Check out our programs and attend upcoming events!  
https://womenscenter.uconn.edu/programs-services/calendar/

Subscribe to our weekly listserv to receive updates on weekly events and programs at womenscenter.uconn.edu/mailing-list/

Students
Join our staff, a group or volunteer committee!  
Work Study | Student Labor | Volunteer | Internships

Enroll in WGSS 3271, the pre-requisite course to become a peer facilitator in VAWPP (Contact our VAWPP Director).

Staff/Faculty
Join a committee or group!  
Women’s Affinity Group | Women of Color Collective | Moms4Moms | Women’s Advance Conference Planning

More information at womenscenter.uconn.edu/get-involved

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

WOMEN’S CENTER RESOURCES

Multi-Purpose Reading Room:  
A collaborative study/meeting space with AV capabilities and a small collection of magazines and books related to gender equity.

Program Room:  
A large space with tables, seating, and AV capabilities for programs, meetings, classes, events.

Conference Room/Lactation Space:  
A space for small meetings with AV capabilities and a private lactation room.

   Drop in, study or just hang out and get to know our stuff!

Our space is wheelchair accessible and has an all gender restroom.  
Reserve any of these rooms at womenscenter.uconn.edu/reserve-the-

“I’m so thankful to be in an environment that supports the development of my self-advocacy and education.”
- Steph Goebel, Class of 2019

Location:

Women’s Center  
University of Connecticut  
Student Union, 4th Floor, Room 421  
2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3118  
Storrs, CT 06269-3118

Hours:

Semester hours:  
9:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Thursday.  
9:00am to 5:00pm, Friday.

Summer and break hours:  
9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.
Our advocacy work is based on the principles of normative stereotypes and/or individuals whose perceived gender expression challenges harassment, and is most frequently committed against women. Violence, often motivated by hegemonic masculinity, serves to maintain structural gender inequities. Gender-based violence (GBV) includes rape, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and other forms of gender-based violence.

The Women's Center strives to create a community where all women have the right to control their bodies and destinies; the right to live a life free of violence and abuse; the right to equal protection under the law, including equal access to education, employment, and power. This means we will only report the information shared with us to the Office for Institutional Equity under the University's Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence. This means we will only report the information shared with us to the Office for Institutional Equity under the University’s Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence. This means we will only report the information shared with us to the Office for Institutional Equity under the University’s Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence.

Serving as support people for victims/survivors in sexual misconduct, relationship violence.

Our role is not to provide comprehensive mental health treatment. Individuals who present concerns of gender-based violence to the Office for Institutional Equity under the University’s Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence.

Between Women: A discussion group for women who like women. Discussing fun topics, watching movies, and more. Closed to only LGBTQIA+ women.

Don’t Cancel Your Class: The Women’s Center staff is available to provide guest lectures on a variety of topics when faculty are unavailable to teach.

Greeks Against Sexual Assault (GASA): Greek-affiliated students discuss issues of gender, sexuality, violence, and privilege in a safe space, and analyze how rape culture has manifested on our campus.

Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP): A peer education program that trains students to speak out against sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and other issues of gender-based violence.

Women in STEM Mentoring Program: An initiative designed to support underclasswomen pursuing STEM degrees through the mentorship of their upperclasswomen peers.

Men’s Project: A space for men to explore masculinity, gender, and education about gender-based violence.

100 Years of Women Scholarship: Honors a current UConn undergraduate, graduate student, or high school senior planning to enroll who demonstrates a commitment to women’s issues through service to their community.

In-Power: Student-led support group dedicated to building a gender-inclusive community that welcomes victim-survivors of sexual assault, stalking, and/or intimate partner violence at any point in their healing process.

Support Services

Within our programs, we provide assistance to victims/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination. Our focus is to provide a safe setting, as well as information and support that will help empower victims/survivors to choose what feels most healing for them. We assist victims/survivors regardless of their gender identity and/or expression. Women's Center staff members assist individuals through their knowledge regarding policy and awareness of on-campus and local community resources.

Gender-based violence (GBV) is an umbrella term used to reflect the idea that violence, often motivated by hegemonic masculinity, serves to maintain structural gender inequalities. GBV includes rape, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, sex trafficking, and sexual harassment, and is most frequently committed against women and/or individuals whose perceived gender expression challenges normative stereotypes.

Specific examples of assistance we provide include:

- Information regarding steps that can be taken following a sexual assault or incident of relationship violence, including through the University, with the police, and/or medical assistance.
- Serving as support people for victims/survivors in sexual misconduct, relationship violence, and/or stalking investigations and/or hearings.
- Going with and/or advocating for individuals during procedures in a hospital emergency situation, with filling out a police report, or as a victim/survivor goes through a criminal court case.
- Making referrals to other resources, both on and off campus, as needed.

The Women’s Center influenced my understanding of feminism, sexism, and racism by learning more about social movements and how an individual can make a big difference.

- Tahreem Ali, Class of 2019

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This policy can be found at [https://policy.uconn.edu/?p=6592](https://policy.uconn.edu/?p=6592)

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**OUR MISSION**

- Jackie Nappo, Class of 2018

“I have never, before this experience, been so immersed in a culture of progressive people who want to dedicate time to making society and their environments a more positive place.”

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**GROUPS & INITIATIVES**

- Alyssa Pingitore, Class of 2018

“Discussions during staff meetings and in casual conversation with staff have evoked so much thought in me. I’ve gained the ability to step outside of myself and consider things from multiple angles other than my own.”

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**SIGNATURE PROGRAMS**

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**SCENE OF SERVICES**

Our advocacy work is based on the principles of reinforcing the survivor’s autonomy and self-determination as a way to increase their safety and sense of empowerment. The Women’s Center provides advocacy and support to victims/survivors. While recognizing the trauma involved in the advocacy work we do, our role is not to provide comprehensive mental health treatment. Individuals who present concerns that are beyond the scope of our role, will be referred to the appropriate on or off-campus provider.

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**WHAT IS FEMINISM?**

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