

S N A P S H O T



DEAN OF STUDENTS 2008- 2009



Services:

- * Crisis Intervention
- * Emotional Support
- * Evaluation of Options
- * Information and Referrals
- * Safety Planning
- * Temporary Safe Lodging
- * Explanation of Rights
- * Accompaniment through Medical and Legal Process
- * Assistance in Judiciary Process
- * Educational Materials

Victim Advocate Program

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A Look at The Victim Advocate Program

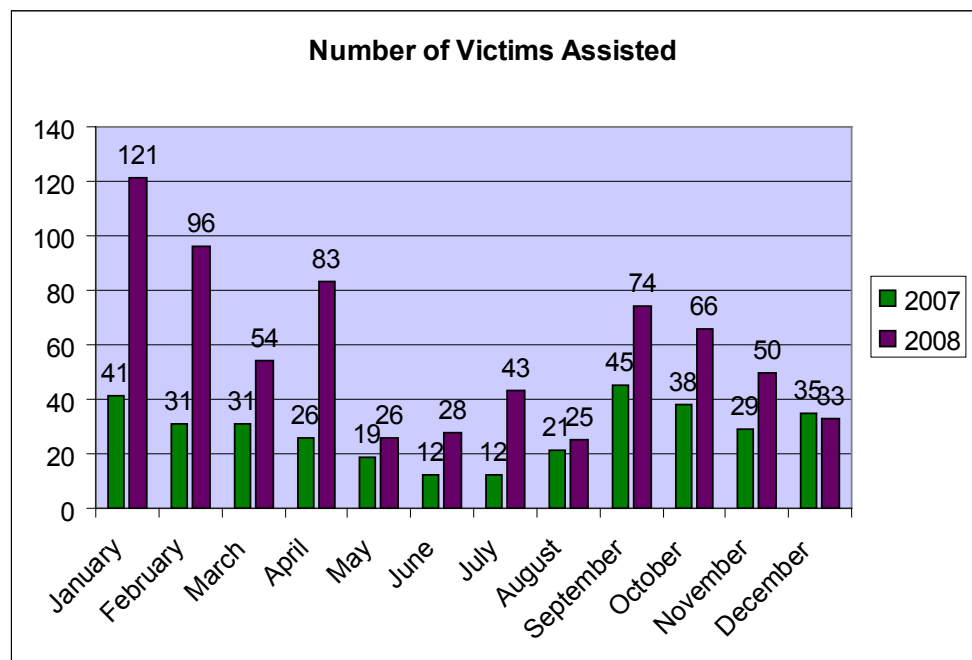
The Victim Advocate Program

The Victim Advocate Program was created in January 1993 within the Dean of Students Department. The main goal of the program was to provide victim services to sexual assault victims. Over the years, the program has grown and developed into a comprehensive program offering services and advocacy to student victims of any crime, on or off campus, including incidents prior to student status. Advocates also assist any person victimized on campus, whether they are a student or not.

The addition of a full time Asst. Director, funded by Violence of Crime Act grants, initially, and ultimately the University, plus a part-time Program Assistant, and 10 volunteers has enhanced the ability of the program to meet more of the needs of our students.

The Victim Advocate Program has written and received grants from the Florida Department of Health for the past 14 years to help purchase educational material as well as items to promote our services. The grant is shared with the FSU Police Department to fund the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes and helps provide sexual violence risk reduction classes to our First Year Experience students (90% of whom give our presentations an excellent rating).

So far in 2008, the Victim Advocate Program has served over 700 victims of crime, educated more than 1,000 students on rape awareness, and participated in many community activities.



Florida Sexual Violence Prevention Strategic Plan (SVPP)

The Victim Advocate Program is an invited member of the Florida Department of Health's SVPP Community Implementation Committee. For the last several years the program has participated in developing a strategic plan for the State of Florida to prevent sexual violence before it occurs. Community partners include other universities, rape crisis centers, law enforcers, state attorney offices, therapists, and other offices and agencies that support the premise that sexual violence is a public health issue. To learn more about the types of presentations offered or other services, visit the Victim Advocate website at <http://victimadvocate.fsu.edu/>.

Men Advocating Responsible Conduct (MARC)



The Victim Advocate Program coined the term "MARC" in the late 1990's and in December 2000 the first organized MARC group was trained under the direction of John Foubert, a recognized national leader in men's programs from the University of Virginia. The all-volunteer group was challenged with an enormous task – to educate male peers concerning the importance of appropriate and responsible behavior in all aspects of university life. Beginning in 2003, interns from various disciplines were used each semester to direct the program. In 2007, the FSU Student Government Association funded a part-time student director and MARC affiliated with Men Can Stop Rape's Campus Strength Program which provides campuses with tools to develop effective, replicable programming. To

date, MARC has earned two national recognitions from Lifetime e-news and Men Can Stop Rape Campus Strength Program. In 2007, MARC also received the "Stone Soup" award by the Division of Student Affairs recognizing a successful program created with no budget. MARC enjoys name recognition around campus but will be challenged each year to continue its solid foundation by recruiting strong directors and committed volunteers.

Available in Alternative Format. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the Division of Student Affairs at (850) 644-5590.

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