

Student Affairs

Sexual and Relationship Violence Center



SRVC Advocacy & Education Services

The Sexual and Relationship Violence Center (SRVC), a department within Student Life, <u>Division of Student Affairs</u> provides victim advocacy and education services related to sexual and relationship violence. The SRVC recognizes that sexual and relationship violence can happen to anyone and openly welcomes all victims/survivors for advocacy services and to participate with its education programs. *All services are at no cost, focused on students, and confidential.*

Our Vision

The SRVC envisions a campus community and culture free of sexual and relationship violence.

Our Mission

The SRVC addresses sexual and relationship violence through education, outreach, and advocacy services using a public health model with a trauma-informed approach.

Our Values

- Compassion
- Respect
- Non-judgmental
- Confidentiality
- Professionalism
- Advocacy
- Community
- Collaboration
- Education
- Learning

Advocacy Services

Sexual assault and relationship violence are traumatic experiences. Often one does not know where to turn for help. The SRVC provides *confidential* advocacy services to help students understand their options and resources. The individual's choices of which available options and resources to use are always respected.

Victim advocacy is provided by nationally certified staff advocates and trained after hours volunteer staff and faculty. Victim advocates provide support and inform of victims' rights, options, and resources. A victim advocate often acts as a liaison between the victim/survivor and others (e.g., campus departments, law enforcement, criminal justice system, etc.). They may also provide support and accompany students when reporting to the police department and when having a forensic exam.

Legal advocacy is available through a partnership with Legal Aid of Arkansas. The SRVC hosts a Legal Advocacy program during the fall and spring semesters. Students may come to the SRVC and meet with legal and victim advocates to discuss options and resources, to learn of legal rights, and to ask questions. General legal information can be shared through the walk-in program. Please contact the SRVC to learn of when the service is available. There is no charge for this service.

Support services are available for free counseling and support group through a partnership with the School of Social Work, during the fall and spring semesters. Students may meet individually with a graduate level social work student for free counseling sessions. Students may also take part with the Survivors Group, a peer-based support group facilitated by graduate level students. All graduate students are appropriately supervised by trained staff and faculty. All counseling and support group participation is confidential.

To learn more about confidential and no cost advocacy, services please contact the SRVC a 479-575-4000 or survivor@uark.edu

Education Services

The SRVC conducts various education programs throughout the academic year. SRVC staff and peer educators are available for education presentations on various topics that can be tailored to the participants needs. The staff teach academic one-hour credit elective courses focused on various relevant topics. Professional trainings and consultation services primarily for the campus community are available throughout the year. More can be learned about the many opportunities for learning by visiting the SRVC website at https://srvc.uark.edu

RESPECT Program

RESPECT (Rape Education Services by Peers Encouraging Conscious Thought) is a signature peer education internship program of the SRVC. RESPECT peer educators are undergraduate students who encourage other college students to consciously think about what they can do to address sexual and relationship violence and be part of changing our culture.

Using the peer education model, RESPECT peer educators provide education programs on campus and occasionally 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. These presentations are very popular with our "While the Professor is Away" program in which we ask to please not cancel class but invite RESPECT to come talk with your class.

Recruitment for RESPECT peer educators occurs annually, mid-spring semester for the next academic year. Follow RESPECT on social media or visit its website to apply during the recruitment period.

To request a presentation or education service, please submit a request at least two weeks in advance to respect@uark.edu

Campus Resources

SRVC Advocacy email Education programs email	479-575-4000 survivor@uark.edu respect@uark.edu
CAPS 24 HR Crisis Line (Counseling & Psychological Services)	479-575-5276
Pat Walker Health Center (University Health Services)	479-575-4451
U of A Cares	479-575-5004
University Police	479-575-2222
Title IX	479-575-7111 titleIX@uark.edu
Student Accountability	479-575-5170 judicial@uark.edu
Reports for Any Concern	report.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 at the SRVC or a mental health counselor. Faculty and staff are required by university policy to report incidents of sexual or relationship violence to the Title IX coordinator for the University to investigate. An advocate is available through the SRVC and may be reached by emailing survivor@uark.edu or calling 479-575-4000.

For more information, visit srvc.uark.edu

Forensic Evidence Collection ("a Rape Kit") is available by appointment at the NWA Center for Sexual Assault, 1670 W. Sunset, Suite B, Springdale, AR 72762. Call 1-800-794-4175 to arrange for an appointment or contact the campus SRVC for assistance with this.