



Resource Guide for Support and Reporting Prohibited Conduct under Civil Rights/Title IX *

** Prohibited Conduct refers to sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct.*

University of Findlay's Equity & Title IX Team is here for you.

The University of Findlay's Equity and Title IX team is made up of one coordinator, two deputies, eight investigators, and an entire education and prevention committee. All of these individuals are committed to creating a safe environment for everyone.

All team members are highly trained and are committed to **eliminating**, **preventing**, and **addressing** all instances of prohibited conduct under the UF's Non-Discrimination Policy and Title IX Policy.

We commit to **respond** to incidents, **support** individuals who have been harmed, and **educate** our campus community. Our goal is to support a campus culture that celebrates healthy relationships and mutual respect.

For more information about Equity & Title IX at UF, visit www.findlay.edu/title-ix or scan the code:



What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct.

Equity & Title IX: Here's What We Do

Policy: UF has comprehensive Civil Rights & Title IX policies which are reviewed regularly. To read policies administered by Equity & Title IX, visit: www.findlay.edu/offices/student-affairs/title-ix/title-ix-policy

Prevention & Education: UF has a team of faculty, staff, students, and community partners who develop and present diverse programming which covers topics like healthy relationships, sexual violence prevention, and creating a community culture based on mutual respect.

Response & Adjudication: This also includes assisting students in determining if and how they would prefer to proceed. Individuals may choose whether to make a report to the University, to law enforcement, both, or neither.

Support: UF works with those impacted by prohibited conduct to connect them with the support and resources they wish to utilize. This includes both on-campus and off-campus resources for survivors, friends, and anyone else who is impacted by sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct.

Let Us Introduce Ourselves

Our Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator is **Skylar Mettert**.

As Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator, Skylar is a resource for all individuals who wish to learn more about UF policies, available support, or report options. He receives all sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct reports and works with individuals making the report to determine possible next steps.

Prevention and education efforts are led by the Civil Rights & Title IX coordinator alongside:

- Deputy Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator
- Athletics
- OC3 Programming Team
- OC3 Student Organization

• Campus Partners Policy and investigation efforts are led by the Civil Rights & Title IX coordinator alongside:

- Abigail Blinka, Deputy Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator
- Title IX Investigation Team
- Open Arms Advocates

Resources Available to You

Talk to a Confidential Resource

On-Campus Resources

Counseling Services provides professional, confidential counseling, advocacy, guidance, and assistance in understanding options, rights, and outcomes with regard to both the University and criminal processes.

Cosiano Health Center provides medical assistance, including sexual assault response assistance, to students.

Campus Ministries provides confidential consultation with clergy.

Off-Campus Resources

Blanchard Valley Hospital
Offers on-site Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner services through the Emergency Department.

Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services 24-Hour Hotline
419-422-4766, can assist with emergency shelter, rape crisis, victim advocacy, and obtaining a Civil Protection Order.

Talk to the Civil Rights/Title IX Coordinator

In addition to providing information about this policy, the Title IX (TIX) Coordinator can provide information on existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid issues, and other services available for individuals as appropriate both on and off campus, regardless of where the prohibited conduct occurred.

The Civil Rights/TIX Coordinator can also assist with supportive measures which may be needed.

If you meet with the Civil Rights/TIX coordinator, you can do any or all of the following:

- Get information about the Title IX policy & process
- Make a report and request supportive measures only
- File a Formal Complaint & initiate the grievance process

Talk to Campus Safety

Campus Safety is available 24/7 and you can contact them for immediate assistance to provide transport or help in obtaining emergency medical assistance.

They can connect you with the Civil Rights/TIX Coordinator for support services, or to make a campus report. They can also connect you with the **Findlay Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff, and UFPD** based on jurisdiction to make a criminal report.

Talk to a trusted friend or mentor

Often a friend or mentor is who we first turn to for support, and they can be an important resource.

Please know that if you decide to talk with a UF faculty or staff member, they are required to share information with the Civil Rights/TIX Coordinator, who will follow up with you to offer resources and support.

If the Civil Rights/TIX Coordinator follows up with you, it is your choice to respond or not respond.

For immediate assistance

In case of emergency: 911

UF Campus Safety, Open 24/7, 419-434-4799

City of Findlay Police Department, 419-424-7150

Hancock County Sheriff, 419-424-7097

Quick Definitions

Consent

Consent is a knowing, voluntary, and affirmatively communicated willingness to participate in a particular sexual activity or behavior. It must be given by a person who has the ability and capacity to exercise free will and make a rational, reasonable judgment. It is the responsibility of the person who initiates the sexual activity to ensure that consent is obtained from the other person or persons involved in the sexual activity before the activity occurs.

Retaliation

Retaliation is defined as intimidating, threatening, coercing, or discriminating against any individual:

- For the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX regulations.
- Because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this Policy or under the complaint procedures relating to Title IX complaints with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Complainant

Individual alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute a violation of Title IX policy, Non-Discrimination policy, or Minors on Campus policy.

Respondant

Individual alleged to have violated the prohibitions outlined in the Title IX policy, Non-Discrimination policy, or Minors on Campus policy.

Advisor of Choice

Each party has the right to bring an advisor of their choosing to any meetings or discussions relating to the formal resolution process, as outlined in the Title IX policy and Non-Discrimination policy. The advisor may advise the party directly and provide support to the party, but may not speak for the party or disrupt the meetings or proceedings.

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Pregnant & Parenting

Title IX prohibits discrimination based on a student's "actual or potential" parental, family, or marital status or "pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or recovery therefrom." This means that schools must give all students who might be, are, or have been pregnant (whether currently parenting or not) equal access to school programs and extracurricular activities. For the most part, compliance entails simply treating pregnant and parenting students in the same way that schools treat other students who are similarly able or unable to participate in school activities. Title IX also requires schools to prevent and address sex-based harassment, which includes harassment based on pregnancy. In addition to offering general protection, Title IX regulations detail how the law applies to a range of specific activities and policies that affect pregnant and parenting students. These regulations govern activities both in and outside of the classroom. Depending on your situation, you may be entitled to reasonable modifications under Title IX. If the pregnancy related impairments substantially limit one or more major life functions, the matter will be referred to the Office of Accommodations and Inclusion to identify any reasonable accommodations that meet course objectives and ensure equal access.

Pregnant students are offered services, reasonable modifications, and reasonable accommodations similar to those offered to other students who have a temporary medical condition. If you experience complications or other medical conditions related to your pregnancy, you can seek support and reasonable modifications through the Office of Equity & Title IX. The Office of Equity & Title IX will work with you to develop a plan around your pregnancy. Reasonable modifications will be identified on an individual basis and where they do not pose an undue hardship to relevant parties.

Lactation Spaces

The University offers three private lactation spaces for individuals (students and employees) who are nursing, chest feeding or expressing breast milk. The current lactation spaces available include:

The OC3 House (407 Davis St) | Old Main #306 | Brewer Center #222

For information regarding access to these spaces, please contact the Office of Equity & Title IX (titleix@findlay.edu or 419-434-4739).

Open Arms Mobile Advocacy

As part of an ongoing commitment to providing comprehensive support services, University of Findlay has expanded its partnership with Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services. The partnership aims to provide valuable assistance and support to members of the UF campus community.

Open Arms provides mobile advocacy services throughout Hancock County for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Advocates will meet survivors where they are and connect them with resources, help, and safety. Services offered by Open Arms include safety planning, resources and referrals, medical and legal advocacy and accompaniment, and assistance in accessing emergency shelters.

UF campus community members who would like to talk with a mobile advocate can meet with them in Old Main 24.

Mobile advocates will be on campus Tuesday's & Wednesday's: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (with the exception of official University breaks and final exams).

Individuals wishing to talk with a mobile advocate are encouraged to reach out to Equity & Title IX (419- 434-5120) or Open Arms hotline (419-422-4766).

Your Rights Under Civil Rights and Title IX

- **You have the right** to live and learn at UF free from discrimination.
- **You have the right** to file a complaint according to UF's Non-Discrimination Policy or University of Findlay's Title IX Policy.
- **You have the right** to make a police report and request a criminal investigation with law enforcement.
- **You have the right** to supportive measures to help you live and learn at UF, such as housing or academic accommodations.
- **You have the right** to request a no-contact order from UF or to pursue a Civil Protection Order from the courts.
- **You have the right** to utilize the services, support and processes at UF without fear of retaliation.
- **You have the right** to access on-campus and off-campus support services.
- **You have these rights** regardless of your race, color, ethnicity; national origin; age; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; physical or mental disability; religion; or any other protected class.

Additional Resources

National Resources:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline: 800-656-4673

One Love: Live Chat: loveisrespect.org / Text: "loveis: to 22522

Trevor Project Crisis Text: Text START to 678-678

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741-741

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Call or Text 988
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Pregnant and Parenting Students:

The Pregnant Scholar: thepregnantscholar.org

OCR Know Your Rights:

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/dcl-know-rights-201306-title-ix.html

US Department of Education:

www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf

National Woman's Law Center:

202-588-5180
nwlc.org/resources/pregnant-and-parenting-students-rights-faqs-college-and-graduate-students

LGBTQ+ Resources:

UNITED: unitedlgbtcenter@findlay.edu

UF LGBT Resource Center: unitedlgbtcenter@findlay.edu

Spectrum of Findlay: contact@spectrumoffindlaylgbt.org

Campus Pride: 704-277-6710 | campuspride.org/about

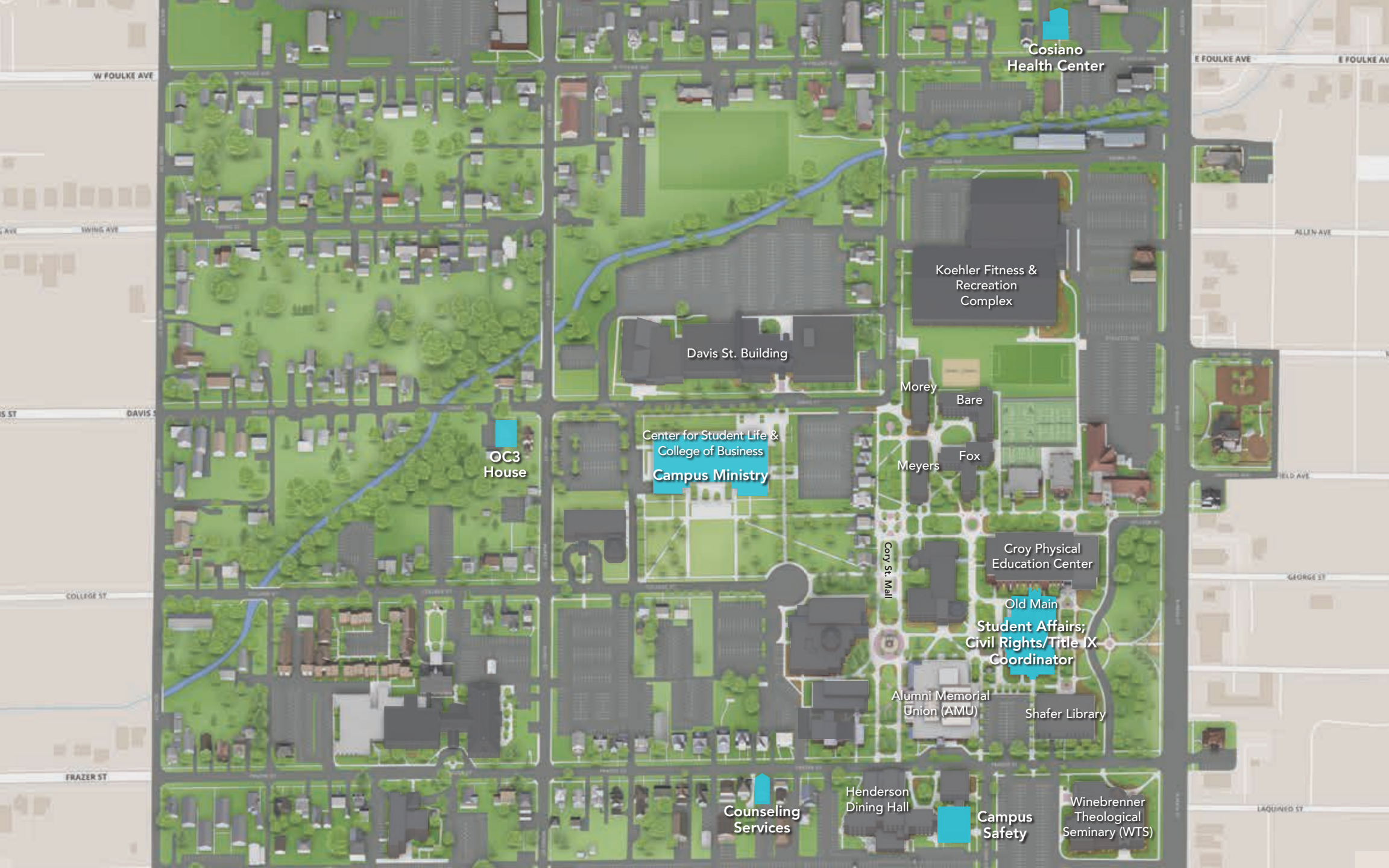
The Trevor Project: 1-866-488-7396 | thetrevorproject.org

Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization: 614-294-7867 or 1-866-862-7286
bravo-ohio.org

LGBT National Help Center: 1-888-843-4564 | glbthotline.org

Trans Lifeline: 1-877-565-8860 | translifeline.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
suicidepreventionlifeline.org



Cosiano Health Center

W FOULKE AVE

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SWING AVE

ALLEN AVE

Davis St. Building

Koehler Fitness & Recreation Complex

OC3 House

Center for Student Life & College of Business
Campus Ministry

Morey

Bare

Fox

Meyers

HELD AVE

COLLEGE ST

GEORGE ST

Croy Physical Education Center

Old Main
Student Affairs;
Civil Rights/Title IX
Coordinator

Cory St. Mall

Alumni Memorial Union (AMU)

Shafer Library

FRAZER ST

LAQUINED ST

Counseling Services

Henderson Dining Hall

Campus Safety

Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS)



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Confidential Resources

Counseling Services, 307 Frazer St., 419-434-4526
Cosiano Health Center, 120 W. Foulke Ave., 419-434-4550
Campus Ministry Counseling, 1049 N. Main St., 419-434-5624
Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services
24 Hour Hotline 419-422-4766, www.openarmsfindlay.com

Prevention and Education

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Lauren Sinchok, Open Arms, 419-420-9261

Dr. Megan Gonyer, College of Health Professions;
gonyer@findlay.edu | 419-434-4714

Safety Resources

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