

EXTERNAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO MAYAGUEZ CAMPUS
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COORDINADORA PAZ PARA LA MUJER
CASA PROTEGIDA JULIA DE BURGOS
PROSECUTORS OFFICE
MAYAGUEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
RAPE VICTIM SUPPORT CENTER

History of collaboration

The University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Campus (UPRM) established coordination and collaboration with governmental agencies, criminal justice agencies and community and non-profit, non-governmental victim service providers through the implementation of Campus 07 Flagship of the University of Puerto Rico. Various university departments, faculty members and committees had already worked collaboratively with non-profit, non-governmental organizations in the past. Through the implementation of the Program to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus, the University has been able to develop an institutional wide effort and impact the University as a whole. On the other hand, through this collaboration, the community-based organizations expand their resources and are regionally recognized as important alternatives for women who survive crimes against women. Most of the partners are also members of the Coordinating Committee (CC). The CC not only provides a community response to violent crimes against women on campus, but as a team they are also involved in the planning, development and implementation of the project.

Commitment and Participation

We hereby agree to continue a collaborative partnership to ensure the safety of the victims of violent crimes against women in the UPRM and to support its prevention and educational activities related to gender and violence against women issues. We have given feedback and support in developing this application. Members of the Coordinating Committee will participate in implementing project activities in coordination with the project staff.

Hogar Clara Lair, the first nonprofit organization that provides services exclusively to battered women and their children in the region is committed to keeping women safe and holding offenders accountable for their violence. They provide shelter, support, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence. They also provide training, outreach, and education to the community, including police officers and criminal justice system. Hogar Clara Lair and the UPRM have a history of collaboration with UPRM Project SIEMPRE VIVAS, a program that provide services by support group to survivals. Hogar Clara Lair is committed to working with UPR Mayaguez Campus and participating on the VAW Coordinating Committee (CC). They will be involved in:

- Coordination with the advocate, provide shelter, support and advocacy to students victims of domestic violence.
- Provide input into policy and procedure implementation.
- Collaborate in educational activities.
- Designate a representative to the Coordinating Committee (CC).

Coordinadora Paz Para la Mujer is Puerto Rico's domestic violence and sexual assault coalition and the UPRM Project SIEMPRE VIVAS is part of the coalition. Its staff and all member organizations are committed to keeping women safe and holding offenders accountable for their violence and have an ongoing education and outreach program. The Coalition and the University have a history of collaboration. The coalition has always provided the University with educational materials and has offered training for faculty and staff. They are committed to working with UPR Mayagüez Campus. They will be involved in:

- Assist the university with training students, staff, and faculty on violence against women and sexual assault.
- Provide educational materials.
- Provide input into policy and procedure implementation.
- Provide support and resources for incoming student orientation.

The University will share resources, videos, and informational brochures obtained or developed through this grant.

Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos, the first shelter in Puerto Rico that provides services exclusively to battered women and their children has an office in the western region and is committed to keeping women safe and holding offenders accountable for their violence. They provide shelter, support, and advocacy to victims of domestic violence. They also provide training, outreach, and education to the community. Casa Julia de Burgos is committed to working with UPR Mayaguez Campus and participating on the VAW Coordinating Committee (CC). They will be involved in:

- Assist the university with training students, staff, and faculty on domestic violence and relationship violence.
- Provide input into policy and procedure implementation.
- Collaborate in educational activities.
- Designate a representative to the Coordinating Committee (CC).

The Prosecutor's Office is one of thirteen regional offices. The Prosecutor's Office has a specialized unit for sexual abuse, child abuse and domestic violence cases. The Prosecutor's Office will collaborate in the implementation of the project in the following specific areas:

- A representative of the office will be appointed to the Coordinating Committee.
- Support and participate in the training sessions and training manuals.
- Direct contact with the Program's Coordinator.
- Provide input in policy implementation.

The Puerto Rico Police Department, Mayagüez Region has a specialized unit for domestic violence and sexual abuse. The program's advocates, will work closely with this unit. They will collaborate in training activities for the campus target populations in the following areas:

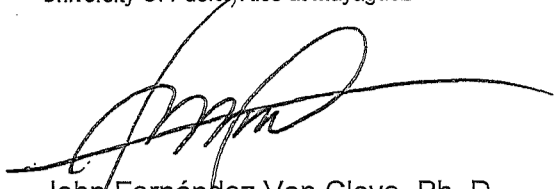
- Relevant state laws.
- Available resources for victims.
- Criminal and civil options available to victims.
- Investigation processes.

They will also:

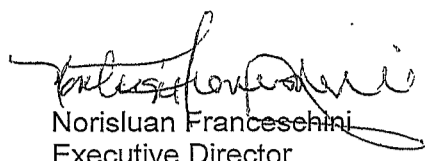
- Provide orientation in the implementation of policy and procedures to address violent crimes against women on campus.
- Provide written information and orientation on how the Police Department handles VCAW.
- Designate a representative to the Coordinating Committee.
- Directly participate in the organization and implementation of the activities to the university community and the training to the Campus Security Department.

The Rape Victim's Support Center was created in March 1976 as a program of the Department of Health. It is one of the few governmental organizations that are part of the National Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Puerto Rico (Coordinadora Paz para la Mujer). It provides education to the community, capacity training for professionals, psychological services and advocacy for health and social services. It offers trainings and audits the emergency rooms in accordance to the DOH Protocol of Intervention with Sexual and Domestic Violence Victims. The program serves the community island wide through its offices at the six regions of the DOH. In addition, it provides orientatino and referrals to other government and community services. The Center provides training, outreach, and education to the community, including police officers and criminal justice system. They will be involved in:

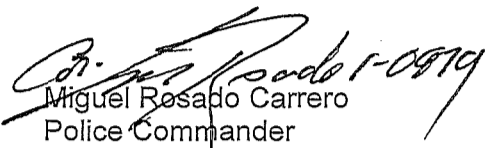
- Assist the university with training students, staff, and faculty on sexual assault and dating violence.
- Provide input into policy and procedure implementation and revision.
- Provide direct services to sexual assault victims and the University will use and promote their emergency line.
- Designated a representative to the CC.
- Provide support and resources for incoming student orientation.
- Offer technical assistance with sexual violence prevention programs and campaigns.



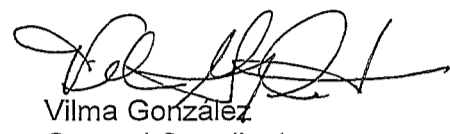
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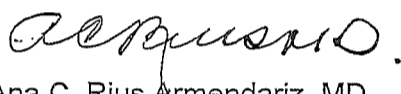
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