

Florida International University Violence Against Women On Campus Program

Florida International University's Victim Advocacy Center of the Division of Student affairs has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Justice under its Violence Against Women on Campus Grant. This two-year national demonstration project is designed to address the problems of stalking, domestic/dating violence, sexual violence and computer network facilitated victimization. This project represents a collaborative partnership among multiple campus departments and community agencies to accomplish the following three goals: (1) Develop a Coordinated community response to campus victimization; (2) Increase and improve victim assistance services to international and non-traditional student populations; and (3) Produce culturally appropriate and sensitive prevention and awareness-oriented educational materials. Project partners will participate in a task force to review existing policies and practices, make policy recommendations, and develop an implementation plan. In addition, the project will provide seminars and outreach materials aimed at raising awareness and detection and enhancing appropriate intervention/referral for those who may need services. Finally, an evaluation component will document project efforts in order to guide the process, and allow other colleges and universities to benefit from our experience.