

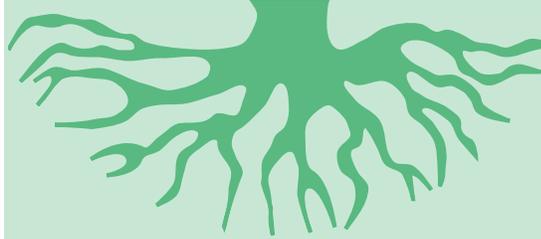
Growing a Safer Garden State



FIELD EXAMPLE: INSTITUTIONS of HIGHER LEARNING

Let's take a closer look at sowing the seeds of social change. Progress is an ongoing and ever-evolving process that can take many forms in different contexts. Using principles of the "Growing a Safer Garden State" framework, this resource will offer a practical look at ways colleges and universities have chosen to address campus-based sexual violence.

Campus communities thrive when everyone feels safe to learn, teach, and grow. Efforts to address campus-based sexual violence exist on a continuum of creativity and innovation: schools have strengthened trauma-sensitive practices in university health services, administrations have partnered with community-based organizations to improve policies, and student activists have elevated the voices of survivors and allies to create lasting change.



Assessing Roots.

Institutional change takes time, as policies and procedures are often interconnected and serve as the foundation for internal processes. Campus-based prevention task forces have taken time to consider the "Why" and "How" of response deficits and explore new ways to enhance safety for all students.

Allowing New Growth.

The national dialogue around campus responses to sexual assault has given space for introspection. Institutions of higher learning have been both highlighted for implementing effective policies and measures, while also being charged with improving response and accountability.

Resources

[The Center for Changing Our Campus Culture](#)

[Rutgers University - Center on Violence Against Women & Children - Understand and Responding to Campus Sexual Assault: Comprehensive Campus Climate Assessment](#)

[Know Your IX](#)

[End Rape on Campus](#)

[Students Active for Ending Rape](#)

[National Center for Campus Public Safety](#)

Nuturing Soil.

Campus communities have historically been a space for social justice movements and empowerment. Intellectual curiosity and individual independence have offered community members a chance to find their voice. A strong sense of community can be an asset in developing prevention messaging and engaging new voices in efforts for change.