

The Rowan Center's Crisis Response Program for schools and community programs serving our youth.

In response to several recent crises in our local school districts, The Rowan Center has developed a Crisis Response Program that is immediately available whenever needed.

How the program works

When The Rowan Center is notified of a crisis involving sexual abuse or assault of children and adolescents in a school or community program serving young people, we respond. When activated, the Crisis Response Program will:

1. **Dispatch** an education professional to speak with:
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Teachers
 - School Support Staff (i.e. social work staff, counselors)
 - Administrators

Education professionals are available in English and Spanish.

We can provide education as needed in either a large or small meeting format. Education surrounding the crisis will include:

- Discussion of the event
- How adults can respond and care for their children/students
- How to respond to and handle disclosures
- Planning for next steps.

Emphasis will be placed on caring for primary and secondary victims/survivors in the community.

The Rowan Center will provide educational materials regarding sexual violence. If new materials need to be created for the circumstance, we will ensure that they are available as soon as possible. The Rowan Center will also provide its program materials for distribution to inform potential survivors/victims of additional support services offered by the agency.

2. **Coordinate** weekly office hours with The Rowan Center staff for a distinct period of time. These are trained and certified CT sexual violence crisis counselors and advocates who can offer crisis counseling and advocacy for minor and adult survivors/victims in the school.

Consistent and empathetic trauma-informed care will help move the school and its students through this difficult time and lay the foundation for recovery and healing. As it's common for recent instances of sexual violence to trigger previous experiences, counseling and advocacy offered through this program extend to any survivors/victims of sexual assault separate from the incident that prompted the request for crisis response services.

3. **Provide** continuous communication from a dedicated staff member for administrators who need guidance on handling a crisis related to sexual violence.

4. **Accommodate** anyone needing further counseling or advocacy remotely, in our offices, or on-site at the school affected by the crisis.

Contact us to learn more.

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