

Extending Beyond the Student Resource Building

Advocacy and accompaniment for survivors in the community

The mission of Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (CARE) is to provide professionally designed services for the prevention and intervention of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, and harassment. All services are free and confidential and are available to students, staff, and faculty of all identities. Through policy development and community collaborations, we are committed to survivor empowerment and a public health approach for prevention.

Department Key Effort

We aim to provide responsive and accessible services 24-hours a day to survivors. The fundamental practices of advocacy include crisis intervention, accompaniment, and facilitation of survivor rights. CARE helps survivors navigate their options, provides support and connection to resources, and serves as a trusted point of contact throughout the whole process. Confidential advocacy sessions with CARE allow survivors to seek emotional, academic, housing, medical, reporting, and/or financial support and guidance.

To achieve advocacy goals, CARE works collaboratively with the campus and the broader Santa Barbara community. This involves establishing partnerships with other entities that refer to CARE when they receive a disclosure or are informed of a survivor's experience. CARE increases service accessibility by offering advocacy in our Isla Vista location. Advocates transport and accompany survivors to various locations for services including the Santa Barbara Court House, Cottage Hospital, and other community resources.

By the Numbers: 2019-20

490

Number of clients served

2,640

Number of services provided

91%

Percent of clients referred to CARE by someone else (e.g., Counseling & Psychological Services, friend/family, Housing)

23%

Percent of services provided at Isla Vista location

12%

Percent of services provided in accompaniment, outside of a CARE location

Student Testimonials

"You all do an amazing job. I love that the advocates know who has what expertise and ask if you would like them to bring in someone else for further assistance. I felt truly supported and empowered."

"My advocate is incredible. I wouldn't have graduated if it wasn't for her. I appreciate CARE so much. I don't know where I would be without it."