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Founded 2006

# The Prevention Innovations Research Center

We apply innovative research to prevent and respond to sexual and relationship violence, stalking, and harassment.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) describe our work as the "gold-standard" in evidence-based prevention and response strategies.

We have published over 400 peer-reviewed articles.

We pioneered the bystander intervention strategies which are delivering lasting cultural change in colleges, high schools, and workplaces in the US and globally.

In 2018, our directors launched the non-profit company Soteria Solutions, which uses research-proven solutions to prevent and respond to incivility, harassment, violence, and discrimination in education and workplace settings.

The Prevention Innovations Fellows program brings together dozens of sexual violence researchers and practitioners from across the US to collaborate on publications, projects, and strategies to translate research to practice.

## **Routinely Consulted**

Co-Chairs, NH RSA 188-H Implementation Committee

2014, 2017 White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault

**US Senate and Congressional Testimony** 

**US and State Legislative Consultation** 

US Dept. of Defense/Pentagon, US Army, Veterans Administration, US Navy Dept. of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Consultation

Hollywood Commission IDEAS Summit 2018

American Sociological Association Training, "Bystander Intervention for Sexual Harassment"

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#### **Our Solutions**

Bringing in the Bystander® Prevention Program.

Licensed by over 600 colleges, high schools, and workplaces, it teaches skills to safely intervene to reduce harassment and violence. (distributed by Soteria Solutions)

Know Your Power® Bystander Intervention Social Marketing Campaign. Customized imagery that reinforces bystander messaging. (distributed by Soteria Solutions)

**uSafeUS® Sexual Violence Prevention & Response Platform.** Customizable smartphone app, provides college students with sexual violence prevention and response resources.

**uSafeHS™ High School Safety App.** Gamified e-learning teaches students to recognize and respond to negative behaviors such as bullying and harassment. Provides prevention and communication tools, and customizable resources.

**Video Games: MindFlock and Ship Happens.**Developed in collaboration with Dartmouth's Tiltfactor Lab, funded by the National Institute of Justice.

#### Milestones & Awards

- UNH's first National Science Foundation Innovation Corps (I-Corps) team to compete at the national level.
- Inducted into the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Hall of Fame
- W.K. Kellogg Community Engagement Award
- C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Award Finalist
- Campus Compact of NH Presidents' Community Partner Award
- Entrepreneurial Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation AMP Award
- UNH Women's Commission Joyce Gibbs Award
- UNH Innovator of the Year Award





### **Funded Research, Evaluations, and Collaborations 2022**

**One Love Evaluation.** Sponsor: One Love Foundation

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARRC) Evaluation. Sponsor: US Dept. of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Bringing in the Bystander® (BITB) Adaptation for UNM Engineering. Sponsor: National Science Foundation

**uSafeUS® New Hampshire Implementation.** Sponsor: NH Dept. of Justice, Office of Attorney General

Commercialize a novel mobile platform technology to prevent and respond to high school violence. (uSafeHS) Sponsor: National Science Foundation; Awarded NSF PFI-RP (2021) and NSF PFI-TT (2020) grants for this project.

Impact of COVID-19 on Faculty and Staff Engaged in Research at the University of New Hampshire. Sponsor: University of New Hampshire Office of Research, Economic Engagement, and Outreach.

**Evaluate and Adapt an Interactive Theater Program to reduce Gender-based Bias and Harassment Among Engineering Students.** *Sponsor: CORE, University of New Hampshire Office of Research, Economic Engagement, and Outreach.* 

Sexual Violence Prevention Program Evaluation (SVPP).

Sponsor: Dartmouth College

**Evaluation of New Hampshire's Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Program.** Sponsor: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in collaboration with the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services and the NH Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Bringing in the Bystander® (BITB) Adaptation for NH Agriculture Experiment Stations (NHAES). Sponsor: NHAES

**UNH Fieldwork Safety for Research Template.** 

Sponsor: Conducted as a service to the university

Enhancing Comprehensive Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Strategies for St. Paul's School. Sponsor: St. Paul's School, Concord, NH

RSA 188-H Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education: Co-Chair, Climate Survey.

Sponsor: Conducted as a service to the State

## Often Quoted: Prevention Innovations in the News

Army Resilience Community Link, Prevention Starts with Who? Understanding Our Role in Sexual Harassment & Assault Prevention, Apr. 2022

Concord Monitor, New Hampshire's Comprehensive Campus Sexual Assault Legislation Serves as Template to Other States, Feb. 2021

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Harvard Business Review, To Combat Harassment, More Companies Should Try Bystander Training, Oct. 2018

NPR Morning Edition, Coming to the Right Answer by Themselves: Talking with Boys about Sexual Assault, Oct. 2018

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Chronicle of Higher Education, In Sociologists' #MeToo Moment, Does Their Response Heed the Lessons of Social Science?, Sept. 2018

Business NH Magazine, Changing the Office Culture to be Better for Women, April 2018

New York Times, Sexual Harassment Training Doesn't Work. But Some Things Do., Dec. 2017