

Counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available at Ogeechee Technical College and the community:

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Anne Johnson
Student Success Coach
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OFF-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Bulloch County Sheriff's Office: 912.764.8888

Statesboro Police Department: 912.764.9911

Safe Haven: 912.764.4605
Provides emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, and legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence.

The Teal House: 912.489.6060
Provides emotional support and advocacy for individuals who have been sexually assaulted.

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800.799.7233 (SAFE)
A 24-hour hotline providing advocacy, planning, resources, and hope to those affected by domestic violence.

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800.656.4673 (HOPE)
A 24-hour confidential hotline providing support to those affected by sexual assault.

Bulloch County Health Department: 855.473.4374
Provides a variety of services based on a sliding scale fee.

Department of Family and Children Services: 912.871.1333
Provides many services and benefits for individuals and their families.

Pineland Mental Health Services: 912.764.5125
Help for those who suffer from mental health, developmental disabilities, and addiction challenges to live more full, productive lives.

Statesboro Housing Authority: 912.764.3512
Housing for low-income families.

Bulloch County Clerk of Courts: 912.764.9009



NOTICE OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS, OPTIONS, & RESOURCES

Pertaining to Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
The Clery Act as Amended by the
Violence Against Women Act.

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TITLE IX RIGHTS & OPTIONS

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program. Employees, in their role under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual discrimination to the College. Additionally, “Responsible Employees” are required to advise students of their right to file a complaint with the College, regardless of their desire to pursue an investigation with law enforcement.

You may do so by contacting:

CHRISTY RIKARD

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CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS' RIGHTS & OPTIONS

When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following options will be provided.

If dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- **Get to a safe place**
- **Report the Incident**
 - **Emergencies: 911**
 - **College Police:**
Mark Gerbino, *Director for Campus Safety/Chief of Police*
mgerbino@ogeecheetech.edu | 912.681.5667
 - **Title IX:**
Christy Rikard, *Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs*
crikard@ogeecheetech.edu | 912.486.7607
 - **Office of Student Affairs**
Room 198, Joseph E. Kennedy Building | 912.486.7607
 - **Campus Assessment Response Evaluation (CARE) Team:**
Christy Rikard, *Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs*
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Anne Johnson, *Student Success Coach*
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Desire Alexander, *Director of Human Resources*
912.871.1801

Mark Gerbino, *Director for Campus Safety/Chief of Police* 912.681.5667

Kelli Powers, *Police Officer*
912.871.8526

• **Preserve Evidence**

Preserving evidence in all cases of sexual assault is imperative. For example, avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth if at all possible after a sexual assault; this could destroy evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement. A forensic sexual assault exam may be conducted and the evidence stored even if you elect not to have law enforcement involvement.

• **Law Enforcement Involvement**

Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify the local police, campus police can assist with that notification. Law enforcement can collect and store evidence even if the victim wishes not to involve police so that it's available should the victim change their mind at a later time.

• **Temporary Protection Orders (TPO)**

A temporary protective order is a legal document issued by court to help victims obtain protection from persons abusing, harassing, or stalking them. TPOs are issued through the Superior Court of the County in which the Perpetrator/Respondent resides. If the Respondent is not a resident of Georgia, the TPO may be issued in the County where the abuse occurred or where the Victim/Petitioner resides.

Confidentiality

• **GA Law**

In accordance with Georgia Open Records Act, the College Police will not release the name or identification of victims of rape.

• **Mostly Confidential**

The College will protect the identity of victims to the fullest extent possible. When a victim wishes to remain anonymous or not have their identity disclosed to a perpetrator, the college's ability to respond to the complaint may be limited.

Interim Measures Available

The Title IX Coordinator can speak to you about possible changes to academic, living, transportation, or working situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to campus police or local law enforcement.

Code of Conduct

Victims may choose to file conduct charges for violation of policy. Student Affairs staff members are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions.

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Additional information regarding crime victims rights can be found in O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.



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