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PREVENTION MATTERS

September / October Newsletter
Prevention Innovations Research Center



Message from the Directors

As we enter domestic violence awareness month on the heels of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's testimony, and recent disclosures by thousands of survivors, some of whom have posted on #WhyIDidntReport and many of whom who did not, we want to share a message of hope and healing. At Prevention Innovations Research Center, we work daily to develop prevention and response strategies to stop the perpetration of sexual and relationship violence, stalking and harassment. We are working to develop these desperately needed solutions to prevent violence, create compassionate responses to survivors, and foster safe, respectful and healthy communities. Survivors and the communities in which they live, learn and work pay a high price for victimization and this can negatively impact their physical, mental and spiritual health, economic status, academic opportunities, social capital, and much more.

People often ask us how we continue to do our work in the face of such trauma. We do so one day at a time. We learn from the past. We plan for today. We keep our eyes on our collective vision of a world free of sexual and relationship violence and stalking. We believe that prevention is possible. We strive to take care of ourselves, our families, our friends, our colleagues and our collaborators. We do whatever we need to do recharge. We run. We walk. We laugh. We cry. We read. We bake. We call our friends. We take time off. We eat dark chocolate. And then we continue our work because we know that it is contributing to a better world.

As you continue with your lives and daily work, please know that Prevention Innovations Research Center is working to make the world a safer and more respectful place for everyone. In an effort to expand our research and work with practitioners and communities, we are developing and evaluating new prevention and response strategies, as well as reconfiguring Prevention Innovations Research Center's membership structure. We are starting new research and practice projects and bringing on a number of new faculty and practitioner fellows. We will highlight our new initiatives and members in the next edition of our newsletter.

In gratitude of all that you do to make the world a better place for everyone and the strength that

survivors share with us every day, we wish you a happy #DVAM2018!

Best, Sharyn and Jane

Recent Travels



This August, PIRC Project Manager, **Becca Howard**, attended the National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC) in Anaheim, California. During NSAC, Becca heard from many different allies and activists who are working to end sexual violence, including Tarana Burke, founder of the #MeToo movement. In Burke's keynote address, she highlighted the importance of our work at this moment:

"This is a unique historical opportunity...an opportunity to advance our work," Burke told the audience of nearly 2,000 individuals. *"We have a big job to do, and sometimes it feels like it's getting bigger every day."*




To learn more about Becca's experience at NSAC, read her PIRCBlog Post here.

<https://preventioninnovations.wordpress.com/2018/09/10/my-nsac2018-experience/>

The PIRC blog is a terrific resource for insightful and timely posts about current issues related to sexual violence prevention. Check it out here:

<https://preventioninnovations.wordpress.com>.

PIRC In the Spotlight



Sharyn Potter gives TEDx Talk on "Why Society Can't Afford Campus Sexual Violence"

Each year, 1 in 5 women entering college will be a victim of campus sexual assault.

These numbers have not changed since 1983, when the first campus sexual violence prevalence studies were published.

That's approximately 246,000 newly graduated female high school seniors who enter college this Fall.

The equivalence of filling an NFL stadium four times.

TEDxPortsmouth
x = independently organized TED event

WATCH: <http://bit.ly/campusviolencecosts>

uSafeUS v3 Launches with NEW Campus Administrator Dashboard



Meet the new uSafeUS

- Features to protect students in risky situations
- Enhanced customization plus analytics to help schools provide the right resources in the event of an assault
- Streamlined design based on student feedback



uSafeUS
Protect yourself. Protect your friends.™

The new app and dashboard are made possible by a VOCA grant from the NH Attorney General.

In September, PIRC launched v3.3.1 of our sexual assault prevention and response mobile app, uSafeUS. The newly upgraded app includes an updated user interface and prevention features, built from feedback collected from college students and campus administrators since the v2 app launch in September 2017.

Coupled with the app launch comes a new addition to the uSafeUS platform—the **uSafeUS Administrator Dashboard**, which allows up to three administrators per campus to edit their campus information on uSafeUS, send push notifications out to students, view analytics regarding campus app use, and access customized resources to help implement uSafeUS on campus.

Thanks to a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the NH Attorney General's office, PIRC has been travelling to all of the colleges and universities in NH to train administrators on the uSafeUS Administrator Dashboard and promote uSafeUS to students, with the goal of evaluating the app later this year. Below, see some pictures from uSafeUS tabling events in September.

uSafeUS is free to download from the iPhone App store and Android Google Play store. Visit uSafeUS.org for more information.

Contact Sharyn Potter, Sharyn.Potter@unh.edu, to find out how you can bring uSafeUS to your campus.

Customize, communicate, monitor.

The new uSafeUS Administrator Dashboard



- Customize resource and help information available to your students.
- Send notifications to your students.
- Analyze information about uSafeUS use on your campus.
- Access implementation and communication tools for uSafeUS



PIRC Staff

Welcome Delilah! Delilah Smith, Ed.D, is the project director of The New Hampshire College Sexual Assault



Policy and Prevention Initiative (CSAPPNH), a three-year collaborative project of Prevention Innovations Research Center (PIRC) at the University of New Hampshire. **The goal of CSAPPNH is to develop, administer and evaluate comprehensive institutional sexual and relationship violence and stalking prevention and response strategies on NH non-residential and community colleges.**

Delilah has spent over eighteen years in various roles working to end gender-based violence both on college campuses and within the local community. During the start of her career, Delilah was employed at New Beginnings, a Women's Crisis Center where she served as an advocate, volunteer coordinator and educational outreach specialist. leaving New Beginnings, Delilah accepted a position at Plymouth State University as the Program Director of the Sexuality, Anti-Violence and Gender Equity (S.A.G.E.) Center where she served as the primary student support contact, coordinator and advocate for marginalized students. During her time at Plymouth State, she worked to create, maintain and enhance policies and procedures within the institution that promoted a safe and inclusive climate for marginalized populations while developing and overseeing co-curricular programs and events that enriched the lives of students. While in this role, Delilah also sat on the board of Voices Against Violence, was an active member of the NH Violence Against Women Campus Consortium, and participated in various college committees including the Women's Studies Council, Queer Council, Presidents Commission on Diversity and Presidents Commission on the Status of Women.

Welcome Taylor! Taylor Flagg, M.A. earned her Bachelor's Degree in History and Justice Studies and her Master's Degree in Justice Studies from the University of New Hampshire. She began working at PIRC as a Graduate Assistant while getting her Master's, and she has now been hired as PIRC's uSafeUS Campus Coordinator. A big advocate for PIRC's work, she is excited to work with uSafeUS full time and help bring the app to all of New Hampshire's colleges and universities





Please join us as we congratulate and send best wishes to **Vicki Banyard**, PIRC co-founder and Professor in the UNH Psychology Department, on her new position at Rutgers University. We feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Vicki during her tenure at UNH. She has been a trusted colleague, friend and mentor to PIRC members and undergraduate and graduate students for over 20 years. While we wish her well, we will miss her presence at UNH. We are grateful that she will remain at PIRC as a Faculty Fellow and continue collaborations with PIRC researchers and practitioners. In her new position at Rutgers, Vicki is a professor in the School of Social Work, an [Associate of the Violence Against Women and Children Center](#) and an affiliate of the School of Social Work Prevention Science Center. Vicki will be teaching classes related to violence across the lifespan and its prevention and plans to teach across the curriculum from bachelors to MSW and the doctoral program. She will be continuing with her program of research on evaluating the effectiveness of violence prevention efforts, understanding resilience among survivors, and improving actionism of bystanders.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This national campaign offers an opportunity to educate the public about the prevalence of abuse and encourage community members to take action against abuse. It is also a time to raise awareness about the resources available to survivors and others affected by this issue. For more information about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, please visit the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence website at www.nrcdv.org.



**PREVENTION INNOVATIONS RESEARCH CENTER
OPEN HOUSE**

Tuesday, October 23rd
9:00 -11:00

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Light refreshments provided

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