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ASSISTING STUDENTS IN DISTRESS



RESPONSE PROTOCOL:

Follow the chart below to best determine who to contact when faced with distressed or disruptive students.

Is the student a danger to self or others or does the student need immediate assistance for any reason?

YES

Student's conduct is clearly reckless, disorderly, dangerous or threatening.

CALL 911 or Campus Police, complete Incident Report (IR)

NOT SURE

Student shows signs of distress but you are unsure of severity. The interaction makes you feel uneasy.

CALL Student Health Services, Counseling staff, VPSS, or Campus Police. Consult and complete a CARE report.

NO

I am not concerned for the student's immediate safety, but they are having serious personal or academic issues and could use resources.

CALL Student Health Services, Counseling Services, complete a CARE report, and/or provide resources.

QUICK RESOURCES:

District Police Emergency (408) 299-3233

District Police Non-emergency (408) 299-2311

Student Health Services (408) 855-5140

Counseling Crisis Support (408) 855-5555

Administrator on Duty (408) 590-2657

Report and Incident of Concern missioncollege.edu/gen_info/info-and-disclosures/report-it

Early Intervention Is Preferable To Crisis Intervention.

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INDICATORS —

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING DO SOMETHING

A student's behavior, especially if it changes over time, may be an indicator of distress or "a cry for help". You might be the first person to recognize signs of distress in a student, especially if you have frequent or prolonged contact with them. Trust your instincts if a student leaves you feeling worried, alarmed, or threatened.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND FERPA

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) permits communication about a student of concern in connection with a health and safety emergency.

Observations of a student's conduct or statements made by a student are not FERPA protected. Such information may be shared with college administrators, campus police, or student health services to promote student and campus safety. Please remember NOT to send identifying student information via email.

ACADEMIC INDICATORS

- Sudden decline in quality of work or grades
- Repeated absences
- Bizarre content in writings or presentations
- Repeated classroom disruptions

PSYCHOLOGICAL INDICATORS

- Self disclosure of distress (relationship/ family issues, grief, suicidal thoughts, etc.)
- Excessive tearfulness, panic, irritability, or apathy
- Verbal abuse
- Concern from peers

SAFETY RISKINDICATORS

- Unprovoked anger or hostility
- Implied or direct threats to harm self or others
- Stalking or harassing
- Your gut feeling that there is a safety risk

PHYSICAL INDICATORS

- Marked changes in physical appearance, grooming, hygiene, or weight
- Excessive fatigue or sleep disturbances
- Intoxication, disorientation, or smelling of alcohol

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GUIDELINES FOR INTERVENTION

Contact Student Health Services, Counseling Department or Campus Police for consultation on the seriousness of the situation, and strategies for how to best support you and the student. Act sooner rather than later. Don't hesitate to call 911 in an emergency.

DISTRESSED STUDENT

- Let the student know you are concerned about them and would like to help
- Provide information regarding personal counseling services at Student Health Services. Offer a warm handoff email introducing the student to Mental Health Supervisor, Melissa Johnsgard.
- Allow the student to discuss their thoughts and feelings.
- Avoid offering lots of advice or solutions
- Don't be afraid to ask about suicide directly: "Are you thinking about suicide/killing yourself?"
- Stay safe and maintain the boundaries of your professional role

REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST!

If you are concerned for your own or others' safety, do not hesitate to call 911 or Campus Police (408) 299-3233.

Report an Incident or Concern:

missioncollege.edu/gen_info/info_and_disclosures/report-it/index.html

DISRUPTIVE STUDENT

- Ensure the safety of yourself and those present
- Use a calm, non-confrontational approach to defuse and de-escalate the situation
- Set limits by explaining how the behavior is inappropriate; if the behavior persists, notify the student that disciplinary action may be taken. Ask the student to leave. Call Campus Police if there is a safety risk (408) 299-3233
- Immediately file an incident report with Student Services

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CAMPUS RESOURCES

District Police Emergency • (408) 299-3233

Calling this number will route you to Santa Clara County Sheriff Dispatch. District Police has a contract with the County for dispatch services. Ask for Mission College Police Officer. This can give you faster response to emergencies than calling 9-1-1.

District Police Non-emergency • (408) 299-2311

Call this number to reach a Police Officer at anytime (24 hours a day/7 days a week) for a non-emergency or to report a prior criminal incident.

Student Health Services • (408) 855-5140

Please leave a voicemail which will be routed to Mental Health Specialist.

Counseling Department

- If a student is under stress and needs to speak with a counselor during office hours, they can go to the Ocelot Chat Box and ask to chat with a counselor if they are virtual. If they are on-campus, they can come to the Counseling Office in SEC 139, in the Student Engagement Center building, for in-person support.
- For counseling personal support, call (408) 855-5555 and leave a voicemail.
 Messages are checked periodically throughout open office hours.
- Counseling Department general contact number: (408) 855-5034. Messages will be returned within 24-48 Business hours.

DSPS • (408) 855-5085

DSPS staff will be checking email and phone, and will respond as soon as possible.

Office of the VP of Student Services

(408) 855-5197

Leave a message on the phone, and/or email omar.murillo@missioncollege.edu and zita.melton@missioncollege.edu

Administrator-on-Duty (8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

(408) 590-2657

If you need assistance while on campus, please call the Admin-on-Duty. Administrators on Duty are present on campus from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. They will have access to list of all allowed activities and classes on campus. This service is for staff and faculty use only.

Stop Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence

Report Title IX incidents:

wvm-gme-advocate.symplicity.com/titleix_report/index.php/pid134371?

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Santa Clara County Suicide & Crisis Services

Call 988 (for local area codes 408, 650, 669), all others call (800) 704-0900 and press 1

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Dial 9-8-8

Crisis Text Line

Text RENEW to 741741 for free access to 24/7 confidential text-based crisis counseling services.

Mobile Crisis Response Team (SCC Behavioral Health Services Department)

(800) 704-0900 and press 1, or 988 (for local area codes 408, 650, 669)

Bill Wilson Center Crisis Line

(408) 850-6125

Domestic Violence 24-Hour Hotline (Next Door Solutions) (408) 279-2962

YWCA Rape Crisis Center Hotline

(800) 572-2782

2-1-1 Bay Area Information & Referral Services

Dial 2-1-1 or (800) 273-6222 to get connected to a specialist for personalized assistance. Free, confidential, 24/7. Or text your zip code to 898211.

Family Supportive Housing

(408) 926-8885 | familysupportivehousing.org

Here4You Hotline

(408) 385-2400 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.