

Michigan State University

Sexual Assault Program Overview

What to Expect

Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention advocates provide support and crisis intervention services via the 24-Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line and the SAP Crisis Chat effective (8/27/18).

When appropriate during a crisis call or chat an advocate may:

- Provide crisis intervention and emotional support
- Assess need for safety planning and ensure physical safety of caller
- Inform caller that all Sexual Assault Program Services are free and confidential (we are not mandatory reporters to the police or university)
- Provide resources for medical care and forensic evidence collection
- Provide information about Michigan Crime Victims' Rights
- Provide options for reporting to the appropriate law enforcement department
- Provide information about reporting to MSU Office of Institutional Equity
- Provide information and referrals related to campus and community resources
- Information about MSU Sexual Assault Program

The Sexual Assault Program clinical staff includes Crisis Counselors, Therapists and Advocates. While meeting with survivors, program staff will assess needs of clients and when appropriate may:

- Provide crisis intervention and emotional support
- Inform patient that MSU Sexual Assault Program Services are free and confidential (we are not mandatory reporters to the police or university)
- Provide brief overview of the Sexual Assault Program Services including individual and group therapy and advocacy services.
- Assess need for safety planning
- Explain options for medical care and forensic evidence collection process
- Provide information for reporting to the appropriate law enforcement department
- Contact law enforcement if survivor wishes to report, and provide support during police interview
- Provide information about reporting to MSU Office of Institutional Equity.
- Assist the survivor in reporting to OIE if the survivor wishes to report and wants support from SAP.
- Provide information for campus and community resources.
- Schedule future appointments for advocacy or counseling as needed.