#### Sexual Misconduct and Harassment: A Slice of Title IX

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### **Title IX covers**

Sex based discrimination including: -Sexual Harassment/Misconduct (new regulations)

-Sex discrimination (broadly)
-Pregnancy/recovery
-Breastfeeding/milk expression
-Gender equity (participation and opportunity)



### Sexual Harassment

- Retaliation even if no finding on other charges
- Sexual assault
- Dating/domestic violence
- Quid pro quo (employee R to student C)
- Stalking
- Severe, pervasive and objectively offensive
  - Video voyeurism
  - Sexual battery
  - Sexual exploitation



## But I Don't Work With Students...

- 10% students report dating/domestic violence before coming to LSU (family of origin and dating relationships)
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men report sexual assault during college (numbers for non college people same age - high lower for women higher for men)
- Students eventually graduate and become employees
- Employees bring experiences as children, college students, family members, parents, etc
- Your colleagues aren't only colleagues just as you aren't only an employee

\*This issue isn't only happening to students or by students



#### Supportive Measures (formerly accommodations)

- May utilize supportive measures regardless of whether the person who caused harm is a university community member
- Utilizing supportive measures does not mean person has to file a formal complaint with the university or law enforcement
- Recovery and justice look different for everyone
- Non disciplinary, non-punitive for the individual requesting
- Reasonable under the circumstances
- Equal opportunity for C and R



## **Examples of Supportive Measures**

- Mental or physical health services
- Academic/work arrangements or adjustments
- Modifications of work or class schedules
- Mutual restrictions on contact between the parties
- Changes in work, housing, or academic locations
- Leaves of absence
- Increased security and monitoring of certain areas of campus





### Process 101

- Prep of Evidence is standard
- Responsible Employees
  - Report directly to TIX not through supervisory chain
  - Report does not = investigation, it means menu
  - Main concerns
    - Accuracy
    - Timeliness
    - Privacy
- Parties have rights to be informed of outcome
- Right to report to law enforcement where criminal activity has occurred



# Reporting

- Responsible Employee must share with Title IX when informed
  - Institution is held responsible for what employees know
  - Timeliness, accuracy and privacy
- Where
  - <u>https://www.lsu.edu/titleix/</u>
  - Online report fulfills your obligation
- Law Enforcement
  - May report before, during, or after university investigation
  - Person who declines to report to law enforcement may still access supportive measures or process at the university



## Initiatives from Colleagues

- Lighthouse Advocates <u>https://lsu.edu/shc/wellness/the-lighthouse-program/index.php</u>
- College of Science
  - Diversity approach, 2 hour training for faculty, soft skills and hard skills
- Trainings and Education
  - Crafted by HRM, Title IX, Student Affairs and partners to meet needs of attendees
- Meet and greets in staff meeting
  - HSE and Jennie 20 minutes



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