

## **Violence Intervention Partner (V.I.P.) Charter**

The Violence Intervention Partner (V.I.P.) program represents a pairing between Drake University and Crisis Intervention Services (CIS), of Oskaloosa IA. V.I.P. provides 24/7 advocacy services on the Drake University campus, when classes are in session, to anyone in need of support and/or assistance due to sexual assault and/or harassment. The main goal of V.I.P. is to assist student members of the Drake community with compassionate, informed and confidential sexual assault response support. V.I.P. consists of student advocates who are specially trained through CIS to provide appropriate support in sexual assault incidents on campus. V.I.P.'s unique model as a student-run program, with a mission to provide peer-based intervention to fellow students in crisis, is critical in a victim-centered response to crimes of this nature, that are often not reported to professionals. The partnership between Drake University's V.I.P. program and CIS is structured in the following manner:

- All V.I.P. volunteers must successfully complete a 30 hour Sexual Assault and Crisis Intervention training that is conducted by CIS
- Prior to this training, a representative of CIS will interview and approve all potential V.I.P. volunteers and conduct needed background checks
- A representative of CIS will meet monthly with the V.I.P. volunteers to provide refresher training and case consultation
- CIS will have access to all V.I.P. protocol and procedures and V.I.P. liaisons will seek the consultation of CIS in creating these protocol and procedures
- CIS will provide their on-call advocate schedule and contact information for V.I.P. members and liaisons and the V.I.P. liaison will provide the V.I.P. team's on-call schedule and contact information to CIS
- A CIS representative will be available to debrief with V.I.P. volunteers who have been called to assist student victims of assault
- If there is not an active V.I.P. advocate on-call, the service will be directed to CIS full-time, on-call advocates
- If a student victim desires medical intervention, a full-time CIS or PCCAS advocate will be deployed to meet that victim at the hospital and the V.I.P. advocate will not be the sole provider for this intervention

Once the V.I.P. student member has completed the above mentioned 30 hour training, he or she will be considered a state qualified advocate, entailing a confidential source of support and assistance on Drake's campus, with the following responsibilities and professional duties:

- A requirement to serve an on-call rotation for accessibility of service
- All V.I.P. volunteers may also have the opportunity to volunteer at CIS if they so choose, though this commitment is not a requirement of V.I.P. membership
- All V.I.P. members are obligated and expected to maintain the confidentiality of the students utilizing V.I.P. services at all times, including in written and verbal forms
- V.I.P. advocates will adhere to the protocols of CIS with providing needed documentation of interventions in a timely manner; this documentation will be given to the CIS Volunteer/Campus Outreach Coordinator within 2-3 days of the intervention
- Student advocates will not provide transportation nor serve in the capacity of being a 'personal representative' at judicial hearings and/or criminal hearings
- CIS, Drake University, and the members of V.I.P. understand that information regarding the specific nature, frequency or content of instances in which services have been

utilized, **cannot and will not be** provided to any University Administration and/or investigatory members unless authorized by the student victim

- Advocates are not required to comply with federal reporting guidelines through the Clery Act as a result of their supervisor and training relationship through CIS. V.I.P. membership will also supersede the expectation of reporting under Title IX any known incidences of sexual misconduct
- As a V.I.P. member I understand that while most of my communication under Chapter code 915.20a is 'privileged' through a client-counselor relationship, however upon the motion of a party, accompanied by a written offer of proof, a court may compel disclosure of certain information if the court determines that certain conditions are met, under no circumstances shall the identity of the victim counselor be disclosed in any civil or criminal proceeding
- As a V.I.P. member, I understand that the use of the on-call phone is for business use only and that I may be responsible for the loss or damage of the cell phone
- V.I.P. members who violate the ethics of integrity for V.I.P. will be subject to group removal and/or other sanctions depending on severity

I, the undersigned have read and agree with this Charter and all of the expectations for volunteering to be a V.I.P. member

V.I.P. Member Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

V.I.P. Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

V.I.P. Supervisor/Liaison Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_