

Year 1 Public Description of Work for  
Action Collaborative on Preventing Sexual Harassment in Higher Education

**Purdue University**

**Prevention**

**This Action Applies to Rubric Item(s):**

4

**Description of Work:**

During the prior academic year, Purdue's Center for Advocacy, Response & Education ("CARE") launched Green Dot bystander intervention training on Purdue's West Lafayette, Indiana campus. Green Dot is a comprehensive approach to interpersonal violence prevention focused on bystander intervention. It combines pieces of interactive curricula with a broader campus mobilizing strategy to reduce sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking on campuses. Green Dot also "capitalizes on the power of peer and cultural influence across all levels of the socio-ecological model." <https://alteristic.app.box.com/s/h2cl24lmu768ke9c8t8bbdg8ov2deif4>

The Green Dot initiative is consistent with the findings and recommendations of the 2018 NASEM report because it is a specific skills-based training that centers on bystander intervention and that promotes a culture of support rather than silence. Additionally, a 2014 CDC review of violence prevention program found Green Dot to be the "only prevention approach that has been shown to reduce multiple forms of interpersonal violence."

Green Dot is a new initiative for Purdue University, and bringing Green Dot to Purdue University supports the Vice President for Student Life's strategic goal of creating a robust peer-to-peer education model for CARE. The Director of CARE, Tammy Patrick, obtained high-level support for this project in the initial planning phase, as well as initial funding for the project. As outlined below, COVID-19 has impacted our progress with this initiative, both as a result of campus closures during the spring 2020 semester and COVID-related budget restriction. As such, this project is currently paused. Below is a summary of the progress made on the initiative prior to the pause.

Purdue's efforts at launching Green Dot on campus began in July 2019, when CARE brought two Green Dot Trainers to campus for a four-day training. CARE selected a broad cross-section of adult professionals from campus to attend the four-day training, during which they gained knowledge and skills necessary to implement the program. One of the goals of that training was to train a deep bench of instructors who could be party of implementing the Green Dot strategy. During that training, approximately 40 campus and community partners were certified as Green Dot facilitators.

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From there, Tammy Patrick coordinated monthly meetings with the Power-based Personal Violence Prevention Advisory Committee to determine how and when to launch Green Dot at Purdue University. The Power-based Personal Violence Prevention Advisory Committee met monthly initially and determined the best course of action to move Green Dot forward was to focus on completing the required Green Dot overview talks for faculty and staff and reconvene when several hundred faculty, staff, and students had been reached. Unfortunately, due to CARE's assistant director/full time advocate transferring to another position and COVID-19, all overview talks have been paused.

During the fall 2019 semester, CARE began providing Green Dot overview presentations on campus. CARE focused initially on Green Dot presentations to students with a specific focus on targeting fraternities, sororities, and cooperative life organizations as a high-risk population. More than 100 students in fraternities, sororities, and cooperative life organizations received the Green Dot overview talk before the Green Dot project was paused.

Next steps for this project are currently unclear as the University navigates the challenges that COVID-19 is presenting to higher education. Our hope is that we will be able to pick up where we left off and continue to train

### Website for further information (if applicable):

Green Dot Curriculum

Overview: <https://alteristic.box.com/s/h2cl24lmu768ke9c8t8bbdg8ov2deif4>

Research on Green Dot: <https://alteristic.box.com/s/u0poyinmk3lf5a9y6mh9yvtnmza4dt7q>

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