ASSIST - Assessment and Intervention for Students Team

Howard Community College’s Behavioral Intervention Team

Mission

The mission of Howard Community College’s behavioral intervention team, called the ASSIST TEAM (Assessment and Intervention for Students Team) is to assess circumstances involving students of concern and to initiate appropriate responses to specific behavioral problems such as suicidal ideation, threats of harm to self or others, and other behaviors that demonstrate a significant disruption to the college community. The ASSIST Team will provide referrals for early intervention and support for identified students to help facilitate a successful outcome for the student’s well being and the safety of the college community.

ASSIST Team Membership

The ASSIST Team is comprised of a Core Team that is responsible for assessing individual student referrals and meeting regularly to determine if there are patterns of behavior that require intervention. The Core Team provides feedback to the larger ASSIST Advisory Team whose role is to assist with developing policies and procedures, training the college community, and assisting the Core Team as needed.

Core ASSIST Team

- Janice Marks, ASSIST Team Chair & Associate Vice President of Student Development
- Jay Coughlin, Director of Counseling & Career Services
- Joy Stephens, Assistant Director of Mental Health Counseling
- Kathy McSweeney, Director of Disability Support Services
- Kimberly McNair, Director of Student Conduct & Executive Associate to the VPSS
- Ken McGlynn, Director of Security

ASSIST Advisory Team

- Cindy Peterka, Vice President of Student Services
- Lynn Coleman, Vice President of Administration and Finance
- Alison Buckley, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services
- Yvonne Everett, VPSS Office Executive Assistant
- Diane Schumacher, Director of Athletics
- Melodie Gale, Associate Director of LAC, Retention Services
- Julie Knox-Brown, Assistant Director of Advising
- Catherine Mund, Registrar
- Llatetra Brown, Director of Student Life
- Traci Ulmes, Assistant Director of Co-Curricular Programs
- Bob Marietta, Facility Renovations, Sustainability & Safety Manager
- Shelly Bilello, Capital Programs Administrator
- Peggy Armitage, Professor of Psychology
- Jean Svacina, Acting Division Chair, English and World languages, Associate Professor ESL
- Jerry Casway, Professor, History; Division Chair Social Sciences/Education, Director Rouse Scholars
- Laura Yoo, Associate Chair, English and World Languages
- Patti Turner, Chair, Science and Technology