



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

Student Awareness Fact Sheet (Augusta)

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) Amended the Jeanne Clery Act to afford additional rights to campus victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The Clery Act requires all higher education institutions receiving federal funding to collect and share information about crime on campus. The VAWA provides victims of sexual violence with support and assistance with notifying local law enforcement.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, also a federal law, prohibits sex discrimination against students, guests and employees of educational institutions. The regulations implementing Title IX are enforced by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights and prohibit discrimination, exclusion, denial, limitation, or separation based on gender. This law is intended to end sex discrimination in all areas of education.

Ending sexual violence is very important.

- Sexual violence cases are reported at higher education institutions each year.
- Statistics demonstrate that someone in America is sexually assaulted every 2 minutes.
- The average number of sexual assaults each year is 237,550.
- 80% of sexual assault victims are under age 30.
- 1 in 6 women have been a victim of an attempted or completed rape.

Helms College complies fully with Title IX, the Clery Act and the VAWA and is dedicated to preventing sexual violence on campus. Sexual violence should be reported to the police.

Help for victims of sexual violence – Get Help for Yourself

CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT: Emergency: Call 9-1-1 Non-Emergency: (706) 821-1000

SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Evidence can be collected only in the first 72 hours following an assault. Seeking medical assistance does not mean you have to report a crime.

Wellstar MCG Health Medical Center
1120 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30912
(706) 721-0211

Doctor's Hospital
3651 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA 30909
(706) 651-3232

SEEK AN ADVOCATE: You are not alone. There are people who will help and support you.

Piedmont Rape Crisis Center (706) 586-5423 piedmontrapeccrisis.org

SEEK COUNSELING & SUPPORT: Confidential counseling is available, no matter how much time has passed since the incident.

Safe Homes of Augusta (706) 736-2499

The Title IX Coordinator and VAWA contact person on our campus is Mr. Bill Dindy – Associate Vice President of Education/Title IX Coordinator, and is responsible for ensuring that students, staff and faculty who have been subjected to sexual violence are provided additional support and measures to help them feel safe on campus. Contact (706) 854-4718 for help.