

Abstract. Three institutions of higher education, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UW-L), Viterbo University and Western Wisconsin Technical College seek to keep victims safe and hold perpetrators accountable by building on each of the three campuses a coordinated community response to sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and sexual harassment. Through the hiring of three educator/trainer/advocates (ETAs) these campuses seek to provide advocacy and training for students where little or no advocacy now exists. An advocacy institute and a statewide campus conference both designed and implemented by our state sexual assault coalition will provide training for the ETAs. Modeled after two very successful programs at area hospitals, the advocacy for two campuses will be in the Health Science Consortium Building where the students receive healthcare. Nurses at the campus Health Center now ask when dispensing the morning after pill whether the sex was consensual but there is no advocate close by to refer them to. This grant would change that. On the Viterbo campus the advocate will also be in the same building where students receive healthcare.

Each campus ETA will gather those who currently handle violent crimes and with the Community Diversity Coordinator (CDC) will ask who is not sitting around the table and who should be there. Then, with the help of the contracted CDC each institution will begin the bridge building process to bring those missing people into a discussion of their current protocol. After a thorough review and the necessary revisions they will ask again who is missing. After these members are on board they will begin to meet bimonthly as the campus coordinated response to violent crimes reviewing procedures and protocol and staffing cases.

This proposal also seeks to strengthen and build relationships with the La Crosse Area Coordinated Community Response to Violence (LACCR). Again, each campus has a different relationship with the community CCR. Through contracting with the LACCR CDC, attending LACCR meetings, attending staffing at the District Attorney's office, job shadowing community LACCR members, and attending a training sponsored by the community, the ETAs will learn expertise transferable to all three campuses and build bridges to seamless service provision between the three campuses and community. These same bridge building techniques will be used by the ETAs on campus to bring key faculty, staff and student leaders not already signing on to this grant.

A mandatory training for all incoming and transfer students on all three campuses will be designed and implemented using area resources and expertise in their construction. The ETA and CDC will work together on this. Students will not be able to register for second semester classes until they have completed the training. This training will be developed with the intent to put it online by the end of the grant period. Pretest-posttest will assess what is working and what is not.

The CDC, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Trainer and our local District Attorney's office will train police officers on all three campuses in a yearly 8 hour training. The District Attorney wants them to learn how to better investigate for better prosecution. Judicial board training will be reviewed and strengthened on all campuses and prevention education on campus and in the community will be coordinated. This will also cement ties.