

## **Wheaton College's Community-Based Model of Response to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking on Campus**

### **ABSTRACT**

Wheaton College will enhance and expand a continuum of programming that conveys a consistent message that sexual violence is not tolerated in our community. Building on well-established relationships with community partners New Hope and the Norton Police Department, Wheaton will continue to offer the many vital resources we were able to develop with support from our 2012 Campus Program grant. We will: strengthen our coordinated community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; implement mandatory programming that targets incoming students, including bystander intervention training that is open to all students; continue to provide an ongoing prevention program for the entire campus community; and fortify the training we offer to law enforcement officials and members of our Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board. Continuation funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's Campus Program will empower us to take these training, education, and outreach efforts to the next level by implementing new programming that will shift campus culture and address the problem at its root. A continuation grant will enable us to: expand our programs for incoming students to include six weeks of prevention strategies that will ensure consistent messaging during the critical transition-to-college period; create a Healthy Masculinity Program that promotes healthy relationships and develops compassionate, non-violent and equitable young men; craft a series of small-scale theater productions that will foster curricular innovation by linking education and outreach efforts to coursework; build new programs that address the unique needs and concerns of students of color, LGBTQ students and international students; standardize all of our trainings, with a particular focus on first-responders and Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board Members; and evaluate all programs. These measures will further educate and engage our entire community and ensure a safe, strong and thriving campus.