

(upcoming events)

"Sex Signals" combines improvisational comedy and audience participation in a provocative program about dating, sex and rape on college campuses. USC Orientation Programs in partnership with the USC Center for Women and Men provide this mandatory sexual violence prevention education for all undergraduate students who attend new student orientation.

****Please bring your USC ID card for verification of attendance****

Friday, August 24, at Bovard Auditorium (please attend one presentation):
 1st presentation: **4:00 – 5:30pm** OR 2nd presentation: **5:45 – 7:00pm**

Celebrate you on Love Your Body Day Sept. 5. This annual event encourages women to love their bodies as they are and to ignore advertisers and entertainment shows that spread negative images.

Attend the 4th Annual CWM Women's Leadership Retreat Feb.1 to Feb. 3.

Undergraduate AND Graduate students are encouraged to apply for a fun and empowering weekend full of activities and workshops that aim to cultivate leadership skills and foster friendships while keeping women's concerns at the forefront. Applications will be available late October.

Join us for the 3rd annual CWM Women's Diversity Luncheon

Network and celebrate the accomplishments of a diverse group of women! This is a forum to discuss issues that affect the personal development of individual women with diverse cultural backgrounds. Event date TBA in spring 2008.

Be part of Take Back the Night Week, beginning March 31, 2008. A series of events about ending sexual violence culminates with the Take Back the Night rally and candlelight march on April 2, 2008. To join the planning committee, please contact Kristen Priddy at kristen.priddy@gmail.com.

USC student groups	{Student Org Name}	{email}
	Women's Student Assembly (WSA)*	wsausc@usc.edu
	Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA)	fmla@usc.edu
	Human Rights Action (HRA)	hra@usc.edu
	Marshal Women's Leadership Board (MWLB)*	mwlb@usc.edu
	Society of Women Engineers (SWE)*	sweusc@usc.edu
	Women's Theatre Organization (WTO) *	Rayner@usc.edu
	Women & Youth Supporting Each Other (WYSE)*	wyse@usc.edu
	Youths Exploring Passion (YEP)	uscyp@usc.edu
	League of Women Voters (LWV)	bwest@usc.edu
	Future Women CEO Network (FWCN)*	fwn@usc.edu
	V-Day [Vagina Monologues; LunaFest]	vdayusc@yahoo.com
	M.R.S. Degree [improve comedy group]	abandyop@usc.edu
	Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)*	
	Women's Concerns Committee	gpsswcc@gmail.com

* Asterisked orgs have a USC website. Go to www.usc.edu and search for the group you're interested in.

USC CENTER FOR WOMEN AND MEN (essentials)

your guide to vital resources and services on campus

Summer and Fall 2007

Welcome, incoming students!

If you are an incoming student to USC... WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS on being admitted. We at the Center for Women and Men (CWM) look forward to a wonderful year ahead and hope that many of you are able to join us for our programs and events. In addition to confidential counseling for survivors of gender-based harm, the CWM provides many exciting programs and events. Applications will be available soon for student leaders who would like to be a part of our Women's Leadership Retreat. We also encourage you to join the Take Back the Night committee (TBTN) to join in the fight to end sexual violence. TBTN is a week of events in April that is co-sponsored by the CWM and the Take Back the Night committee (which is part of the Women's Student Assembly). Another program that the CWM is proud of is Men CARE (Men Creating Attitudes for Rape-free Environments). Please also look through this resource guide for information about how to join our Student Liaison program, Survivor's Support Group, Loved Ones Discussion Group, Women's Diversity Luncheon and more!

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or suggestions at 213-740-4900 or cwm@usc.edu and don't forget to visit our website www.usc.edu/cwm.

Sincerely,
 Karen Minero, Ph.D.



Center for Women and Men staff at Take Back The Night 2007



Check out our website! <http://www.usc.edu/cwm>

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Sexual Assault Survivor Support Group

The USC Center for Women and Men provides a safe, supportive, and confidential place to talk with other survivors. For more information please call or email:

(213) 740-4900 or cwm@usc.edu
Contact: Sheetal Chib

* accepting new members for Fall 2007 *
All inquiries are confidential.

Loved Ones Discussion Group

This new discussion group offers a safe and confidential setting for friends, partners and others (who are part of the USC community) who have loved ones that have been sexually assaulted. For more information please call or email:

(213)740-4900 or cwm@usc.edu
All inquiries are confidential.

Men Creating Attitudes for Rape-Free Environments

contributed by Evan Hess, vice president of Men CARE

Every man knows six women. Chances are, one of those six women will be sexually assaulted by a man. If this statistic worries you, Men CARE is your way to help ensure those numbers are lowered and that a safe environment is created for the women you care about. Education is our primary method by which we seek to overcome this problem on USC's campus. Every member cares about sexual assault and takes an active role in protecting the women and men that this issue has or could effect. USC Men CARE. Do you?



Men CARE is as a peer-education program for men, by men. A group of students undergo training and then facilitate workshops across campus about preventing sexual assaults. To nurture their development, peer educators receive faculty or staff mentors. More information, including membership applications, is available at usc.edu/mencare or by calling Todd Henneman at the center, (213) 740-4900.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

USC Center for Women and Men	[24-hr assist]	213-740-4900	Student Union 202 C
USC Student Counseling Services	[24-hr assist]	213-740-7711	YWCA Building
USC Student Health Center	[24-hr assist]	213-740-9355	Student Health Center
USC Student Judicial Affairs & Community Standards		213-821-7373	Figueroa Building 107
USC Department of Public Safety	(emergency)	213-740-4321	Parking Structure A
	(non-emerg)	213-740-6000	
Rape Treatment Center	[24-hr assist]	310-319-4000	* West LA
Violence Intervention Program	[24-hr assist]	323-226-3961	* Health Sciences Campus
Peace Over Violence	[24-hr assist]	213-626-3393	4 locations in LA County
Los Angeles Police Department	[24-hr assist]	213-485-2582	Southwest Division

EMERGENCY: DIAL 911

*specialized clinic

{ what to do if you are sexually assaulted }

- **Go to a safe location**
- **If you want to report the crime**, notify the USC Department of Public Safety (213-740-4321/ 24 hrs) and/or the Los Angeles Police Department (911 or 213-485-2582/ 24 hrs).
- **If the assailant is a USC student**, you can also file a report with USC Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards (213-821-7373).
- **Preserve all physical evidence of the assault**, even if you are unsure whether you want to report the crime. Do not shower, bathe, douche, eat, drink, wash your hands or brush your teeth until you have had a medical examination. Save all clothing that you were wearing at the time of the assault and bring them and any other potential evidence to the medical exam. Place each item of clothing in a separate paper bag. Do not use plastic bags. Do not clean or disturb the area where the assault occurred.
- **Call a trusted friend, family member or someone else who can provide support.**
- **Get medical care as soon as possible.** Go to a hospital or emergency department or a specialized forensic clinic that works with sexual assault survivors. Here are a couple of options in Los Angeles; the Rape Treatment Center (310-319-4000/ 24 hrs) or the Violence Intervention Program (323-226-3961/ 24 hrs). Both locations provide medical care and the collection of forensic evidence. You may also request medications for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (including HIV) and emergency contraception. If more than 1 week has passed since the assault or if you are certain that you do not want the collection of forensic evidence, the USC Student Health Center provides medical care (including emergency contraception) and testing for sexually transmitted infections as appropriate (213-740-9355).
- **If you may have been given a rape drug**, request that the hospital or clinic take a urine and blood sample. Samples need to be collected soon as these kinds of drugs leave the system quickly.
- **Talk to a counselor** for emotional support and advocacy. You can speak with a counselor on-campus confidentially at the USC Center for Women and Men (213-740-4900/ 24 hrs). If you would prefer to seek confidential counseling off-campus, call the Rape Treatment Center (310-319-4000/ 24 hrs) or Peace Over Violence (213-626-3393/ 24 hrs).

{ get involved }

Become a CWM Student Liaison! If you are a member of a USC student group and want to get involved with the Center for Women and Men, please email or drop-off your resume and cover letter to: USC Center for Women and Men, Student Union Suite 202 or cwm@usc.edu.