Using Environmental Scans to Guide Campus Sexual Misconduct Prevention

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Motivation

- Address high rates of SV among students on campus identified in the AAU-University of Pittsburgh report through engagement of campus stakeholders
- Engage populations most vulnerable to violence on college campuses (students of color, with disabilities, and/or LGBTQ+)
- Assess existing policies on campus and suggest improvements based on open dialogues with stakeholders.

Project Description

- Synthesize campus environmental scans from College Health RCT (PR014110392)
- Conduct listening sessions with student organizations to present findings and receive feedback/recommendations
- Present data from scans and listening sessions to University stakeholders within the context of the AAU report

Context

- Over a quarter of women (26.9%) on campus reported SV victimization.¹
 - Minority, LBGTQ+, and students with disability reported similar/higher rates of SV.¹
 - Results consistent with a large, RCT across 28 college campuses which sought to decrease alcohol-based SV by enrolling students through campus health centers.
- Through our work with other colleges, we are able to provide a comprehensive picture of how colleges "universally" and University of Pittsburgh specifically are/not addressing SV
 - Special attention to populations found to be most vulnerable to violence.



Address the high rates of sexual violence (SV) among students on campus through the engagement of campus stakeholders and policy analysis.



Project Deliverables

Synthesize environmental scan data from

 across 28 college campuses included in RCT
 Includes examining policies/practices related to SV, alcohol use, support for students with disability/LGBTQ students.

Produce a concrete set of policy/protocol recommendations for the campus at large

- based on feedback from students
 Identify the gaps the currently exist among the University's current SV protocols, practices, and policies
- Compare these to what does/not exist on other college campuses
- Present list of strategies intervention, prevention, resources, etc.

Potential Impact

- Create a foundation to build community change within the University as a whole, based on data and multi-level stakeholder engagement.
- Identify short- and long-term strategies for reducing SV perpetration among college students.
- Improve the accessibility of resources and services available to those who have experienced SV.

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