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Helping college students
maximize their potential
and leap into an exciting
future with endless

DID YOU KNOW?

Most JCSU students are not involved in a violent relationship, sexually assaulted or stalked and do not perpetuate dating/domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

However

- Dating/domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking does happen at JCSU and other college universities.
- These incidents can occur both on and off campus.
- While both women and men can be victims, the vast majority of victims are women.
- In one year, more than 13% of college women indicated they had been stalked; while 42% had been stalked by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend.

College students face
unique challenges in the
new millennium of
advanced technology and
social media.



"I Matter"

Empower. Uplift. Support

"I MATTER is committed to providing quality service and advocacy to victims and survivors of dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking through a concentrated community response".



Goals

- Develop and implement education programs for the prevention of violence against women.
- Develop a comprehensive victim service program.
- Develop and implement campus policies, protocols and services to respond to violent crimes against women on campus.
- Create a community responsive network to address violence against women on campus.
- Inform victims of their options to pursue campus disciplinary or criminal/ civil legal action against their perpetrator(s).
- Train the JCSU community to respond effectively to violence against women.

The office of "I Matter" is a safe and inclusive space for ALL of the students, faculty, and staff of JCSU, regardless of gender or sexuality.



Through education, information, and empowerment "I Matter" will provide **every Smithite** with the confidence to understand and "One by One, Rise and Take a Stand Against **VIOLENCE**"

What Is:

Dating/Domestic Violence: Intentional acts of physical, emotional, verbal, and/or sexual abuse by a current or former intimate partner.

Sexual Assault: Any act of sexual conduct or contact that is non-consensual, forced, or coerced.

Stalking: Harassing or threatening behavior that an individual engages in repeatedly. Such as following a person, harassing phone calls, emails, or text messages.

"The beliefs that dating violence is a private matter, not important enough and fear of retaliation are reasons given for not reporting the violence." - Washington: OJP, 2003

Programs and Services

- Education and training seminars: the dynamics of intimate partner and/or dating violence, healthy relationships, sexual assault, and stalking
- Domestic violence resource library: provide educational material
- Peer theatre group: education, prevention, and awareness.
- Peer educators are student leaders that educate their fellow students about stalking, domestic/dating violence, and sexual assault
- Interactive classroom presentation
- Counseling and emotional support
- Crisis intervention
- Victim advocacy