



Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center

The Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Center at Creighton University is a resource for students, faculty, and staff offering confidential support to individuals following incidents of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking, and other related issues. This includes primary survivors (individuals experiencing an act of violence) and secondary survivors (friends, roommates, parents, etc.). The VIP Center also offers educational programming on topics of interpersonal violence, consent, bystander intervention and self-care. The VIP Center is a safe space for people to begin healing after a traumatic incident.

Confidential Advocacy

The VIP Center provides confidential advocacy to individuals following incidents of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, stalking, and other related issues. An advocate provides one-on-one support and resources to someone who has experienced interpersonal violence. If an individual decides to report the incident to the university or law enforcement, their advocate will provide guidance and support throughout the process.



There are two confidential advocates within our department: Meredith Lierk, Director of the VIP Center, and Ellie Rohr, Assistant Director of the VIP Center.

The confidential advocacy services provided in the VIP Center reflect *Cura Personalis* by acknowledging the dignity and holistic wellness of each person. Our services allow survivors to make informed decisions on their own terms, and we stand in solidarity with them throughout the process.

Green Dot Bystander Training

Green Dot Bystander Training is an opportunity for Creighton students, faculty, and staff to learn more about how they can intervene when they see the potential for violence. These training sessions are four hours long and include group discussion, videos, and interactive activities. Each individual that completes the training is Green Dot certified, and knows how to recognize different forms of interpersonal violence and impactful ways to intervene.



Green Dot aligns with the Jesuit value *Forming and Educating Agents of Change* by equipping students, staff, and faculty with the knowledge of how to identify potential violence as a bystander and effective methods of intervention. By continuing to hold Green Dot trainings, members of the Creighton community make the campus a safer place for everyone.

Programming

The VIP Center hosts a variety of events throughout the year, from small workshops to major events with hundreds of attendees. These events encourage the development of *Magis* by spreading awareness of issues concerning violence and harassment. By encouraging and empowering others in the Creighton community to take a stand against interpersonal violence, we strive towards a safer community for all.

Take Back the Night

Take Back the Night is a survivor-centered rally where people can take the open mic and share with their friends, classmates, professors, and staff their story of victimization and survival. The rally is followed by the action-event, where campus partners host tables to continue activism around sexual assault and dating violence.



"What Were You Wearing?"

"What Were You Wearing?" is an art exhibit inspired by stories of Creighton students' experiences of sexual violence. The installation shares the story and a visible representation of the clothing worn by a survivor during their assault, in order to dispel the myth that survivors' clothing choices contribute to sexual violence.

