

## OPTIONS FOR CONFIDENTIALLY DISCLOSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

<u>The State University of New York</u> and <u>Suffolk County Community College</u> want you to get the information and support you need regardless of whether you would like to move forward with a report of sexual violence to campus officials or to police. You may want to talk with someone about something you observed or experienced, even if you are not sure that the behavior constitutes sexual violence. A conversation where questions can be answered is far

- <u>New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA)</u> (call the hotline at 1-800-942-6906, English and Spanish)
- Within 96 hours of an assault, you can get a <u>Sexual Assault Forensic Examination</u> (SAFE commonly referred to as a rape kit) at a hospital. The Suffolk County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (<u>SANE/SAFE</u>) Program has centers located at <u>Peconic Bay Medical Center</u>, <u>Stony</u> <u>Brook University Hospital</u>, and <u>Good Samaritan Hospital</u>. You do not have to pay for a SANE/SAFE Exam. If you do not have insurance or if you are afraid to use your insurance, New York State Crime Victims Board will pay for your exam. While there should be no charge for a rape kit, there may be a charge for medical or counseling services off campus and, in some cases, insurance may be billed for services.

## **Off-campus healthcare providers**

Note that medical office and insurance billing practices may reveal information to the insurance policyholder, including medication and/or examinations paid for or administered. The New York State Office of Victim Services may be able to assist in compensating victims/survivors for health care and counseling services, including emergency compensation. More information may be found here: www.ovs.ny.gov <u>https://ovs.ny.gov/victim-compensation</u> or by calling 1-800-247-8035. Options are explained here: <u>ovs.ny.gov/help-crime-victims</u>

Note that even individuals who can typically maintain confidentiality are subject to exceptions under the law,

We also may take proactive steps, such as training or awareness efforts, to combat sexual violence in a general way that does not identify you or the situation you disclosed.

We may seek consent from you prior to conducting an investigation. You may decline to consent to an investigation, and that determination will be honored unless the Suffolk County Community College does not adequately mitigate the risk of harm to you or other members of the college community. Honoring your request may