

CARE Team

Overview of the WVU behavioral intervention team

What is the CARE Team?

- A behavioral intervention team with the purpose of increasing collaborations to provide proactive interventions for at-risk students
- Scope includes identifying and intervening with students of concern to potentially prevent escalation and to assist students in accessing the supports they need to be successful at WVU

Collaboration
Assessment
Response
Engagement

Goals

- Foster a culture of reporting and caring so that students of concern are identified and provided the appropriate supports and referrals
- Improve coordination and communication regarding behavioral issues across campus
- Centralize reporting and referral systems to better identify, assess, manage, track and support WVU students whose behavior causes serious concern
- Utilize a proactive approach and employ early intervention techniques with at-risk students to prevent escalation of concerns and bridge gaps in services
- Provide training, resources, and support to WVU community members to better identify and address behaviors of concern

Team Members

Core Members

Campus and Community Life - [Kim Mosby](#)

Office of Student Conduct - [Stacy Vander-Velde](#)

Carruth Center - [T. Anne Hawkins](#)

Housing and Residence Life - [Patricia Cendana](#)

CLASS - [Joseph Seiaman](#)

University Police Department - [Sherry St. Clair](#)

Case Manager - [Allison Hayes](#)

Ad Hoc Members

Office of Accessibility Services - [Ann Richards](#)

Title IX - [James Goins](#)

Legal Counsel - [Kevin Cimino](#)

Health Sciences - [Louise Veselicky](#)

Others as needed

CARE Team Referrals

Life Threatening Emergencies

If a student appears to pose a threat of harm to self or others:



University Police

Dial 9-911

From Campus Phones

OR

304-293-COPS (2677)

From Cell Phone

Disrupting or disturbing behavior

If a student is causing a disruption, but does NOT appear to pose a threat:

Troubled Student

If a student expresses concerns and appears anxious, sad, withdrawn or fearful.



*If it's appropriate, attempt to address the situation yourself.
(See reverse side for suggestions)*

The CARE Team

This multidisciplinary committee meets weekly to collaboratively discuss the needs of distressed students (behaviorally/psychologically) and implement interventions and connection to resources.

To refer a student concern to the CARE Team:

CARETeam.wvu.edu

Questions: CARETeam@mail.wvu.edu

Under Title IX and BOG Policy 44, the University has certain mandatory reporting and investigative practices for faculty and staff informed of WVU students who have been victims of sexual misconduct. For more information, please visit: <http://titleix.wvu.edu/information-for/faculty-members>

Sexual Assault Response:

University Police
304-293-COPS (2677)

Carruth Center (Confidential Resource)
304-293-4431

Division of Diversity Equity and Inclusion (Title IX) reporting:
304-293-5600



Behaviors Encouraged to Report

- Academic Concerns (classroom disruption, disturbed writing, sustained absenteeism)
- Bullying/harassment/stalking (in person or via internet, phone, notes)
- Concern regarding alcohol and/or other drug use
- Disastrous or traumatic event
- Hospitalization/medical/health related concern
- Inappropriate emotional outbursts (unprovoked anger/aggression, hostility)
- Inappropriate interest in weapons
- Self-harm (noticeable cuts, burns, or mutilation)
- Sexual assault/rape/attempted rape (in addition to Title IX)
- Suicide attempt, thoughts, or threats
- Violence or threats of violence (veiled or direct; verbal or written)
- Withdrawing and/or decreased interest in activities
- Worrisome changes in hygiene or appearance

We all know to report someone throwing a chair out of the window or threatening to bring a gun into class. These are 8 and 9 behaviors.



We also need the community to report lower risk behaviors. These include classroom disruptions, depression, anxiety, hardened viewpoints, and odd conduct.

Team Process

- Anyone can submit a CARE Team referral form (referrals are reviewed during business hours)
- CARE Team acts as triage for student concerns
- Chair and CM determine if referral will be routed to a campus department, case management, or to the larger Team for intervention
- Team meets weekly to discuss referrals, plan interventions, and follow up on action items

Questions?

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