



Consults & Referrals to CARE at SARC

Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education at
the Sexual Assault Resource Center

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Recent Changes

- Directives from UC Office of the President, Task Force on Sexual Violence & Sexual Assault
 - Consistency of services, policies, procedures across the UC System
 - Uniform name (CARE)
 - New Positions:
 - Advocate position
 - Response Team Coordinator
 - Independent reporting line to the Chancellor through Office of Ethics and Compliance
 - Expand services to include: students, staff, faculty

CARE at SARAC:

27 years strong and still growing

- Confidential and free services for victims/survivors and their friends/partners
- Mandatory education for all incoming students
- Training for faculty, staff, student leaders, police officers, student conduct officers
- Review & revise campus policies and procedures regarding: sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking

CARE at SARC: Direct Services

- 24/7 Crisis Response
- Safety Planning
- Explain Reporting Options
- Accompaniment & transportation to:
 - Forensic exam (SAFE)
 - Police/detective interview
 - Court proceedings
 - Student Conduct proceedings
- Advocate for remedies:
 - Housing
 - Academics
 - Employment
- On-going individual confidential counseling
- Referrals on and off campus

Advocacy

- With the written consent of the student, CARE at SARC will:
 - Provide case management
 - Contact College Dean for support
 - Coordinate on-campus housing
 - Address academic concerns
 - Assess financial aid options
 - Provide support to family members
 - Work with CAPS provider

SAFE: Sexual Assault Forensic Exam

- Right to free and anonymous forensic exam
 - If anonymous, it is NIR (non-investigative report)
- Typically authorized for sexual assault that has occurred within the last 72-96 hours (but sometimes less or more, depends on type of assault)
- Police agency authorizes and pays for the exam
- Provided at 1 location in San Diego (no hospitals)
- Exam includes a forensic interview
- Duration 3-6 hours
- Provide basic medical care (EC and STI)
- CARE at SARC will provide transportation & accompaniment

Reporting Options

- **Criminal Report (available at all times)**
 - UCSD PD – only if occurred on campus
 - Non-UCSD agency for all other locations
- **Administrative Report to OPHD**
 - Available only if respondent (suspect) is UCSD affiliate (student, staff, faculty)
- **Civil Complaint (lawsuit)**
- **Non-Investigative Report (NIR)**
 - Forensic exam w/out a Police Report
 - Can only be activated through CARE@SARC or local rape crisis center hotline

Student declines CARE@SARC

- Document:
 - CARE at SARC services offered and declined
 - Discussed all reporting options (declined/accepted)
 - Encourage medical care
 - Provide after-hours support contact information (858-534-HELP)
 - Advocacy remedies available (declined/accepted)

Reminders...

- Staff cannot guarantee:
 - Justice
 - Remedies
 - Forensic exam results will be tested
- CARE at SARC Does not:
 - Provide couples counseling
 - Work with perpetrator/batterer/stalker

Q&A

- CARE at SARC
- Located: Student Services Center, Suite 555
- (858) 534-5793
- After-hours (858) 534-HELP
 - (ask for SARC staff)
- <http://sarc.ucsd.edu> or <http://care.ucsd.edu>