Project Topic:

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Project Overview:

Sexual assault is an issue that unfortunately takes place in most colleges. It is something that can ruin a person’s college experience and scar them for life. As student leaders who also know survivors that have been through such experiences, it is very important for us to spread awareness and help prevent this kind of assault.

Events/Initiatives:

1) Orientation — It is important to target sexual assault problems before they have a chance to occur. With cooperation from administrators and students in charge of orientation we will develop seminars that not only convey information about what sexual assault is, but also how to prevent it, and what measures one can take if they or someone they have been assaulted.

2) Sexual Assault Prevention Groups — The next step would be to get campus groups involved to help spread awareness to a large number of students. Therefore we will reach out to clubs dedicated to preventing sexual assault, and if there isn’t one, we will help develop one. The clubs would consist of male and female students supported by faculty.

3) Seminars/Workshops — Once the clubs are developed, they will design workshops and seminars throughout the year and students would be required to attend a certain amount. The clubs will also reach out to fraternities, sororities, sports teams, and other groups that hold social events. This will help train students to recognize sexual assault and give them the tools to act appropriately.

(Major) Measurable Goals:

1) We will compare the number of assaults at the end of the year to previous years if applicable. This will help us see the impact of our programs.

2) We will use surveys to measure student knowledge about sexual assault from beginning and end of the year. This will help us see if students have gained more knowledge about the issue.

3) Survey the school again in a few years to see how much of an impact the new programs have had. This will help us gauge if new programs need to be added or if old ones need to be changed.
How will you collaborate with consortium schools?

These methods are steps that all schools can take to tackle this issue. However the best way for schools to work together is to share the procedures that seem to be working in their schools. If possible, successful groups from one school could go to another school and train their students on how to run a successful program. If all the schools work together and spread awareness, we will be able prevent many students from being assaulted.