Iowa State selects Green Dot program to implement as a violence prevention strategy.

AMES, Iowa—Green Dot, a nationally recognized bystander-training program, is coming to Iowa State University. Green Dot is a comprehensive approach to violence prevention that aims to measurably, and systematically reduce violence.

According to the Association of American Universities (AAU) Campus Climate Survey conducted at Iowa State University in 2015, approximately 9.7 percent of ISU students reported experiencing sexual violence.

Over the past several months, the Sexual Misconduct Leadership Committee, composed of several University administrators, students, and community partners, researched several programs that focus on reducing violence on college campuses. Following this comprehensive review, which included opportunities for campus stakeholders to learn more and provide feedback, the Committee has selected Green Dot for campus implementation in 2017-2018.

“Green Dot was selected by our campus because it is a comprehensive, evidenced-based campus approach to end sexual violence. The emphasis on student engagement and bystander intervention is a great fit for the culture of student involvement at Iowa State. The program was enthusiastically received by students and student leaders across our campus. The national research conducted on the effectiveness of Green Dot indicates that it can be a very useful tool in our campus efforts to engage with students in the prevention of all forms of relationship and power-based violence.”

- Dr. Keith Robinder, Interim Dean of Students and Chair of the ISU Sexual Misconduct Leadership Committee

Implementation of the Green Dot program will begin immediately. One of the first priorities will be to select 25-40 faculty and staff volunteers to serve as Green Dot Facilitators. These volunteers will participate in a 40 hour training curriculum. This professional development opportunity is provided at no cost to the volunteers and is scheduled for July 10-14, 2017. More information on this opportunity will be announced in the coming weeks. Another priority is the selection of student violence prevention peer educators who will also participate in the implementation of Green Dot. Recruitment for these new positions is already underway.

ISU’s Sexual Misconduct Prevention Coordinator, Jazzmine Hudson, will be coordinating the Green Dot campus efforts along with the peer educators and trained volunteer facilitators, and university administrators. Questions about Green Dot and Sexual Misconduct Prevention can directed to 515-294-1020.

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