of Student Leadership, Engagement, & Greek Life
- Jody Goodman, Dean of Student Life
- Robert Lukaskiewicz, Dean of Community Life and Standards and Interim Director of Campus Safety
- Kara Nelson, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management and the Deans of Student and Community Life
- Ann Reuman, Sr. Associate Dean and Special Assistant to the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management
- John Selders, Assistant Dean and Director of Community Standards and Restorative Justice

The Bantam Network Residential Learning Community 860-297-2305, Admissions Building

- Sheila Copperthite, Director, The Bantam Network & The Residential Experience
- Migdalia Crespo, Assistant Director, Residence Education & Student Engagement
- Residential Learning Coordinators (RLCs)

Student Leadership and Engagement 860-297-2000, Mather Hall

- Trevor Beauford, Assistant Dean and Director of Student Leadership, Engagement, and Greek Life: 860-297-2015
- Emily Walker, Assistant Director, Greek Life Coordinator: 860-297-2448
- Nicholas Roll, Assistant Director, Student Organization Development Coordinator: 860-297-2081
- TBD, Assistant Director, Student Leadership and Engagement Operations: TBD
- TBD, Office Assistant: TBD

Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) 860-397-4206, Library A78 & 79

- Dr. Pamela McKeever, Student Accessibility Coordinator and Assistant Director of Student Life
- Fernando Rendon, SARC Graduate Assistant

Athletics

- Kristen Noone, Associate Athletic Director: 860-297-2059
- Rachel Rank, Coordinator of Compliance and DEI: 860-297-2407

c. **Requests for confidentiality:** When someone discloses or reports an incident, that individual may request that the information be kept confidential or request that the college not take action on the report. This request needs to be made via email to the Title IX Coordinator. The RE is still required to report the same information to the Title IX Coordinator but will include the request to maintain confidentiality. In evaluating the request for confidentiality, the Title IX Coordinator may consult with other college officials or law enforcement agencies, as appropriate, and will consider a range of factors, such as:

- whether it is likely that the person accused of sexual harassment will commit additional acts of sexual or other harassment, which will be informed by additional factors, such as:
- whether there have been other sexual harassment complaints about the same person;
- whether the person accused of sexual harassment has a history of arrests or records indicating a history of violence;
- whether the person accused of sexual harassment threatened further sexual harassment or other violence against the victim of the alleged sexual harassment or others;
- whether the alleged sexual harassment was committed by multiple perpetrators;
- whether the alleged harassment involved use of a weapon;
- whether the victim of alleged sexual harassment is a minor;
- whether the college possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence of the alleged sexual harassment (e.g., security cameras, information known to college personnel, or physical evidence); and
- whether the report of sexual harassment reveals a pattern of perpetration (e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group.

If the college determines that it cannot honor a request for confidentiality, the college will inform a victim or survivor of alleged sexual harassment prior to starting an investigation and will, to the extent possible, only share information with college officials with a need to know.

IMPORTANT OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

Responsible for enforcing Title IX, as well as other federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination in programs or activities that receive federal financial aid. Inquiries and complaints also may be directed to OCR at 800-421-3481 or ocr@ed.gov.

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (The Alliance)

www.endsexualviolencect.org

A statewide coalition of sexual assault centers that works to end sexual violence and to ensure high quality, culturally competent services.

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV)

www.ctcadv.org

Connecticut's leading voice for victims of domestic violence and those 18 agencies that serve them. CCADV provides training and advocacy and works to change social conditions through public policy and legislative work.

CT Legal Services

ctlegal.org

Connecticut's largest legal aid agency, transforming the lives of low-income people facing issues such as lack of medical care and domestic violence.

Feeling Kinda Blue

<https://feelingkindablue.org>

Social networking for individuals suffering from depression, anxiety, grief, emotional pain, isolation, and mental illness.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

[Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](http://Lifeline(988lifeline.org))

Lifeline Chat and Text is a service of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, connecting individuals with crisis counselors for emotional support and other services. Text or Call 988.

Families Advocating for Campus Equality (FACE)

facecampusequality.org

Supporting and advocating for equal treatment and due process for those affected by inequitable Title IX disciplinary processes, and influence campus culture throughout outreach and education.

Black Women's Rape Action Project

www.womenagainstrape.net

Provides support, legal information, and advocacy for women and girls.

Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective

www.hglhc.org

Provides medical services, support, and advocacy for persons of all gender identities and sexual

orientations. Located three blocks from Trinity at 1841 Broad Street.

1in6

www.1in6.org

Offers week-day online support group for men who have experienced sexual abuse or assault. Free, anonymous, counselor facilitated. <https://supportgroup.1in6.org/> for scheduled times.

RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network)

www.rainn.org

Provides free and anonymous online support group for men who have experienced sexual assault in adulthood.

MaleSurvivor

www.malesurvivor.org

A website where men join together to overcome sexual trauma, through online chat and specific support grounds including: support for male survivors, health from sexual trauma; religious resources; resources for service members and veterans, black survivors, gay and transgender survivors; and regional resources.

The Network/La Red

www.tnlr.org

(English and Spanish) A survivor-led, social justice organization in Boston that works to end partner abuse in LGBTQ, BDSM, polyamorous, and queer communities.

NYC Anti-Violence Project (AVP)

www.avp.org

Supports LGBTQ survivors through counseling and advocacy.

The Women and Families Center (Meriden, CT)

www.womenfamilies.org/Sexual-Assault-Center/Sexual-Assault-Survivor-Support-Group/ Offers support groups (LGBTQ+, mindfulness support groups).

StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-7 NATIVE (844-762-8483)

<https://strongheartshelpline.org/Get-Help#CallOrChatOnline/>

A safe, anonymous, and confidential domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

Deaf Abused Women's Network

www.dawn-draft.squarespace.com/Services/

End Abuse of People with Disabilities

www.endabusepwd.org/Tools-and-Training/Resources-Library/

TAKING INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Consent, Drinking, Entitlement, Helping a Friend

Everyone: Get affirmative consent for every step of a sexual interaction.

- *Do you want to _____?*
- *Can I touch you there?*
- *If I do this, is that okay?*
 - **If the answer is no, then stop!**
- Don't assume that having sex yesterday means you two can have sex today without receiving consent.
- Affirmative consent cannot be given if a person is passed out, too drunk to stand, asleep, coerced or threatened, forcibly held down, or trapped.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

- **Everyone: Drink responsibly. Know your limits.**
 - Drinking:
 - increases aggression and the likelihood of nonconsensual sex (rape or sexual assault)
 - decreases comprehension, inhibition, and enjoyable sex. Please see for more information: www.trincoll.edu/Alcohol-Drug-Resources/Resources/
- **Everyone: Take care of your friends.** Don't leave friends behind. Don't worry about interrupting "a good time." If you're concerned, it's better to check in. Do a Green Dot! (see page 12)
- **Everyone: Respect yourself and your body; respect others and their bodies.**
- **Everyone: You are not entitled to another person's body.**
- **Everyone: If a friend discloses to you:**
 - Patiently listen with an open mind and heart.
 - Refrain from asking for details, questioning their choices, touching/hugging without their permission.
 - What to say:
 - *I'm so sorry this happened to you.*
 - *What happened wasn't your fault.*
 - *I'm here for you.*
 - *What do you need?*
 - *Can I help you ...*
 - find an RA or RLC; call an AOC; go to the hospital or Health Center; make a report; find Your Rights, Your Options on your phone; see the Title IX coordinator; call a friend; call Campus Safety or police; WGRAC, Chaplain Halley or Rabbi Rachel Putterman, or the Counseling and Wellness Center? Offer to accompany them.*

BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER: DO A GREEN DOT!

The **Green Dot Violence Prevention Strategy** is a national program that trains students, faculty, and staff in bystander intervention to help prevent instances of power-based personal violence (PBPV), which includes dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, stalking, and sexual harassment.



RED DOTS: Power-based personal violence incidents

GREEN DOTS: Those actions, choices, and attitudes that stop or prevent RED DOTS

GREEN DOT PRINCIPLES

- We do not tolerate power-based personal violence on our campus.
- Everyone can do something—no matter how small—to prevent violence.

HOW DO YOU DO GREEN DOTS? THE 3 D'S: **DIRECT, DISTRACT, DELEGATE**

DIRECT: Tell someone directly to halt an action.

- *“Don’t leave (the party) with her. She can’t stand up.”*
- *“My friends and I will walk them back to their room.”*

DISTRACT: Take someone out of the situation. Engage the person in another situation.

- *“Don’t I know you from psych class? Can we talk about that exam?”*
- *“I love this song; let’s go dance!”*

DELEGATE: Find others to intervene with you or for you.

- Ask for help.
- Call Campus Safety and/or the Administrator-on-Call (AOC).
- Call the police.

Follow us! Get Involved!

Instagram: [@trincollgreendot](#)

Facebook: [Trinity Green Dot](#)

Website: www.trincoll.edu/GreenDot/

Contact: green.dot@trincoll.edu



HOW TO SEEK HELP AND FIND SUPPORT

FOR YOURSELF AND FOR YOUR FRIENDS



Care and Wellness Report

OFFICE OF STUDENT AND COMMUNITY LIFE
ADMISSIONS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR

Nondiscrimination Report

PAMELA WHITLEY, AVP OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY,
& INCLUSION AND COMPLIANCE



Sexual Harassment Anonymous Report

SHANNON LYNCH, TITLE IX COORDINATOR

IN AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY

CALL: (860) 297-2222 OR 911



Additional Resources

Athletics: x-2059
Bantam Network: x-2305
Counselling & Wellness Center: x-2415*
Health Center: x-2018*
Office of Multicultural Affairs: x-2451*
S.A.I.L.: x-2171
SARC: x-4206
Spiritual & Religious Life: x-2013*
Title IX: x-2688

* = OFFICE CONTAINS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES

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