



California State University, Chico

Division of Student Affairs Safe Place

Annual Report 2022 - 2023

I. Mission Statement

WellCat Safe Place serves the Chico State community by providing confidential services for individuals impacted by sexual assault, intimate partner abuse, sexual exploitation, stalking, and harassment. We offer advocacy support, prevention education, and linkage to services on and off campus.

II. Accomplishments

- Safe Place implemented a Teal Campus Resource QR Code. This contains a list of resources for those who experience harm. Digitizing this resource better aligns with the university's strategic priority of creating resilient and sustainable systems. This digital resource further improves the confidentiality and discreteness of survivors.
- Safe Place hosted extremely successful awareness months during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April) by partnering with Catalyst Domestic Violence Services, The HUB, The Well, Title IX, the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology, Butte College QRC, The WellCat Counseling Center, U Matter, and the GSEC. These collaborations were impactful, and a few examples are listed below:
- Disbursing over 5,000 coffee sleeves during DVAM (October) that highlighted Safe Place, Title IX, and the 50th Anniversary of the Womxn's Conference. The design of the coffee sleeve focused on activism on campus. These were a huge success as they were disbursed on campus well into January.
- For Denim Day, Safe Place hosted an anthropological exhibit in collaboration with the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology. The exhibition was open from April 25th until May 5th. There



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- were two news features regarding Denim Day hosted by Action News Now and KCRC
- Safe Place, in collaboration with the VPSA's Office, U Matter, Basic Needs, and the ARC, hosted three consecutive "We Care" events. The purpose of these pop-up events included showing students, faculty, and staff that we care about and support them year around. We were able to serve over 460 Chico State community members
- Safe Place facilitated a "Healthy Relationships & Mental Health" workshop at the Mental Health Symposium in collaboration with U Matter
- Safe Place was chosen to be on the Cozen Implementation Team
- Safe Place secured a free Google ad campaign in collaboration with Enrollment Management Strategic Communications & Marketing. This campaign lasted from April 28th - May 22nd.
- Safe Place secured a \$30,000 endowment in collaboration with the CFA & University Advancement
- Safe Place filled the Coordinator of Advocacy Services position. Safe Place has a vacant ASA position as of June 1st

III. Diversity Efforts:

- Safe Place implements diversity efforts in various ways, including updating the diversity statement, hiring diverse staff, collaborating with multiple organizations, and supporting diverse programming
- Safe Place practices acknowledging and paying respect to the Mechoopda people through land acknowledgment in all spaces
- Safe Place created a new diversity statement: WellCat Safe Place recognizes that sexual assault, intimate partner abuse, sexual exploitation, stalking, and harassment can happen to anyone regardless of their age, race, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability, religion, gender identity, immigration status, or socioeconomic status
- Safe Place collaborated with various agencies on programming and events for vulnerable populations. A few examples are listed below:



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- Safe Place hosted a successful week highlighting Trans* inclusion on campus during Trans* Week of Visibility. There were over one hundred LGBTQ+ Allies that came to the event. This was accomplished by partnering with the LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Association, Butte College QRC, U Matter, and the WellCat Health Center.
- Safe Place hosted “The Hands Don’t Hurt” workshop in collaboration with The Stonewall Alliance for DVAM.
- Safe Place collaborated with the GSEC on the 50th Anniversary of the Womxn’s Conference “Activism as Prevention” Workshop and “Take Back the Night.”
- Safe Place collaborated with Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Inc. for “NAKland Children's Carnival” at the community's Chico Boys and Girls Club.
- Safe Place provided Sexual Assault, Consent, and Coercion training to Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Inc. & Gamma Zeta Alpha, Epsilon Sigma Rho.
- In collaboration with University Police Department, Safe Place provided awareness training to 45 members of the Panhellenic Sororities.
- Safe Place quarterly trains University Housing on How to Support Someone who Discloses.
- In collaboration with Title IX & FSA, Safe Place trained 1,080 Fraternities and Sororities Association members

IV. Program Statistics and Assessment for Past Year

- Safe Place provided 313 confidential advocacy services to individuals impacted by sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. Compared to years prior, these statistics are lower
- Safe Place provided violence prevention education and outreach to 2,762 students, faculty, and staff
- Safe Place hosted multiple outreach campaigns in collaboration with Title IX and WellCat Prevention, providing over 6,100 resources to the community
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Safe Place directed its prevention and outreach efforts online. Since being back on campus, Safe Place has continued using Instagram for the event,



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program outreach, and marketing. Safe Place made a total of 61 Instagram posts which included 1,649 likes, 877 shares, 2,637 interactions, and 16,793 impressions

V. Key Objectives for Next Academic Year

- “Green Flag and Healthy Relationship” Framework: Safe Place focuses on utilizing prevention education and marketing with the framework of healthy relationships. Safe Place supports anyone interested in relationships with others or with self. These workshops and training focus on boundaries, by-standard intervention, and self-care.
- Prevention: Engage student leaders and members of the campus community in preventing sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking through multi-session, culturally competent, inclusive, and student-centered prevention programming
- Expand Safe Place to include a full-time violence prevention education position to better align the university with Cozen Recommendations
- Safe Place will create a new strategic vision in alignment with the Student Affairs Strategic Plan
- Safe Place is a critical community partner and will continue to engage in the Butte County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Title IX, and the Cozen Implementation Team.
- Confidential Advocacy: Provides confidential and trauma-informed services to students, faculty, and staff impacted by sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking through prevention education, crisis intervention, and advocacy
- Education and Outreach: Innovate and sustain creative educational and programmatic events for members of the campus community to engage in topics surrounding sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking to increase awareness and engagement
- Marketing the teal resource QR code on all buildings and faculty syllabi



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Direct Services 2022-2023	
Crisis Intervention Appointments	173
Academic Accommodation	75
Title IX Investigation	2
Title IX Accompaniment	32
UPD/ Law Enforcement Accompaniment	6
Court / Legal Accompaniment	1
Court / Legal Referral	16
Court Restraining Orders	6
Enloe Accompaniment (Sexual Assault Exam)	1
Health Center Accompaniment	4
Basic Needs & Housing	4
Student Conduct Referral	2
Counseling Referral	26

