



Hello,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for sharing your experience. I am a Civil Rights Intake Coordinator with the Office of Institutional Equity ([equity.osu.edu/](http://equity.osu.edu/)). The Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) is committed to creating an environment that is equitable, fair, and just. Ohio State does not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law. Additionally, Ohio State will not tolerate retaliation in any form.

My role is to help you understand support services and reporting options available to you. I have attached a brochure with a lot of information and highlighted a few the counseling, safety-related supportive measures, and resolutions options below. Once you have reviewed the options, please let me know how I can best support you through this experience.

**Confidential Advocacy services:**

**[Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio \(SARNCO\)](#)**

Confidential advocates can provide emotional support over the phone, and you can arrange to meet someone in person for further assistance connecting with local and campus resources. They are available to meet you on or off-campus, and they do not have to report to the police or to the university.

- To speak with a confidential advocate at any time, call the 24-hour anonymous helpline – 614-267-7020 (SARNCO - Columbus) or [844-OHIO-HELP](tel:844-OHIO-HELP).
- SARNCO Campus Advocacy provides confidential support for survivors and co-survivors of sexual violence, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors of OSU's Columbus campus. You can reach Campus Advocate Jesslyn on Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm by phone (614-688-2518) or email at [Jesslyn.Watson@OhioHealth.com](mailto:Jesslyn.Watson@OhioHealth.com).

**[CHOICES For Victims of Domestic Violence](http://lssnetworkofhope.org/choices/)** ([lssnetworkofhope.org/choices/](http://lssnetworkofhope.org/choices/))

CHOICES provides services for individuals experiencing intimate partner violence, including but not limited to, counseling, temporary emergency shelter, peer support, and access to legal and community advocates. Please call their 24-hour crisis line at 614-224-4663 for assistance.

**Confidential Counseling services:**

**[Counseling and Consultation Service](http://ccs.osu.edu)** ([ccs.osu.edu](http://ccs.osu.edu))

You can connect to free confidential counseling on campus. If you need an urgent appointment, I can help arrange for you to be seen usually within 24-48 hours. After-hours service is available for students who need immediate assistance after business hours, on weekends, and during holidays. This service is available by calling 614-292-5766 and choosing option 2. CCS also provides drop-in, informal consultation through [Let's Talk](#).

**[Ohio State Stress Trauma and Resilience \(STAR\) Program](#)**

STAR offers confidential treatment and support for those who have survived trauma and the people who support them. If you would like a referral to STAR, please let me know.

**Campus Resources:**

**[Health and Wellness Resource Guide](#)**

The online Health and Wellness Resource Guide is a search engine students can use to narrow down resources to best fit their needs. You can browse the many health and wellness related resources listed. This tool is for undergraduate,

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graduate, and professional students and lists the many resources available on all campuses. Check out the tool today by visiting: [go.osu.edu/wellnessguide](http://go.osu.edu/wellnessguide)

### **Safety-related Supportive Measures:**

I can discuss available safety-related supportive measures, such as a university-issued No Contact Directive. I can also help you connect with community partners to learn more about court-issued Protection Orders.

- [The Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit \(DVSU\)](#) facilitates prosecution and provides education, support, counseling, crisis intervention, and overall assistance to victims of domestic violence and stalking. We have a contact in the DVSU, Keionna Riddlebarger, who is a stalking advocate. Keionna may be able to provide assistance regarding protection orders. Her phone number is 614-645-8970 and her email is [priddlebarger@columbus.gov](mailto:priddlebarger@columbus.gov)
  - It may be helpful to specifically contact David Fox within the [DVSU](#) as he works on cybercrimes. His phone number is 614-645-3144 and his email address is [dmfox@columbus.gov](mailto:dmfox@columbus.gov).
- [Protection Orders](#) - If you decide you would like a protection order, you are able to move forward with that process by going to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 345 S High St. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 2402, during their business hours of Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- [RAVE Guardian App](#) allows you to select friends or family as a virtual guardian to follow you via GPS tracking, using a destination-based timer. If time expires, your virtual guardian will be alerted and encouraged to make appropriate follow-up. Rave Guardian also includes faster delivery of Buckeye Alerts and safety notices via push-notifications. You can also download today by searching "Rave Guardian" inside the [Ohio State app](#).

### **Academic Assistance:**

If this experience has impacted your classes, I can work with your faculty members to request excused absences, make up missed assignments, or reschedule exams. I can also provide information about taking a leave of absence or an incomplete in a course.

### **Workplace Assistance:**

If this experience has impacted your work environment, I can collaborate with your supervisor and Human Resources regarding requests for schedule modifications, absences, or other needs. Additionally, [Integrated Absence Management and Vocational Services](#) (IAMVS) can assist with Family and Medical Leave, consultation about disability benefits, and workplace accommodations.

### **Resolution Options:**

The Office of Institutional Equity offers resolution options in response to possible violations of the [Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct University Policy](#). Engaging with a resolution process may require the completion of a formal complaint, while others do not.

- Formal complaint required
  - Informal resolution
  - Formal investigation
- No formal complaint required
  - Other resolution options including educational conversations and ongoing organizational training

To learn more about OIE's policies and standards, please visit the [Office of Institutional Equity Policies and Standards](#) page. I am happy to discuss any questions you may have regarding resolution options, policies, or standards.

A criminal investigation is separate from the university process. If you would like to report a crime or connect with law enforcement, please call 911. If this is not an emergency and you would like me to assist you in connecting with a member of law enforcement, please let me know.

### **Additional Resources:**

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For additional resources, including community and regional agencies, you are welcome to visit [Title IX Sexual Misconduct Response and Prevention](#).

The Office of Institutional Equity operates weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and does not provide emergency services. Please visit your nearest emergency department or call 911 if you need emergency care.

If you would like me to answer any questions or would like to schedule a call or video meeting to discuss connecting with the resources above and/or potential next steps, please feel free to schedule a meeting with me at the link in my signature, email me, or call 614-247-7812. If we do not connect within the next few weeks, I may reach out again to see if you have any questions regarding resources or reporting options. You do not have to respond or speak with anyone about your options, but if you choose to, you are welcome to have a support person, including an advisor, available during conversations.

Sincerely,

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