Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus
A National Assessment and Systematic Classification of the Scope and Challenges for Investigation and Adjudication

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The Responding to Sexual Assault on Campus project responds to the unprecedented recent attention paid to how colleges handle campus sexual assault. It provides a systematic overview of how colleges are approaching the investigation and adjudication of incidents.

The first phase is an examination of the websites of 969 four-year accredited institutions to evaluate the public promulgation of their policies and procedures related to incidents of sexual assault. The second phase is interviews with 100 key campus stakeholders with knowledge of their institution’s policies and procedures in action to identify what they see as successful approaches as well as remaining barriers to effective investigation and adjudication of sexual assault.

Results will be used to create tools that can help institutions develop and revise procedures for a workable, fair, and equitable process that fits their campus needs.

Tools may include

- A policy checklist (guided by federal legal requirements)
- Guidance for conducting a website self-evaluation to gauge clarity and comprehensiveness
- A summary of approaches to investigation and adjudication of campus sexual assault with each approach’s strengths and complexities highlighted

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