Special Considerations for Responding to Athletic Department Sexual Violence

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Prevalence of Violence Against Women in the Athletic Department

- Male Student Athletes = 3.3% of student population
  - 19% of Sexual Violence
  - 35% of Domestic violence

Prevalence of Violence in the Athletic Department

- Male athletes are 10 fold more represented in violence against women statistics v their non-athlete counterparts.
Factors that influence this

- Culture of Violence and Aggressive Behavior in Sport
- Male Bonding and Group Loyalty
- Sexualization and subordination of women in male team sports
- Approval of sexist language and attitudes
- Perception of “Groupie Culture”
- Celebrity sense Entitlement
Unique Challenges in Responding to Athletic Department Sexual Assault

- Athletic Department Hostile Educational Environment
- Student-athlete on Student-athlete violence
- Offender Coach Involvement
- Offender and Victim Coaching Pressures
- Power dynamics of revenue v non-revenue sports
“Don’t do anything you would regret . . . Messing with Notre Dame football is a bad idea”
More Unique Challenges in Responding to Athletic Department Sexual Assault

Coach Sexual Assault

- Power of coach:
  1) Time
  2) “Romantic” Relationships

- Focus on Body

- Male Privilege
How to get in the door with compliance in the Athletic Department: Building the necessary relationships for future compliance
Athletic Department Remedies to Hostile Educational Environment

- Working with school judicial to fashion temporary or long term remedies
- Athlete on Athlete or coach on athlete violence, suspension or dismissal from program
  - Do athletic department and team codes of conduct give schools/ADs the tools they need?
NCAA Considerations for Athlete Victims

- Red Shirt considerations
- Transfer eligibility waivers
Thank you for being here and for the work you do!

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