

SACL Bias Response & Prevention

Recognize, Consult, Report, Support, & Educate



Learning Outcomes for Today

- Review federal and campus context
- Define bias, hate crimes, and discrimination
- Review bias recognition and reporting
- Know how to consult, report, support, & offer resources
- Explain UMatter @UMass Active Inclusion Plan



Office of Civil Rights – OCR

- Enforce laws that prohibit discrimination in federally funded programs
- Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, and Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Why? Acts of bias create a hostile educational environment which has profound consequences for targeted students



UMass Amherst Policies

- Diversity Mission Statement and Affirmative Action Statement
- Code of Student Conduct

"We are required to take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end discrimination, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its recurrence and as appropriate remedy its effects."



Faculty Senate Resolution

The Faculty Senate while affirming academic freedom and freedom of speech, opposes demeaning the personhood of anyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, color, age, viewpoint, ethnicity, ability, or national origin, and that we support efforts at all levels of the University of Massachusetts to actively create an inclusive campus community and educational environment.

MOTION 21-16:



What Has Been Done?

- Title IX Trainings, Title IX Website, & ongoing
- Diversity Matters website
- Diversity Strategic Plan
- Active Bystander training models and campaigns
- Responding to Community Impact Incidents & Crisis for Residence Life Operations Staff
- Bias Incident Form, Bias Response Protocol
- Other?



Definitions

- Hate Crime Federal and State Statutes
- Bias Incidents May not involve criminal conduct, but abhorrent & offensive
- Discrimination actions that violates
 University Policy, and/or anti-discrimination laws



SACL Response

Three critical components

- Consult, document, & report
- Provide care, support, & resources
- Take prompt & effective Steps to end or interrupt activity



Care and Support

- Do demonstrate empathy
- Do show support
- Do Be patient & listen
- Do ask how you can help, provide options for reporting the incident, image, or language
- Do remember that responses to Victimization vary Be in touch with your own responses too!



Care and Support

- Do not minimize, or make light of the situation
- Do not tell a person what to do
- Do not ask lots of questions, do not investigate yourself
- Do not blame the victim
- Do not guarantee confidentiality (unless a confidential resource such as CCPH)



Reporting Resources

- UMPD Anonymous Tip-line (413-577-TIPS)
- UMPD Anonymous Witness Form www.umass.edu/umpd/
- Diversity Matters Web-site www.umass.edu/diversity/
- DOSO/REL On Call After 5 PM through UMPD



Reporting Resolution

- Physical Writing/Drawing Photographed & Removed
- Investigation begins: UMPD or CSC
- Possible adjudication or police/DA response.
- DOSO Conduct Sanctions when party is responsible & Follow Up



Individual Support Resources

- DOSO Meeting & Interim Measures
 Temporary/Permanent Housing Move
 Change in work/class schedule
- Safety Planning
- DOSO Case Management
- Referral to University Resources
 CCPH/CWC/CMASS/Stonewall/FSAP



Community Support & Education

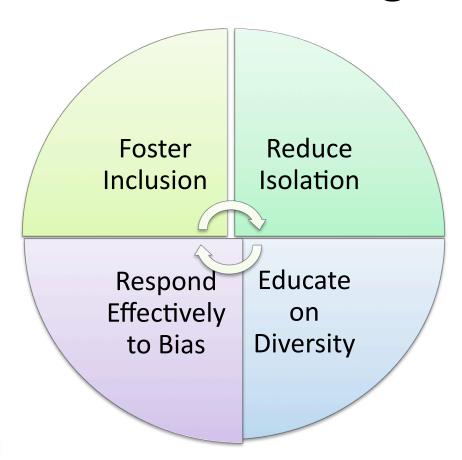
- Community meetings
- Educational Programming & Info to share resources
- Campus or community communication about the bias incident



Next Steps

- Engage in continual feedback by reporting, tracking, and reexamining our measures.
- Engage existing programs, structures & organizations.
- Upcoming climate Survey
- UMatter at UMass

UMatter at UMass 2016-2017 Active Inclusion: Strategic Goals





UMatter at UMass Prevention Education Initiatives

- Anti-Bias Active Bystandership
 - Builds on general concepts of 3Ds students have already heard and seen
 - Applied to incidences of everyday bias or bigotry
- Speak Up UMass!
 - Flexible UMass-specific curriculum modeled on <u>Speak Up! Curriculum developed by Teaching</u> <u>Tolerance at the Southern Poverty Law Center.</u>
 - Genesis of project is sharing of narratives by students, faculty, and staff about their experiences at UMass related to diversity and inclusion

Actively caring for each other and our community

