

# Resource & Referral Options

in response to SEXUAL VIOLENCE including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking

## Confidential Resources

Contacting a confidential resource does not put UC Merced on formal notice.

### CARE OFFICE

CARE welcomes students, staff and faculty of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races/ethnicities, classes and abilities.

**TEL:** 209-228-4147

**WEB:** care.ucmerced.edu

**GENERAL EMAIL:** ucmcare@ucmerced.edu

**LOCATION:** Kolligian Library 107

### CAMPUS ADVOCATE

Lynna Cano

**TEL:** 209-386-2051 (TEXT IS AVAILABLE)

**After hours and on weekends contact:**

### VALLEY CRISIS CENTER

**TEL:** 209-722-4357 (24-HOUR HOTLINE)

**WEB:** valleycrisiscenter.org

**LOCATION:** 1960 P St. in Merced

### COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS) students only

**TEL:** 209-228-4266 (24-HOUR HOTLINE)

**WEB:** counseling.ucmerced.edu

**LOCATION:** Student Health Center

### INSIGHT EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

employees only

**TEL:** 800-422-5322

**WEB:** counseling.ucmerced.edu

### OFFICE OF OMBUDS SERVICES

**TEL:** 209-228-4410

**WEB:** ombuds.ucmerced.edu

**LOCATION:** Student Services, Building 211

## Campus Administration Reporting

The goal is to prevent, correct, and when necessary, to discipline behavior that violates the UC Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT/TITLE IX OFFICER

Michael Z. Salvador

**TEL:** 209-285-9510 | **EMAIL:** Msalvador2@ucmerced.edu

**WEB:** dsvp.ucmerced.edu

One can also report to any UC Merced manager or supervisor.

### STUDENT CONDUCT

**TEL:** 209-228-5433

**WEB:** studentconduct.ucmerced.edu

**LOCATION:** Office of Student Life

These entities are obligated to notify the Title IX officer.

## Legal Authorities Reporting

Survivors have the legal right to have an advocate present when reporting to police.

Police officers are available to answer questions, take reports, and refer to appropriate jurisdiction, depending on where the crime took place.

### UC MERCED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**TEL:** 911 (EMERGENCY) or 209-228-2677 (NON-EMERGENCY)

**WEB:** police.ucmerced.edu

## Medical Assistance

Please note that medical staff must report sexual or domestic violence to law enforcement, but that does not mean a survivor has to file a report if they do not want to. Patients have a right to a support person at a medical exam. The Campus Advocate can provide assistance with this process and provide transportation and accompaniment to the exam.

**Forensic Exam:** To obtain a free forensic exam also known as a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) exam, contact the campus advocate, Valley Crisis Center, or UC Merced Police Department (UCMPD). The forensic exam collects evidence for a criminal investigation. The exam is time sensitive and it can have evidentiary value. Clothing worn during the assault may also have evidence if the survivor chooses to proceed with a criminal investigation.

**Jane Doe SART kit:** This kit is collected like a regular SART exam. However, the survivor does not need to identify themselves and can remain anonymous until they want to proceed with the investigation process. UCMPD will store the kit until the survivors decide to press charges. UCMPD can store clothing while a survivor decides if they want to move forward with an investigation. For more information, contact the Campus Advocate.

### UC MERCED STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

students only

**TEL:** 209-228-2273

**WEB:** health.ucmerced.edu

Staff and faculty members can contact their health care provider.

CARE:  
Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education

Yesenia Curiel, *Director*  
209-233-1746

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday – Friday | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Date: July 16, 2015

From: UC Merced Department of Public Safety

RE: Confidential Reporting Procedures

### **Confidential Reporting Procedures**

The victim of crime who does not want to pursue action within the UC System's judicial system or the criminal justice system, may still consider making a confidential report. A student or employee can notify the Office of the VP of Student Affairs about a crime and they can file an internal confidential report without revealing their identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with their wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure their future safety and the safety of others. With such information, UC Merced can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, employees, and visitors; determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to particular location, method, or assailant; and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for UC Merced.

# How to Reach Us

## CONTACT:

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

209-228-4147

### WEBSITE:

[care.ucmerced.edu](http://care.ucmerced.edu)

### EMAIL:

[UCMCARE@ucmerced.edu](mailto:UCMCARE@ucmerced.edu)

### DIRECTOR:

Yesenia Curiel | 209-233-1746

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION:

Violence Outreach Informing our Campus with Educational Solutions (VOICES) email [violenceprevention.ucm@gmail.com](mailto:violenceprevention.ucm@gmail.com)

## LOCATION:

Kolligian Library, Suite107

Main entrance located on the Classroom and Office Building 2 (COB2) courtyard.

## FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



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# CAMPUS ADVOCACY RESOURCES AND EDUCATION



## Advocacy Services

The Campus Advocate is available to provide support for those affected by sexual violence, dating/domestic violence and stalking. Survivors and significant others can access services about incidents that occurred on or off campus.

### ADVOCACY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO:

- › STUDENTS
- › STAFF
- › FACULTY

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### FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL HELP:

- › Free and confidential advocacy services
- › Accompaniment to medical exams, law enforcement interviews, Title IX or student conduct meetings
- › Accompaniment and transportation to forensic exams
- › Help with academic and housing accommodations
- › Crisis counseling and safety planning
- › Emergency transportation
- › Assistance with restraining orders
- › Referrals to community resources

## Campus Advocacy, Resources and Education

### PREVENTION – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- › Intervene when something does not seem right
- › Attend educational programs and trainings to learn more
- › Challenge victim-blaming statements and jokes
- › Hold perpetrators accountable
- › Model healthy relationships

### CONTACT THE CAMPUS ADVOCATE:

#### CALL OR TEXT:

Lynna Cano  
209-386-2051

#### OFFICE HOURS

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### LOCATION:

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Main entrance located on the Classroom and Office Building 2 (COB2) courtyard.

The Campus Advocate is available to meet with survivors in a location they feel safe and comfortable, either on or off campus.

### VALLEY CRISIS CENTER (VCC):

Campus resource after hours or on weekends

**24 HR HOTLINE:** 209-722-4357

## A Survivor's Options

### Information About a Survivor's Rights

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, or stalking... or think maybe they have but aren't sure what to call it, here is some information:

#### Definitions/Overview

"Sexual assault" is defined as "unwanted sexual contact by one person against another person, without their consent," under the circumstances of a) force or fear, b) threat of force, or c) the inability to consent or resist due to intoxication or being unconscious.

It is illegal to make someone else have any sexual contact without consent--regardless of how well they know each other, regardless of how much alcohol is involved, regardless of whether some of the sexual activity was consensual.

People have the right to say "No," to stop, or to change their mind in the course of sexual activity--anytime.

"Dating Violence" or "Domestic Violence" is defined as abuse (verbal, emotional, physical, and/or sexual) committed by a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant or former cohabitant, someone with whom the survivor has a child, has an existing dating or engagement relationship, a former dating or engagement relationship, or a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the survivor.

Stalking is behavior in which a person repeatedly engages in conduct directed at a specific person which would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others.

#### Survivors have the right to:

- Report to the police and the University
- NOT report to the police or University, or to decide later whether they will or won't.
- Get free and confidential help from the campus CARE Advocate and/or the Valley Crisis Center
- Seek medical care (\*It is important to note that medical providers MUST contact police for any suspected sexual or physical assaults. A survivor may want to talk to an advocate more about medical options.)
- Be treated with respect and non-judgment.
- Have confidentiality

#### The University must:

- Keep a record of incidents of assault that are told to University officials so that present and future students can have a real picture of the reality of crime here, but your name or details of the incident that can identify a survivor WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED ANYWHERE.

This is called the [Clery Report](http://police.ucmerced.edu/2.asp?uc=1&lv12=30&lv13=30&lv14=56&contentid=30). (<http://police.ucmerced.edu/2.asp?uc=1&lv12=30&lv13=30&lv14=56&contentid=30>)

#### Police Procedures:

- If a survivor knows they want to report to the police, they can call 911 and say, "I want to report an assault." The dispatcher will ask for name, location, phone number, and suspect information. The dispatcher will relay information to officers who will then come to the survivor's location, unless requested otherwise.
- If up to it, a survivor can write down details about the assault while waiting.



- If the assault was recent, it may be helpful in preserving evidence to not eat, drink, wash, go to the bathroom, or "clean up" the scene of the assault, because a survivor's body constitutes the evidence in a sexual assault case. If someone has already done some of these things, it is still OK to make a report.

- A survivor has the right to have a Valley Crisis Center or Campus Advocate and one additional support person of the survivor's choice present at any medical or physical examinations or interviews by law enforcement, district attorneys or defense attorneys.

- The police should call the Campus Advocate or Valley Crisis Center advocate who can be present to give information and emotional support and explain any procedures.

- If the survivor was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, this may be relevant to the case and something one could tell the officer. The focus of the investigation should be the assault, not the use of drugs or alcohol.

- The officer will give the survivor their business card with your case number on it. Save this so that one can have easy access to your case when called for follow-up information.

- California law allows survivors to request that the police not release personal information. This will ensure a degree of confidentiality but does not guarantee complete anonymity.

- If the survivor remembers more details after reporting the incident they can call the officer to make additions to the statement.

- Most survivors do not report immediately. The police will accept a report at any time. Assaults can still be apprehended based on information from late reports.

The District Attorney chooses to pursue cases depending upon the degree of evidence and availability and cooperation of witnesses. If the complaint is rejected for criminal prosecution or action through the judicial system, it is not necessarily based on the accuracy of the charges, but rather on the strength of the evidence available.

#### Additional Options:

- If the survivor not sure what they want to do, you can call the CARECampus Advocate at (209)386-2051 or the Valley Crisis Center's 24-hour hotline (209)722-4357 and request an advocate. The survivor doesn't have to give their name.

- The advocate can meet with the survivor or talk on the phone with you and inform them of all their options, rights and choices.

- A survivor can get a medical exam that collects physical evidence of the assault. Contact the Campus Advocate or Valley Crisis Center to assist with this process. Remember- a survivor can still choose to report an assault if you do not receive this exam and one can still choose not to participate in an investigation if they received the exam.

- A survivor can get a medical exam to see if they were injured internally or to check for sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy. They can do this at the Student Health Center during their normal hours of operation or have a private physician do the exam. (\*It is important to note that medical providers MUST contact police for any suspected sexual or physical assaults. A survivor may want to talk to an advocate more about medical options.)

- If the police are called and do come to the hospital or to the Student Health Center, a survivor has the right to 1)discuss it with the officer and then decide to report; 2)discuss it with the officer and decide not to report; 3)refuse to discuss or report it with the officer. These are survivors' rights!

- A survivor may file a criminal report with the police even if they don't want prosecution (Ultimately the decision to prosecute is made by the District Attorney although the cooperation of the survivor is considered necessary.)

- A survivor may ask the campus [Title IX Office \(http://dsvp.ucmerced.edu/\)](http://dsvp.ucmerced.edu/) to investigate an incident as a campus policy violation.

- A survivor may file a civil suit against the perpetrator.

- A survivor may seek to obtain a restraining order.

- A survivor may request academic assistance for missed classes or exams, or help with rearranging course work.

- A survivor may request housing accommodations.

Whether a survivor reports or not, it may be helpful to talk to someone who is confidential, knowledgeable, and trained about sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, and stalking so that they can start the process of recovering.

The CARE Campus Advocate will:

- Organize any help needed, including legal, medical, emotional & academic.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Respect decisions about what--if anything--the survivor want to do next.
- Schedule appointments, coordinate services, arrange for counseling.

# Sexual Violence Resource and Information Sheet

Provided by the CARE Office

## Definitions

**Sexual Assault**—Sexual assault is any unwanted sexual contact. Many people think of this as rape, but sexual assault can include any kind of touching, kissing, groping without consent as well.

**Dating / Domestic Violence**—Dating and Domestic violence is any way that one person uses power and control over another in a relationship. This can be emotional (such as controlling or isolating the person), verbal, physical, financial (by controlling their money or resources) or even sexual.

**Stalking**—Stalking is a pattern of unwanted attention that causes fear; this means it is something that happens more than once and that makes the person afraid or uncomfortable. This can include calling, texting, using social media or email, leaving unwanted gifts or following in person.

**Consent**—Consent means active and enthusiastic participation. Being active means that someone is fully aware and engaged in what is going on. Being enthusiastic means that the person enjoys and is excited about what is going on. All of these crimes are actions without consent.

## How you can prevent violence:

1. **Be Direct** if you see something—this can be asking the person if they need help or asking them to stop
2. **Create a Distraction**—For example, play a song really loud or ask the people where the nearest coffee shop is
3. **Delegate** to someone in charge—such as the manager, security or by calling the police if you feel comfortable

You can also use the “the 3 D’s” when someone makes a joke about sexual violence or says a victim-blaming statement. A *victim-blaming statement* is anything that puts the blame on the person that got hurt, not on the person that hurt them.

*If you know someone that needs help, refer them to these resources:*

### **CARE Campus Advocate**

Call or Text (209) 386-2051

### **Valley Crisis Center 24/7 Hotline**

Call (209) 722-4357 at any time

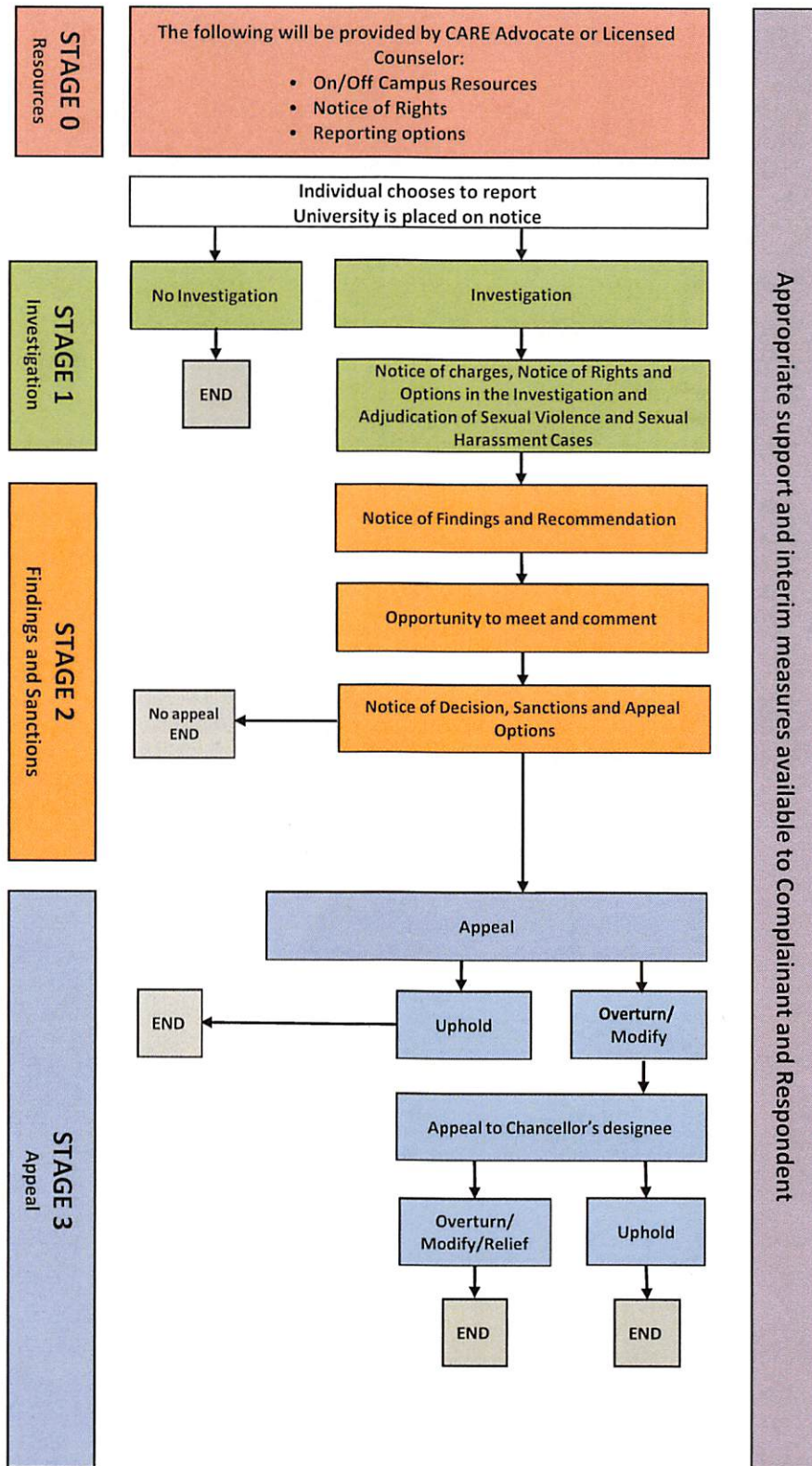


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*For general questions, email [ucmcare@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ucmcare@ucmerced.edu) or call (209) 228-4147*



University of California  
Student Adjudication Model – Process Flow Chart\*



\*Procedures for Implementation of the Student Adjudication Model provides detailed explanation.