



Because Everyone Deserves a
Healthy Relationship

What Is “Technical Assistance”?

Love Is Advocacy Institute

2017

Austin, TX

AGENDA

- Session Overview (5 minutes)
- Community Agreements (10-15 minutes)
- Demystifying Technical Assistance: What Is It? (40 minutes)
- Reflection & Closing (5 minutes)

“Technical Assistance provides training, expertise and problem-solving strategies to meet the challenges of addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.”

- Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Policy & Procedure Reviews

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- a. Many survivors of sexual violence report feelings of betrayal after the assault. Educators can help to rebuild a victim's ability to trust by setting clear expectations, boundaries, and establishing predictable routines.

Be aware of potential triggers when assigning difficult content:

- a. Give advanced notice of traumatic events that occur within class materials such as books, movies, or other media.
- b. Provide opportunities for alternative assignments for students who may be triggered by class content.
- c. Debrief as a class; provide further education on difficult topics such as sexual assault. Reach out to your local community sexual assault program if you would like support in having this conversation or suggestions on materials to use.

Provide resources that students can access independently:

- a. Inform students who they can turn to for support within the school and offer to assist them in getting connected with that person.

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- Debrief as a class; provide further education on difficult topics such as sex. Reach out to your local community sexual assault program if you would like having this conversation or suggestions on materials to use.

3. Provide resources that students can access independently.:

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Sarah Colomé
Oct 17, 2016

Resolve

I'd add another sentence unpacking this.



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Can this be shifted to a framework that is survivor-defined?



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Good! Trigger warnings are essential.



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Also add something about accessing confidential resources.



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Replace: "victim's" with "survivor's"

Schedule Review

Youth Day 2017

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- 2:30: Wrap up
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Baonam Giang
12:34 PM Today

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12:32 PM Today

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Could we change the name to something that is more exciting for young people?



Baonam Giang
12:35 PM Today

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What steps have you taken to ensure that the participants feel that this is a safe and confidential space to share? Also, are you prepared for disclosures?