Other safety programs offered by the Community Service Unit include:

* RAD (Rape Aggression Defense)
* Campus Connections
* Fraternity and Sorority Liaisons
* Safety Presentations to Students, Staff, and Faculty (upon request)
* PowerPoint Presentations
* Crime Alerts via the CSU, Chico Police Department website
* Operation Identification

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

CSU, Chico Police Department
(530) 898-5555

University Housing and Food Service
(530) 898-6325

Psychological Counseling
(530) 898-6345

Wellness Center
(530) 898-4697

Associated Students’ Women’s Center
(530) 898-5724

CSU, Chico Police Department
Mission Statement:

“Providing a safe environment for our campus community through proactive, progressive, and professional law enforcement services”
Developed through the Chico State University Police Department’s Community Service Unit, the Freshmen Safe Start Program has been implemented in partnership with University Housing, the Wellness Center, and the A.S. Women’s Center. The program is designed to educate incoming Freshmen on safety issues that encompass college life in any University environment. This program is further designed to provide support to students who, for the first time, are away from home, may become over-loaded and stressed, and are not prepared for all the choices they will face in their first year.

**Training Topics Include:**

- General Safety Tips
- Sexual Assault Awareness/Prevention
- Dating Violence Awareness/Prevention
- Hate Crimes vs. Hate Incidents
- First Year Stress Issues
- Overview of Campus/Community Resources

**Student Participation Feedback:**

“... Makes me think about the choices I have to make ...”

“It was important to get to know this kind of information before the semester begins.”

“I was very impressed and feel much more prepared.”

“Great idea to have this presentation. I feel safer now.”

“I hope you affected at least one person other than me.”

“Definitely for all incoming Freshmen!”

**Why Freshmen Safe Start Works:**

**Location:** We take the program to the Freshmen, and hold the trainings in comfortable, familiar places.

**Timing:** Our Freshmen are trained their first weekend on campus, prior to the start of classes.

**Audience:** We train Freshmen with their peers and neighbors, thus allowing them to acclimate to their new environment.

**Message:** We foster a sense of accountability and responsibility for each other’s safety and well-being.

**Facilitators:** We utilize trainers who recognize that when there is student victimization, inappropriate behavior by students, or a lack of life-coping skills, the learning environment will often suffer.

**Accessibility:** Freshmen meet those individuals and organizations who are directly involved in their safety and well-being, and now have an open line of communication available to law enforcement, counseling, and advocacy.

**Resources:** Freshmen receive information regarding on-campus and off-campus resources right at the beginning of their college experience.

Based upon the surveys and feedback obtained from our participants, the Freshmen Safe Start Facilitators are committed to expanding the program yearly to include all incoming Freshmen and transfer students. We recognize our common goal to provide a safe environment to those we serve: our students.