

What is the Advocacy Center?

The Advocacy Center is a community-based organization that provides **advocacy and support** to people who have experienced domestic or sexual violence, along with their friends and family. All services are **confidential, free** and available to people of **all ages, backgrounds, and gender and sexual identities**. Services include:

- Guidance & emotional support on the 24-hour hotline at 607-277-5000.
- Counseling services & support groups.
- Review of medical & legal options, including victim rights.
- Advocacy & support during a medical exam or reporting to law enforcement.
- Assistance navigating campus systems including Title IX, Judicial Affairs, & academic or housing accommodations.



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Resources for education and response

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Advocacy Center
Confidential, 24-hour advocacy, accompaniment and support for survivors, friends & family.
24/hour Hotline: **(607) 277-5000**
theadvocacycenter.org

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) @ Cayuga Medical Center
Specialized post sexual assault medical care.
Emergency Room: **607-274-4411**
cayugamed.org

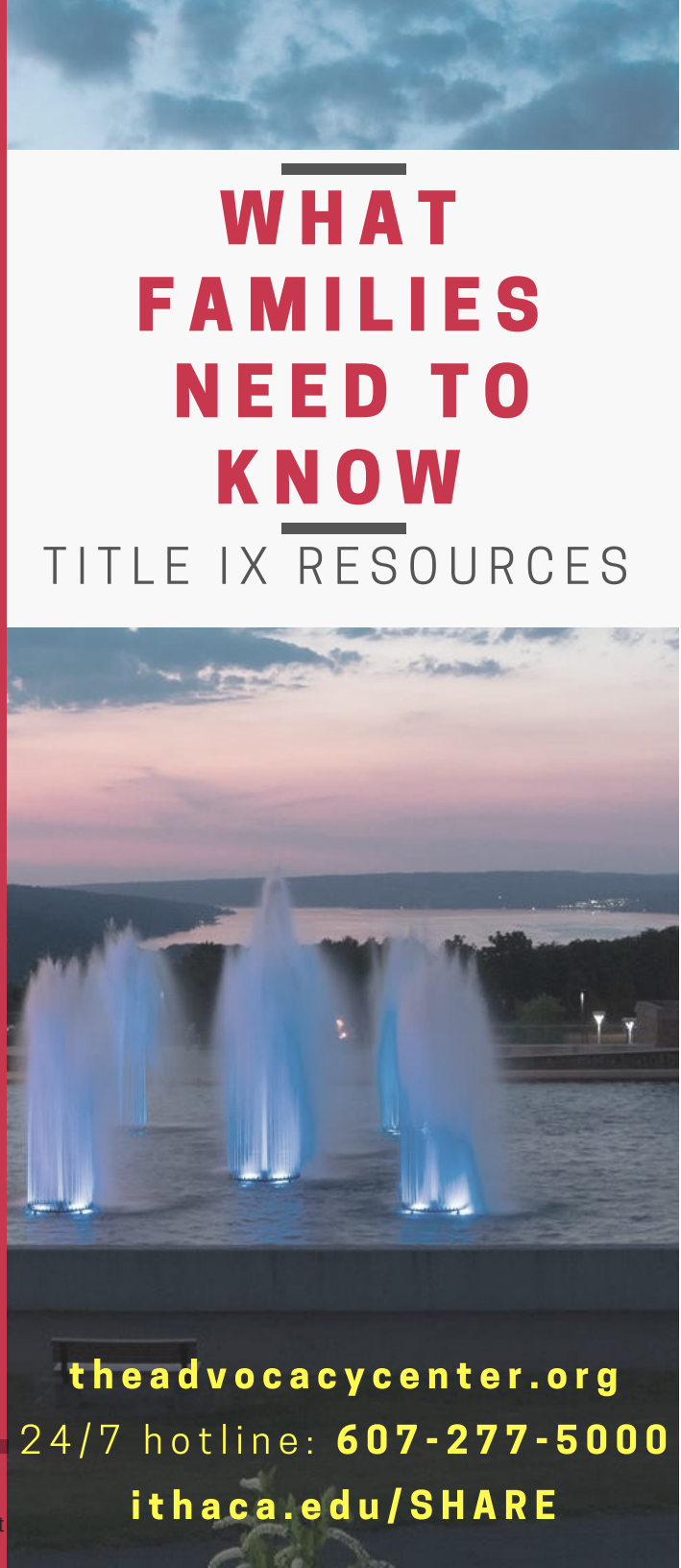
CAMPUS RESOURCES

Ithaca College SHARE
Sexual Harassment & Assault Response & Education. Information about policy, prevention, student rights, and support resources.
ithaca.edu/SHARE

Ithaca College Title IX Coordinator
Linda Koenig: lkoenig@ithaca.edu
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Office of Public Safety
Phone Number: **(607) 274-3333**
Email: **publicsafety@ithaca.edu**
ithaca.edu/sacl/safety/

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WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

TITLE IX RESOURCES

theadvocacycenter.org

24/7 hotline: **607-277-5000**

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WELCOME TO ITHACA COLLEGE

When a loved one begins college, many caregivers experience a variety of emotions- excitement, pride, sadness, anxiety and sometimes worry about their well-being. While difficult to think and talk about, a common concern is sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking on campus. This brochure provides an introduction to the policy, prevention, and response resources available with the aim of easing some of these feelings of discomfort.

All of the content that follows was pulled together and developed by the Advocacy Center in collaboration with the IC Title IX Office. The Advocacy Center is not part of the campus but through a formal partnership provides prevention & confidential response services to students and families.



UNDERSTANDING CAMPUS RESPONSIBILITY

A number of laws guide how campuses are required to respond to and prevent sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. Here are two you should know:

Title IX is a federal law that protects students from gender-based discrimination including sexual harassment or assault, dating violence or discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation. Students can report sexual misconduct to the Title IX office, the Office of Public Safety, or they can seek confidential support from on- or off-campus organizations.

Enough is Enough (NYS Ed. Law 129-B) requires all colleges and universities in NY to implement uniform prevention and response policies and procedures relating to sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. Including a statewide definition of **Affirmative Consent** and implementing a **Student's Bill of Rights** as part of its code of conduct.

Find more information at ithaca.edu/SHARE

AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT is a **knowing, voluntary, and mutual** decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. It can be given by **words or actions** if they create **clear permission** regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity. **Silence or lack of resistance**, in and of itself, **does not** demonstrate consent. The definition of consent **does not vary** based upon a participant's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



IF YOUR STUDENT IS INVOLVED IN A TITLE IX CASE

It can be very overwhelming to find out your student is involved in a Title IX Investigation. It is important to remember that all students have rights throughout these proceedings and will likely need your support. To learn more about the Title IX process and student rights visit: ithaca.edu/SHARE

As a caregiver, you will also likely need support for yourself. If your student has experienced relationship or sexual violence the Advocacy Center can help you understand their rights and assist you in supporting them.