# Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre – The First Two Years

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## Key events

• March 2016: Bill 132

April 2016: Provostial Action Plan on Preventing and

Responding to Sexual Violence

December 2017: Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual

Harassment approved

• January 2017: Sexual Violence Prevention and Support

Centre opens

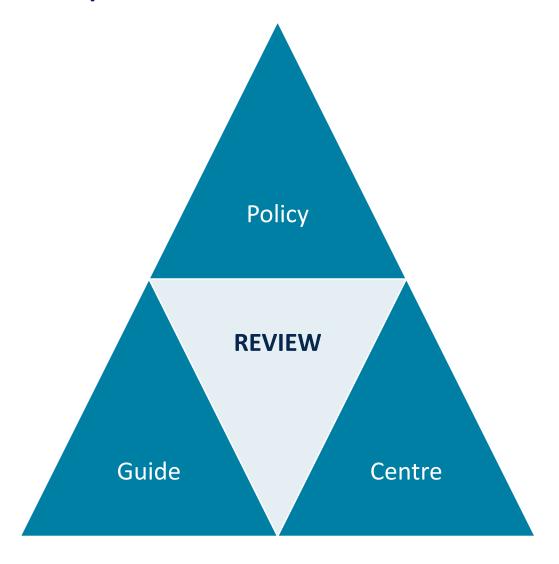
• January 2019: Student companion guide to the Policy

released

May – Sept 2019: Policy review



# Three-year Policy review





## Tri-Campus Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre

The Centre works in collaboration with University stakeholders and community partnerships to meet its mandate.

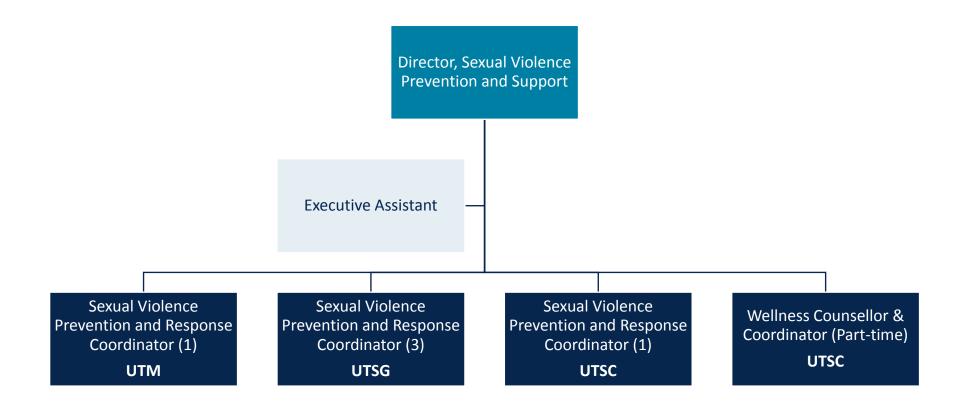
#### What is the role of the Centre?

- To assist clients (student, staff, faculty) to navigate through the process and access support services
- To provide training, education and consultation on preventing and responding to sexual violence

#### What happens when clients contact the Centre? (call, email, in person)

 Based on the information provided by the Centre staff, clients make the decision on how they want to proceed

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## **Education & Training**

The Centre offers a variety of education and training opportunities for members of our community centred on sexual violence prevention and raising awareness of services and supports.

Some of the most common and requested workshop topics include:

- How to build a culture of consent
- Introduction to the University's Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment
- Bystander intervention training
- Training on receiving disclosures of sexual violence

190

workshops delivered by the Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre to members of our community

300

hours of training delivered to

7,920

participants including students, staff and faculty

64

outreach activities across all campuses at resource fairs, Centre art circles and other campus events



## Support

Any member of the University community who has experienced or witnessed sexual violence or who has received a disclosure of sexual violence can visit the Centre for support.

Support is available to all members of our community, regardless of when, or where they experienced sexual violence and whether or not they choose to make a formal report.

506

requests for support from students, staff and faculty



#### Reporting

Reporting an incident of sexual violence is the first step in initiating a formal process under the Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment. Reports of sexual violence can be filed at the Centre.

56

reports of sexual violence under the University's Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment



#### **Our Commitment**

The Centre recognizes that individual needs, circumstances and choices are unique. When someone accesses services from the Centre, they will:

- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Receive non-judgmental, empathetic care
- Be free to ask questions and drop in and out of service
- Learn about on- and off-campus support services and resources
- Be fully informed about Centre policies, confidentiality and conditions of service
- Get the information they need to make informed choices about whether to report sexual violence and how and where to do it – and know that their decision will be respected



#### **Contact Information**

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#### Locations

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Mississauga Campus:

Davis Building, Room 3094G

Scarborough Campus:

Environmental Science & Chemistry Building, EV141



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