Supportive Services

The Campus Advocate is available to support those affected by gender-based violence, including dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. These services are available to students, staff, and faculty. All services are tailored to the survivors' needs.

Community Resource

Valley Crisis Center
24-Hour Hotline
209-722-4357

Confidential Campus Advocate
Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm
Call/Text: 209-386-2051

Get In Touch

Office Location
Kolligian Library, Suite 107
Main Entrance Facing COB2 Courtyard

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209-228-4147

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National Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
Website: thehotline.org

Polaris Project-Human Trafficking Hotline
Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
Website: polarisproject.org

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network
National Sexual Assault Hotline
Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
Website: RAINN.org

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About Us

Vision
We envision a UC Merced community to eliminate all forms of oppression and gender-based violence - sexual assault, domestic abuse, stalking, and human trafficking - fostering a campus where a campus where all members are respected, valued, and safe.

Mission
The Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE) office collaborate with UC Merced partners to develop and support understanding of gender-based violence through prevention education and trauma-informed care advocacy using an intersectional framework. CARE promotes empathy, diversity, equity, and inclusion through its programs to staff, faculty and students.

How to Help a Friend

The 3 D's
Bystander Intervention Tools

Direct
Talking to the people involved about what is going on. It can be talking to the person you think is doing the hurting and them to stop or checking in with the person you think is being harmed and seeing if they are okay.

Distract
This is safely diffusing the situation by taking away attention from the situation and indirectly stopping the abuse.

Delegate
This is when you get someone involved to help you intervene. It could be a friend or an authority figure.

How Can we Change the Culture on our Campus?

Intervene when something doesn't seem right
Attend educational programs & trainings to learn more
Challenge victim-blaming statements & jokes
Hold perpetrators accountable
Model healthy relationships

Be an Agent of Change!

Don't be a Bystander, Be an Upstander! Step in & Speak out! - By telling someone that their jokes about violence make you uncomfortable, you may be the first in a long line of intereners who will eventually play a part in helping to make a change.

We Educate.
We Advocate.
We Empower.