

**CHECKLIST FOR CONN. GEN. STAT. § 10a-55m(f)**  
**SEXUAL VIOLENCE REPORT 2021 SUBMISSION****INSTITUTION INFORMATION**

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**Reporting Office/Department:** Student & Community Life **Report Year:** 2021-2022

**NARRATIVE**

Institution's narrative explaining the reported sexual violence statistics and data, including: ☒ Brief introduction about the institution, its history, its population and its efforts to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment with respect to sexual violence.

**POLICIES**

Institution's most recent policies regarding sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence.\* ☐ BOR/CSCU Sexual Misconduct Reporting, Support Services and Processes Policy (Effective 6/16/2016)  
☐ BOR/CSCU Policy on Consensual Relationships (Effective 10/20/2016)  
☐ BOR/CSCU Policy Regarding Reporting Suspected Abuse or Neglect of a Child (Effective 1/10/2015)  
☐ BOR/CSCU Student Code of Conduct (Effective 7/29/2020)

**Note:** \* It is permissible to reference links to the above-listed policies in institution reports. BOR policies are listed on the following web page: <http://www.ct.edu/regents/policies>.

**WRITTEN NOTIFICATION**

☐ Institution's most recent concise written notification of the rights and options of a student or employee who reports or discloses an alleged violation of its sexual assault, stalking and intimate partner violence policy or policies.

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE STATISTICS AND DATA**

Institution reports containing the following statistics and data on sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence for the preceding calendar year:

(See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10a-55m(f) Reportable Statistics and Data Template)

☐ Sexual Violence Reportable Statistics and Data  
☐ Concise and informative explanation of reportable sexual violence statistics and data, including clarification of number of incidents, reports, disclosures, discipline, and final outcomes.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND RISK REDUCTION INFORMATION**

Public awareness, prevention, and risk reduction information submitted by institution: ☐ Title IX Related Training Provided Spreadsheet  
☐ Brochures  
☐ Handbooks/Booklets/Pamphlets  
☐ Bulletin Boards Information  
☐ Flyers  
☐ Online Statements of Campus Safety and Support Services (e.g., Women's Centers, etc.)  
☐ PowerPoint Presentations

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Supplemental information submitted by institution: ☐ Public Safety Materials  
☐ Institution Sexual Violence Reporting Procedures  
☐ Institution Sexual Violence Forms  
☐ Redacted Sample of Investigation Results  
☐ Sexual Violence Website Information  
☐ Documentation of Training Offerings, if available, including number of participants  
☐ Other Sexual Violence Reports  
☐ Other Supplemental Material

Sexual Violence Reporting Compliance  
Narrative

CSCU INSTITUTION: NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

REPORTING OFFICE/DEPARTMENT: STUDENT & COMMUNITY LIFE

INSTITUTION CONTACT: RUTH E. GONZALEZ, PH.D., LPC  
TITLE IX COORDINATOR AND SART CHAIR

YEAR: 2022

- I. Brief introduction about the institution, its history, its population and its efforts to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment with respect to sexual violence

The mission of Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC) is to inspire learning through accessible, high quality education. Northwestern is devoted to enriching lives by meeting individual and community needs in a supportive environment, while facilitating access to lifelong learning opportunities. NCCC is located in Winsted, a bucolic small town, and serves primarily rural section of the state. Winsted is situated in the northwestern region of Connecticut, twenty-five miles west of Hartford and twenty-seven miles north of Waterbury. The student body is typically made up of people who come from about half of the 169 towns in Connecticut, the other New England states and New York. At NCCC, we are committed to meeting individual and community needs in a supportive environment, which includes issues of sexual/intimate partner violence.

NCCC joins the nation in its efforts to attend to the matter of sexual/intimate partner violence in our nation's higher education system. The White House and Congressional leaders, spurred by student activists on college and university campuses, convened various groups to discuss the issue. As a result, multiple federal guidelines have been published and enacted.

To this end, we continue to strengthen our collaborative efforts with the Susan B. Anthony Project, whose mission is to promote safety, healing, and growth for all survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and advocates for the autonomy of women and the end of interpersonal violence, for residents of Litchfield county. In addition, NCCC works closely with the Connecticut State Police, Troop B. An officer is on campus Monday – Thursday evenings



during the academic semester. The Winchester Police Officers along with the Winsted Area Ambulance, who are always available to respond to campus emergency.

- II. Institution's narrative explaining the reported sexual violence statistics and data, including: Concise and informative explanation of reportable sexual violence statistics and data, including clarification of number of incidents, reports, disclosures, discipline, and final outcomes

In the spring of 2014, NCCC established a representative Support and Resource Team (SART) of members from the campus and community. NCCC's SART, a multidisciplinary team, that collaboratively responds when a sexual assault is reported, and seeks to improve community responses and services for survivors of sexual assault. The SART meets four (4) times during the semester. In addition, the Chair holds membership within CSU system

The SART developed detailed informational resources, which include state and federal policies for the Student Handbook and hard copies can be accessed in the Information Center, Library, and Center for Student Development and the College's website. A brochure and flyer were also developed for faculty and staff, which are distributed at Adjunct Orientation and placed in faculty and staff mailboxes.

Awareness and resources presented at New Student Orientation, this year was again held virtually and approximately 200 students visited the webpage. The SART participates in a variety of campus events such as, Club Council fair, Fresh Check Day, Health and Wellness Fair, Welcome Fair and collaborates with clubs, i.e., Student Nursing Association, Criminal Justice club and the Student Senate. These events provide an opportunity for the campus community to meet and talk with members of the SART as well as gain awareness of the resources available to them both on campus and the community. It is important to highlight, that NCCC continues to deliver mostly online activities as we are not operating fully on-ground.

The SART and the Susan B. Anthony Project worked in partnership to facilitate the following campaigns:

- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month Vigil**  
Held in April at Coe Park in Torrington. The vigil supports and gives a voice to survivors of sexual violence. SBAP honors community members who have collaborated and supported their work throughout the year.
- **Faces of Survival**

A photo exhibition of survivors of sexual violence who have chosen to “break the silence” and tell the story of their journey as a survivor. Susan B. Anthony Project displayed this exhibit at the Northwestern Connecticut Community College library.

- **Ribbons**  
In support of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness months, ribbons were distributed on campus for the entire months of October and April.
- **The Clothesline Project**  
“The Clothesline Project is a program started in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle of women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt.
- **Fresh Check Day**  
Fresh Check Day, the signature program of the Jordan Porco Foundation, is an uplifting mental health promotion and suicide prevention event that includes interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment, and exciting prizes and giveaways. Fresh Check Day aims to create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health and helps to build a bridge between students and the mental health resources available on campus, in the community, and nationally.

### **Sexual Violence Advocacy Training**

- **Not Anymore-** is a suite of interactive online sexual assault prevention programs that features numerous true student testimonials to foster genuine empathy in viewers. Designed to prevent sexual assault, dating and domestic violence and stalking, *Not Anymore* helps institution meet Title IX education mandates. Made available to all CSCU institutions by the SAFE Grant and the Board of Regents. Two Hundred and Thirty-five (235) students completed the online training
- **"Intervene" Bystander/Discussion Campaign:** in collaboration Professor Emanuel - Criminal Justice. Two (2) sessions were facilitated which included a video of scenarios and discussion questions, 20 students participated in two sessions.
- **Bystander Training:** Nursing Students in collaboration with Nursing Professor Roberson and facilitated by Susan B. Anthony Project Staff, 25 students participated.

NCCC SART members have heeded the call to employ a Trauma-Informed Approach when interacting/responding to a disclosure and/or incident. Becoming “trauma-informed” means recognizing that people often have many different types of traumas in their lives. People who have been traumatized need support and understanding from those around them. Often, trauma survivors can be re-traumatized by well-meaning caregivers and community service

providers. Understanding the impact of trauma is an important first step in becoming a compassionate and supportive community.

In summary, the above noted narrative demonstrates Northwestern Connecticut Community Colleges' commitment to providing a learning environment free from sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating and stalking. However, we acknowledge that while we are committed to making our campus safe, as a commuter college, our students may be experiencing said situations at home. Commuter college students may experience related risks that are distinct from those of residential college students because of their movement between on- and off-campus social environments. Furthermore, students experience a wide range of forms of violence, not just sexual assault, the focus of recent action on college campuses.





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### SEXUAL VIOLENCE REPORTABLE STATISTICS AND DATA

CSCU INSTITUTION: Northwestern Connecticut Community College  
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YEAR: 2022

Incidents of Sexual Assault, Stalking and IPV Reported to CSCU in 2021					
Type of Incident	Number of Incidents Reported	Incident Reported to Have Occurred in 2021	Respondent Identified as Connected to the Reporting Institution	Respondent Identified as Connected to CSCU Institution	Confidential or Anonymous Reports
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)	0	0	0	0	0

Disciplinary Cases Resulting from Investigations of Sexual Assault, Stalking and Intimate Partner Violence								
Type of Incident	Number of Investigations	Finding of			Finding of Responsible & Suspension	Finding of Responsible & Probation/Warning	Number of Findings Appealed	Appeal Outcome
		Finding of No Violation or Not Responsible	Finding of Responsible & Expulsion					
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Link to the CSCU Student Code of Conduct: <http://www.ct.edu/files/policies/5.1%20StudentCodeofConduct.pdf>

Link to the CSCU Sexual Misconduct Policy:  
<http://www.ct.edu/files/policies/5.2%20Sexual%20misconduct%20reporting%20support%20and%20processes.pdf>



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