



# UC Santa Barbara Respondent Services Program

The **Respondent Services Program** is available to assist students and employees identified by the Office of Title IX & Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance as “respondents.” The Respondent Services Program provides a neutral contact for any student or employee responding to a Title IX investigation to receive information about navigating the Title IX process. Furthermore, Respondent Services provides referrals to campus and community resources for emotional or mental health support, and assists respondents with any logistical issues related to interim measures that may have been put in place.

**The Respondent Services Program is NOT affiliated with the Office of Title IX & Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance, and Respondent Services Coordinators do not have knowledge of the details of a respondent’s case.** Because the Respondent Services Program is a neutral and unbiased resource, it is not necessary, nor encouraged, for a respondent to share any details of the incident in question in order to receive services.

To request services, please contact please contact a Respondent Services Coordinator at: RSC@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-5012.

## **Respondent Services includes:**

1. Connection to campus or community resources for emotional or mental health support.
2. Review, clarification and assistance with understanding the University of California Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy and UC Santa Barbara’s sexual violence and sexual harassment local procedures for responding to alleged violations of the policy.
3. Review and clarification of interim measures and referrals to campus offices that may be able to address any concerns.
4. Assistance with questions about the investigation process.

## **Respondent Services does not:**

1. Advocate on behalf of a respondent.
2. Advise a respondent on how best to respond to an investigation.
3. Offer complete confidentiality in the way a licensed counselor or attorney would provide confidentiality.\*
4. Provide legal advice or accompany a respondent to any meetings or court appearances associated with a criminal or civil case.

\*Conversations between respondents and Respondent Services Coordinators are kept private. However, per University policy, any information shared by a respondent to a Respondent Services Coordinator concerning the details of an alleged incident must be shared with the campus Office of Title IX & Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance.