

Common Issues in Investigating Intimate Partner Violence

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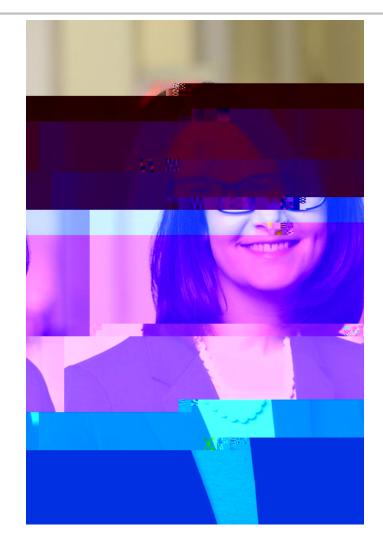
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Consult with legal counsel regarding specific situations.

You will receive slides for today's presentation after we've concluded.

The 2020 and 2024 Title IX regulations require training on several specific subjects

While the Title IX In Focus webinar series will discuss *some* of the required subject matter, none of these one-hour webinars will cover *all* of the material

Institutions subject to the 2020 Title IX Regulations are required by §106.45(b)(10)(i)(D) to post materials used to train Title IX personnel on its website.

Institutions subject to the 2024 Title IX Regulations are required to maintain training materials.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Relevant definitions under the Title IX Regulations

Unique issues related to IPV

o Definitions

o Nature of IPV cases generally

o Things to know about the criminal process

Heightened sensitivity re: communications to parties and supportive measures
 Reciprocal conduct

o Evidentiary Issues

October

First observed in October 1987

Intended to unite communities and advocacy organizations to raise awareness

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Spelled out in 2024 Regulations – cross-referenced in the 2020 Regulations Dating Violence means violence committed by a person--

- (A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- (B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

Spelled out in 2024 Regulations – cross-referenced in the 2020 Regulations

"Domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding and, in the case of victim services, includes the use or attempted use of physical abuse or sexual abuse, or a pattern of any other coercive behavior committed, enabled, or solicited to gain or maintain power and control over a victim, including verbal, psychological, economic, or technological abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior, by a person who--

(A) is a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim;

(B) is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;

(C) shares a child in common with the victim; or

(D) commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Yup

Note: Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Sexual Harassment can all occur in a relationship where there's intimate partner violence

Comes from the 2015 Clery Act regulations

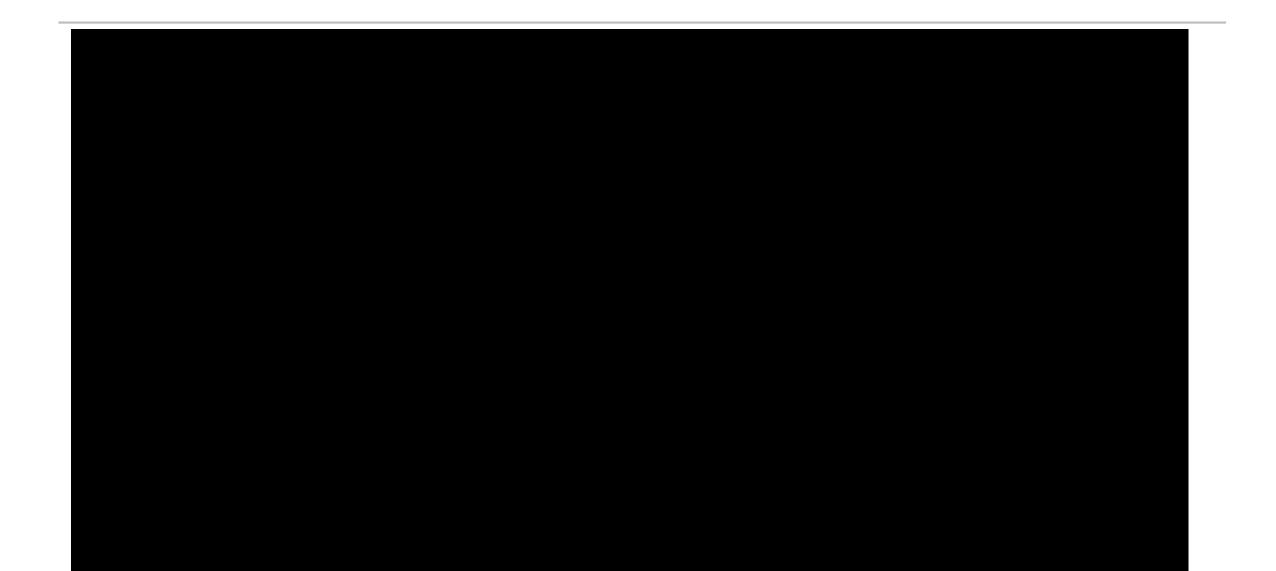
Note: inclusion of non-violent offenses in VAWA 2022 only applies to VAWA grant recipients, not for Title IX purposes

o But importantly – what does policy say about non-violent offenses?



What is "violence" on your campus?





What's happening parallel to the Title IX process Protective Orders versus NCDs

Are NCDs the right option? Consider the method of communication

Addressing Complainant conduct in general What does your Policy say?



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<u>February 27, 2025:</u> Employee Sexual Misconduct Cases

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