

What to Do when a Student with a Disability is Sexually Assaulted at School

Consider the Following Steps:

- Contact a Medical Provider, if appropriate.
- Request the assault be fully investigated by:
 - School Administration
 - School District Administration – Title XI Coordinator
 - Police Department where the incident occurred
- Ask questions of School Administration and any Staff involved.
- Get details from the school – what happened and request a written Incident Report.
 - Witness statements
 - Video evidence
- Get information from the student (victim), if appropriate.
- Request and Review School District’s Harassment Policies.
- Develop a game plan to keep the student safe at school, such as a Safety Plan.
 - Limit/Eliminate direct contact with perpetrator(s.)
 - Review the IEP/BIP – make modifications, if necessary.
 - Discuss additional support from school.
 - Determine what information the student needs to stay safe.
- Seek counseling for the student.
- Seek counseling for the family.
- Seek advice from an attorney, if appropriate.
- Involve any private therapy providers, if appropriate.
- Ask school about Sexual Awareness training for Staff and students.
- Monitor the Youth’s behaviors for residual impact.
- Keep an open dialogue with the students regarding general safety reminders. .
- Treat the incident as a learning experience and involve the student in discussions of appropriate contact/behavior.

Contact these Resources!

- Victim Assistance Program for Adams County – www.crimevictimcompensation.org; 303-659-7735
- The blue bench – <https://thebluebench.org>; 303-322-7273 (English), 303-329-0031 (Spanish)
- RAINN – (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) – www.rainn.org
- Community Reach Center (Mental Health Services for Adams County) – www.communityreachcenter.org; 303-853-3500
- The Initiative – <https://theinitiativecolorado.org/>