

Implementing A Culturally Holistic Sexual Assault Response on Your Campus



1. Traditional Values

Your culturally holistic sexual assault response is guided by your tribe's traditional values. These can include: women are sacred; everyone has sovereignty over their bodies; all genders have worth and value; there are more than two genders.

2. Resources For All Aspects of Wellness

The resources your campus provides will consider that sexual assault impacts all aspects of wellness, such as physical, mental, spiritual and emotional wellness. Resources will reflect traditional methods of healing such as: access to ceremonies, traditional medicines and foods, language, and safe places to study and heal. Accommodations and resources are culturally driven.

3. Trauma and Social Justice Informed

Your response to sexual assault takes into consideration that students may be impacted by sexual assault, either through childhood sexual abuse or relatives who have been sexually assaulted, therefore staff and professors are trained on trauma-informed practices to ensure victims/survivors are not re-traumatized.

4. Prevention and Awareness

Your prevention and awareness strategies are guided by your traditional values and reflect on how your college holds perpetrators accountable. Prevention and Awareness campaigns are guided by students and reflect on what they see happening on college campus.

5. Practices That Create A Holistic Campus Environment

Internal practices (policies, protocols, etc.) are guided by the physical, emotional, spiritual and mental aspects of health. This can include: ensuring reporting practices are clear for students to understand; Student victim rights are clearly provided to students; students are aware of accommodations the college can provide; and, advocates and traditional healers are available onsite.

6. Community and Self Care

Your college campus encourages and supports staff that respond to sexual violence on campus to tend to caring for themselves. This can look like: offering benefits for mental health; paid hour for physical activities; and, along with holiday and sick paid leave, provide personal self care days.



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