

Preventing Sexual Assaults

Steps to Decreasing the Number of Sexual Assaults on Campus

- Making students aware of the realities of sexual assault
- Educating students on how they can prevent sexual assaults
- Providing students with an effective and accessible sexual assault facility

Education

Bystander Intervention

What is bystander intervention?

- Bystander intervention is when a third party (someone who is not directly involved) takes steps to change the outcome.

How a bystander can help:

- Calling security
- Taking home a friend who may have had too much to drink
- Explaining to someone that jokes about sexual assault and rape are not funny

The Green Dot Program

- Students go to multiple sessions (total of 6 hours) that teach them how to be an “active bystander”
- “They learn to recognize high-risk situations in which someone nearby is at risk of becoming a victim of sexual assault, to understand the social and other barriers that might keep them from intervening and to overcome those barriers to stop the potential assault”
- This program could greatly influence the students at Arkansas State and eliminate the barriers put up by society that keep one from intervening in a possible sexual assault

Awareness

- 1 out of every 6 women has been the victim of an attempted or completed sexual assault in her lifetime
- In the United States, 1.3 women over the age of 18 are forcibly raped every 60 seconds.
- There are currently 6,324 registered sex offenders in Arkansas
 - This is only REGISTERED sex offenders. There are many others who were never caught or reported.

Prevention Methods

On-Campus Facility

- Holds annual or semi-annual programs for students to attend in order to provide statistics on sexual assault and information on bystander intervention.
- Provides students with a safe space to go in the case of them becoming a victim of sexual assault
 - This facility would also include a clinic that is able to collect evidence and conduct a rape kit.
- A 24-hour, on-campus facility could provide information to students on sexual assaults as well as provide services for victims of sexual assault.