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Introduction

This chapter outlines The STOP Campaign and the Safe Response Toolkit (SRT).

What's in this chapter?

Content warning:

This chapter mentions sexual violence and institutional betrayal.

Key terms:

- Safe Response Toolkit (SRT)

Key organisations mentioned:

- The STOP Campaign
- YWCA Canberra
- John James Foundation
- Community Services Directorate

The STOP Campaign

About Us

The STOP Campaign is a grassroots organisation dedicated to empowering young people to create and sustain positive sociocultural change regarding sex and sexual violence. We are an intersectional feminist organisation run by passionate volunteers and rely on public donations to fund our initiatives and impact.

The STOP Campaign has successfully implemented a number of projects in the ACT since our formation in 2018. These projects include:

- The creation of educational materials and resources on topics including safe sex, consent, sexual and family violence, sex positivity, and access to support
- Facilitating peer-led education and advocacy workshops with tertiary students in residential halls to prevent sexual violence and promote sexual wellbeing
- Facilitating programs for young people (particularly victim-survivors) focused on empowerment, confidence and building connections
- Building a platform for victim-survivors in Australia to publicly share their experiences and journeys towards healing
- Participating in consultation and resource development on sexual violence policy and response driven by government and non-government bodies in the ACT and nationally.

We first launched the Safe Response Toolkit in 2022. We are proud to release this third edition in 2023.

Mission

Empower young people to create and sustain positive sociocultural change in Australian tertiary learning communities through activism, awareness, empowerment and education.

Vision

Australian tertiary learning communities that are free from sexual violence and stigmatisation.

Values

- Intersectionality
- Passion
- Respect
- Integrity

The Safe Response Toolkit

What It Is

The **Safe Response Toolkit: A Toolkit for Sexual Violence Victim-Survivors and Their Supporters (SRT)** is a physical and online resource that provides information to victim-survivors and their supporters about how to safely respond to sexual violence disclosures and access support services in the ACT. The SRT is available online and has been distributed in hardcopy across the community, targeting legal, medical and education settings.

What It Does

The SRT's primary goals are to:

1. Raise community awareness about sexual violence
2. Advocate for victim-survivors and their rights
3. Inform victim-survivors, their supporters and the general community about the avenues available to victim-survivors after an experience of sexual violence
4. Empower victim-survivors to seek help and support
5. Ultimately help victim-survivors heal and thrive.

What It Includes

The SRT covers topics including:

- Key concepts to understand sexual violence, gendered violence, sexual health and wellbeing and destigmatisation
- Sexual violence and the law, including the criminal, civil and restorative justice processes
- Reporting sexual violence to law enforcement and reporting sexual violence that occurs in institutional settings (including workplaces, schools and universities)
- Support services in the ACT and nationally, including those available in the immediate aftermath of sexual violence
- The process of sharing an experience of sexual violence publicly
- Sexual violence activism and advocacy.

Purpose and Impact

Purpose

Currently, there is a lack of clear, trauma-informed and accessible information for victim-survivors and their supporters regarding the personal, legal and medical considerations when disclosing and reporting sexual violence in the ACT. Information on these topics is often vague, outdated and spread across multiple websites and platforms. The purpose of the SRT is to collate information about sexual violence and support services in the ACT in one place.

Impact

The SRT provides clear, accurate and easily accessible information about the process of seeking support following an experience of sexual violence. We hope that the SRT can:

- Alleviate some of the complexities involved in police, legal and health processes
- Make the process of seeking support less intimidating
- Ensure that victim-survivors ultimately feel empowered to access the support they need.

Addressing sexual violence in the ACT through this comprehensive resource will also work to destigmatise disclosures of sexual violence and encourage broader behavioural and cultural change.



You can find the online version of the Safe Response Toolkit at www.saferesponsetoolkit.com.au



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Thank You ACT Government

The third edition of the SRT was made possible by a one-off \$9,000 grant from the ACT Government through the Community Services Directorate. The purpose of the grant is to update, print and distribute hard copies of this third edition.

About the Community Services Directorate

The Community Services Directorate aims to develop a community that is safe and fair by supporting the people of Canberra to reach their full potential. It delivers integrated policy advice and a range of human services functions to the ACT community.



Thank You John James Foundation

In July 2022, The STOP Campaign received funding to produce further editions of the Safe Response Toolkit through the Canberra Foundations Collaborative Grant Round. The second edition of the SRT was made possible by a \$10,000 one-off grant from the John James Foundation.

About John James Foundation

The John James Foundation is an independent healthcare charity providing a range of programs and assistance to the people of Canberra and beyond.

Canberra Foundations Collaborative Grant Round

The John James Foundation, Hands Across Canberra and the Snow Foundation joined forces to announce new grants for local charities designed to boost health outcomes for socially disadvantaged and marginalised communities across the ACT.



Thank You YWCA Canberra

The Safe Response Toolkit was made possible by **YWCA Canberra** through their 2021 Great Ydeas Small Grants Program. Founder and Director of The STOP Campaign, Camille Schloeffel, was awarded \$2,500 to commence this project.

About YWCA Canberra

YWCA Canberra is a feminist not-for-profit organisation that has represented women's issues in Canberra since 1929. Their mission statement is 'We strengthen communities by supporting girls and women through our services and advocacy' and their vision is 'Girls and women thriving'.

The Great Ydeas Small Grants Program

YWCA Canberra's Great Ydeas Small Grants Program provides grants of up to \$2,500 to support women, girls and non-binary people in the ACT to pursue their passions and improve our community.

Since its launch in 2010, Great Ydeas grants have helped over 60 members of the ACT community to progress their projects. Priority is given to projects that empower women in the local community and have the potential to grow beyond the initial funding provided.



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Want the SRT in your community?

The SRT is a necessary resource for victim-survivors of sexual violence and their supporters in the ACT. Distributing this resource across the ACT will raise awareness of sexual violence prevention and equip members of the community with the skills to respond appropriately to sexual violence.

If you would like the SRT in your community, workplace, organisation or another community hub, **contact The STOP Campaign**. We will do our best to ensure the SRT is available where it needs to be and that copies are easily accessible.

Visit **The STOP Campaign website** to contact us.



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