About Us

The mission of the Sexual Harassment & Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) is to eliminate sexual and intimate partner violence. Our mission is accomplished in two parts: by providing free and confidential advocacy and direct services to survivors and their allies; and by offering culturally competent awareness and prevention programs to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) community.

The SHARPP staff is dedicated to creating a campus climate that is free of violence and empowers students to achieve academic and personal success.

Our educators and direct service advocates work collaboratively with the University community to provide confidential support and educational programming on the following issues:

- Sexual Violence
  Any sexual contact that lacks consent and/or capacity to give consent.

- Relationship Abuse
  Physical, sexual, or psychological harm, or threat of harm, by a current or former partner.

- Stalking
  Actions targeted at an individual or group that would cause one to feel afraid (following, facebooking, texting, calling, unwanted letters, gifts, etc.).

Individual Consultations

We can meet with you to provide confidential support, information and resources in a non-judgmental, empowering and supportive environment. We can help you clarify options, process thoughts and feelings, identify healthy coping strategies and plan ways to be safe.

“When I needed help or information, SHARPP was there for me... I know they would be there for someone else.”

SHARPP can also assist with the following:

- Medical Accompaniment
  We can accompany you to a local medical facility or hospital for medical care if you are the victim of sexual assault or relationship abuse.

- Legal Accompaniment
  We can accompany and assist you with navigating criminal and civil legal processes. We can also help you with the UNH conduct system.

- Academic Intervention
  We can assist you with initiating an academic intervention with your college and/or professors if your academics are negatively impacted due to a recent or past trauma.

- Referrals and Resources
  We can provide you with additional resources and referrals at UNH and in the local community.

- Debriefing Consultations
  We can come to your class, residence hall or department to provide a debriefing process that allows individuals an opportunity to discuss their feelings and reactions to a traumatic event or difficult situation.

Educational Programs

We provide a variety of educational programming to the UNH community. Our education and outreach efforts include:

- Academic presentations
- Interactive educational activities and workshops
- Professional trainings for staff, faculty, and departments
- Awareness campaigns on healthy relationships, consent, and being an active bystander

Get Involved!

Students involved with SHARPP play an important role in helping us address violence at UNH through both education and peer support.

- Peer Advocates
  Provide support, information and options to their peers who have been impacted by sexual violence, relationship abuse and stalking.

- Community Educators
  Assist with creating and providing educational and interactive outreach to the UNH community on consent, healthy relationships and SHARPP services.

- Work Study Positions
  Students who have been awarded work study through their financial aid package may apply for administrative positions within the SHARPP office.

“SHARPP is always looking for new faces to become involved in their wonderful community. I am so happy I joined SHARPP.”

“SHARPP is an awesome place to go with any problems you are having. They really care.”