## RESPONDING TO DIFFICULT BEHAVIORS:

Providing support and then addressing the behavior is an important step in the process of helping someone in a difficult situation.

- · Find a private (non-secluded) and comfortable place to talk. If you're concerned about your own safety, DO NOT meet with the person alone.
- · Set aside adequate time for the discussion so you're not rushed or preoccupied.
- · Be calm. Stay relaxed. Pay attention to your demeanor and tone of voice.
- · Listen carefully and attentively.
- · If you are initiating the discussion, be as specific as possible about the behaviors that concern you. Provide examples of your observations in a direct, non-judgmental way.
- · Express interest, care, and concern.
  Remember that although what is being shared may not seem like a crisis to you, it may feel like one to that person.
- · Be direct about the limits of your ability to assist him/her. Help explore available options and the benefit to the student.

# MCC CONTACTS AT A GLANCE

## Campus Safety 777-0545 or cell 557-5648

Behavioral Intervention Team: File a CARE Report from the Employee Portal page.

Academic Affairs	777-0254
College Success Center	r777-0392
Counseling	777-0362
Disability Support Serv	ices 777-0309
Financial Aid	777-0228
Financial Services	777-0249
Human Resources	777-0350
IT Help Desk	777-0351
Library	777-0269
Mailroom	777-0429
Records	777-0250
Student Services	777-0341
Tutoring	777-0393
Veteran Affairs	777-0342

# Faculty/Staff QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE

Title IX Reporting/Assistance
Responsibilities

Responding to a Student in Crisis

Responding to Difficult Behaviors

**MCC Important Contacts** 



## Did you know - You're a "MANDATORY REPORTER"?

## Employee RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER TITLE IX:

If someone discloses an incident of sexual misconduct to you, including sexual assault, stalking, dating or domestic violence, or sexual harassment, please take the following steps:

#### Safety

- · Confirm the persons' safety. If they are not safe, help them create a plan to get to a safe place. Call 911 if needed.
- · Provide non-judgmental support. Avoid questions that suggest blame or show doubt. (Don't say... you should have... or why didn't you...)
- · Respond with compassion and sensitivity.

## **Explain Reporting**

- Explain your obligation to report the information example of response:
- "Before you go any further, I need to let you know that I want to support you and that I can keep this private, but I am required to tell the Title IX Coordinator/ Deputy Coordinator about this type of issue. If you want to talk to someone confidentially, you can talk to someone in our Counseling Department."

Click on



or

Contact a member of the Title IX Team:

- Ken James ...... 777-0617
- Donielle Nichols ...... 777-0698
- Dr. Patti D'Avignon...... 777-0341
- Tonette Brown-Garner ..... 777-0654 (Evening Supervisor)

## **Referral Options**

- A. Provide the resources for you Sexual violence and harassment brochure
- B. Review reporting options with the person (both the right to file a complaint with law enforcement and the right way to file a complaint with MCC.)
- C. Direct the person to on-campus confidential resources.
- D. Share off-campus resources.

## RESPONDING TO A STUDENT IN CRISIS:

BIT or Behavioral Intervention Team will assist in these cases. Please contact Chair of BIT, Jason Cooper at 777-0690.

A student in crisis can take many forms:

#### Self-Harm

The College's Behavioral Intervention Team should be alerted as soon as possible if a student verbalizes or writes any statement of self-harm or suicide ideation. A Care Report can be submitted through the portal or when in doubt, call Security at ext. 545 or 911 if an emergency.

#### **Food**

Hunger and lack of adequate food resources is a problem for many of MCC's students. Students needing assistance may call either Student Life x216, Counseling x362, or United Way 211.

#### Report a Concern

The College offers an online form where any member of the campus community can report a concern. From the Employee Portal, click onto the CARE REPORT button on the right hand

side of the screen.

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