### TITLE IX RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program. Employees, in their role under Title IX, are required to report all incidents of sexual violence and other sexual discrimination to the College. Additionally, "Responsible Employees" are required to advise students of their right to file a complaint with the College, regardless of their desire to pursue an investigation with law enforcement.

You may do so by contacting:

### Adrian Williams

Title IX Coordinator & Exec. Director of Human Resources Georgia Piedmont Technical College Building A, Room 157 495 North Indian Creek Drive Clarkston, GA 30021 (404) 297-9522, ext. 1210; TitleIXCoordinator@gptc.edu

### **CLERY/VAWA VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND OPTIONS**

When a student or employee reports being the victim of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether on or off campus, the following options will be provided.

## 1. If dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred:

- Get to a safe place
- Report the Incident
  - Emergencies: 911
  - Campus Police (404) 297-9522 ext.1700 or (678) 230-5593
  - Title IX: Please contact Adrian Williams
  - Student Affairs: Please contact Dr. John Colson at (404) 297-9522 ext. 1752; colsonj@gptc.edu
- Preserve Evidence Preserving evidence in all cases of sexual assault is imperative. For example, 3. Interim Measures Available avoid showering, douching, eating, drinking, or brushing your teeth if at all possible, after a sexual assault; this could destroy evidence. Bedding or clothing worn during or after the assault should be preserved and collected by law enforcement. A forensic sexual assault exam may be conducted and the evidence stored even if you elect not to have law enforcement involvement.

- Law Enforcement Involvement Victims have the right to notify police or decline police involvement. If the victim chooses to notify the local police, campus police can assist with that notification. Law enforcement can collect and store evidence even if the victim wishes not to involve police so that it's available should the victim change their mind at a later time.
- Temporary Protection Orders (TPO) and No Contact Orders - Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) complies with Georgia law in recognizing temporary protective orders (TPO). Any person who obtains a temporary protective order from Georgia or any reciprocal state should provide a copy to GPTC Police Department and the Office of the Title IX Coordinator.

You may also request a "No Contact Order" from the Vice President for Student Affairs and GPTC Police. They will work with you to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan for GPTC Police and the victim to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus.

## 2. Confidentiality

- GA Law In accordance with Georgia Open Records Act, the College Police will not release the name or identification of victims of rape.
- Mostly Confidential The College will protect the identity of victims to the fullest extent possible. When a victim wishes to remain anonymous or not have their identity disclosed to a perpetrator, the college's ability to respond to the complaint may be limited.

 The Title IX Coordinator or Student Affairs. Representative can speak to you about possible changes to academic, living, transportation or working situations. These remedies may be made if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether or not you choose to report the incident of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence to campus police or local law enforcement.

### 4. Code of Conduct

• Victims may choose to file conduct charges for violation of policy. Student Affairs Staff members are available to guide you through the conduct process and answer any questions.

### Office of Student Affairs

DeKalb Campus Building A Room 103 (404) 297-9522 ext. 1111

> Where can I find more information on crime victims' rights?

Additional information regarding crime victims' rights can be found in O.C.G.A. 17-17-1, et seq.



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**YOUR RESOURCES** 

Counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available at Georgia Piedmont Technical College and the community.

# **RESOURCES**

**DeKalb Rape Crisis Center** (404) 377-1428

Georgia Legal Services (800) 498-9469

# **United Way**

Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code and your need to 898-211

GA Network to End Sexual Assault (404) 815-5261

**Rape Response** (770) 503-7273

**GA Crisis & Access Line** (800) 715-4225

Crisis Text Line
Text "GA" to 741-741

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (800) 723-TALK





