Northwestern University Campus Coalition on Sexual Violence (CCSV)
2012-13 Summary Report

The CCSV was established in June 2010 and charged with reporting to the Vice President for Student Affairs annually with a summary of its activities and recommendations to improve sexual violence response and prevention programs on campus. This report outlines major accomplishments of the CCSV during the 2012-13 academic year.

CCSV Activities

The CCSV met eight times (2 – 3 times per quarter) from October 2012 – June 2013. The CCSV Steering Committee (consisting of representatives from the Office of Health Promotion and Wellness/CARE, the Women’s Center, NU Police Department, Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, and Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life) met weekly, with the exception of winter and spring breaks. Representatives from the University Sexual Harassment Prevention Office and New Student and Family Programs joined the CCSV Steering Committee in winter quarter. The CCSV listserv had approximately 87 subscribers, including students, faculty, staff and community organization representatives. The average attendance at monthly CCSV meetings was twenty-three.

OVW Campus Grant Program

In September 2011, the CCSV was notified that Northwestern University had been awarded a three-year, $300,000 grant from the US Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. The following grant-funded activities took place this year.

- Continued funding for full-time Coordinator of Sexual Violence Response Services and Advocacy
- Three marketing campaigns (fall, winter and spring quarters) designed to raise awareness of CARE’s services using posters, wallet cards, table tents, print ads, digital ads and social media. Approximately 4770 print materials (wallet cards and posters) were distributed
- Community-based victim service agencies provided 85 hours of training to NU staff and students
- All sworn NUPD officers and CSOs received 40 hours of training on investigation of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in August 2012
- CARE and NUPD staff attended an OVW technical assistance and training institute in February 2013 and jointly developed a strategic plan for further collaboration (attached)
- In collaboration with the Department of Campus Inclusion and Community, CARE requested a reallocation of unused grant funds to support the implementation of the Step Up! bystander intervention program at NU. An initial training of forty-seven students and staff took place on May 29.

Increased Utilization of Center for Awareness, Response and Education

During the 2011 fall quarter, the CCSV launched the Center for Awareness, Response and Education (CARE) as a centralized resource on campus for programs and services related to sexual violence prevention and response and healthy sexuality. From September 2011 to May 2012, CARE staff worked with 17 students who were survivors of sexual violence. From June 2012 to May 2013, CARE staff worked with 54 students, an increase of 231%. An anonymous survey of students who had utilized CARE services over the past year was conducted in May 2013. A report of the survey results is attached.
New NU Sexual Assault Response Protocol

The Vice President of Student Affairs approved a new sexual assault response protocol in January 2013. During the 2013 winter and spring quarters, CARE staff completed 14 trainings about the new protocol for over 200 staff, faculty and student leaders.

Ongoing Projects

- CARE, CCSV and Norris Student Center marketing staff are developing the third wave of the quarterly CARE awareness campaign. The seventh set of CARE marketing materials will be launched in fall 2013.

- The CCSV continues work on its revision of NU’s current sexual misconduct policy and SAHAS procedures. Staff from CARE, OSCCR, USHPO and the Dean of Students Office will attend an OVW technical assistance and training institute in June 2013 to develop a shared vision for the new policy, with the goal of completing a draft of the policy by August 2013.

- The CCSV began work on a strategic plan for sexual violence prevention programming in spring quarter 2013. A draft of the plan will be submitted to the CCSV for approval during fall quarter 2013.

- The Step Up! bystander intervention program will be piloted at NU during the 2013-14 academic year as a collaboration between CARE, the Department of Campus Inclusion and Community, and many other departments and organizations represented in the CCSV.

- Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators (SHAPE) and Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS), peer education programs housed in CARE, had 70 members in 2013 and reached approximately 3160 students with their programming.

- NSFP and CARE are researching online pre-orientation programming specifically focused on sexual violence that will be offered to incoming students in addition to similar alcohol-related programs.

- CARE will work with the Graduate School to pilot new orientation programs in fall 2013.

Recommendations and Requests for the VPSA

- OVW grant funding for the full-time position of Coordinator of Sexual Violence Response Services and Advocacy will end in September 2014. During fall quarter 2012, the VPSA made a commitment to the CCSV to request permanent funding that will allow the position to remain in place when OVW grant funding has ended. We will continue to collect data about CARE services to support this request.

- The CCSV intends to re-apply for the OVW Campus Grant Program during winter quarter 2014. The application will be based on needs identified in the strategic plan for prevention programming that will be completed in fall quarter 2013. The grant application must be signed by the President and the Provost of Northwestern University.

- The CCSV intends to submit a revised sexual misconduct policy for approval by Northwestern University during the 2013-14 academic year.

Thank you for your support of the CCSV's ongoing efforts to make our campus a safer place for all Northwestern University community members.

Attachments:
CARE 2012-13 Assessment Report
OVW Technical Assistance and Training Institute Planning Document for NUPD/CARE