

Protective Environments - Work Group Charge

The University of Iowa 2018-2021 Anti-Violence Plan outlines a strategy in the policy section to, “Implement strategies to create protective environments and expand prevention environments surrounding big events that are associated with alcohol consumption, including home football games and concerts”. Various stakeholders across campus are involved and invested in creating protective environments to support a safe and respectful environment in our campus community. The work group, made up of various stakeholders across campus, is charged with developing recommendations for policy, procedures, programs, or messaging that support protective environments on campus aimed at decreasing the first-year sexual violence victimization rates.

Work group will include members from:

- Student Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct
- Student Engagement & Campus Programs
- Assessment, Improvement, & Research
- Rape Victim Advocacy Program
- Residence Education
- Wellbeing and Harm Reduction
- University Counseling Service
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Pride Alliance Center
- Department of Athletics
- Department of Public Safety
- Iowa City Late Night Mayor

Scope of Project:

- Any recommendations should be informed by current literature or evidence-based practices.
- To develop recommendations for policy, procedures, programs, or messaging that support protective environments on campus, not to implement recommendations.

Sponsor: The work group is sponsored by the Anti-Violence Coalition.

Project Support: Olivia Westemeier and Mara Cheney will serve as committee co-chairs and Teri Schnelle will serve as project manager.

Deliverables: The work group is responsible for delivering the following:

- A report providing recommendations on policy, procedures, programs, or messaging that support protective environments on campus aimed at decreasing the first-year sexual violence victimization rates.

Schedule: Due date for above deliverables: May 2020