

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the  
AWARE: Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies  
and the  
University of Alaska Southeast**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) is to increase collaboration and partnership to raise awareness of and bring support to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking who also happen to be UAS students. This agreement sets out a framework that is intended to guide a number of existing efforts, as well as mutually agreed upon new initiatives. This agreement is not intended to be exhaustive.

**I. Awareness/Prevention Education**

- a. UAS actively engages in training and programming annually to build awareness of sexual violence, dating violence and domestic violence and stalking within the UAS community (faculty, staff and students). UAS commits to engaging AWARE's expertise in sexual and/or domestic violence throughout the year as opportunities allow, to include but not limited to:
  - 1. Community Advisor Training
  - 2. Faculty Convocation (fall semester) and/or Spring Start Up (spring semester)/
  - 3. Staff Development Day (May), coordinated by Staff Council and Human Resources
  - 4. Student programming/training
- ii. UAS agrees to provide support, recruitment, and technical assistance during the above events.
  
- b. AWARE engages in training and educational activities throughout the year, and agrees to inform and engage UAS in opportunities, including but not limited to:
  - 1. AWARE's semi-annual Advocacy Training (generally offered in September and March/April)
  - 2. Joint trainings with the Juneau Police Department
  - 3. Sexual Assault Response Team meetings/trainings
  - 4. AWARE's Healthy Relationships Class for Women, offered several times/year
  - 5. Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Violence Awareness Month activities, sponsored by AWARE and/or UAS (annually in October and April)
- ii. UAS agrees to inform students/faculty/staff of available training/programming opportunities offered by AWARE that are open to the public.

The key points of contact for communication regarding awareness/prevention education opportunities throughout the year are:

- iii. UAS: Lori Klein, Title IX Coordinator (or designees)
- iv. AWARE: Community Services Manager, Britta Tonnessen (or designee)

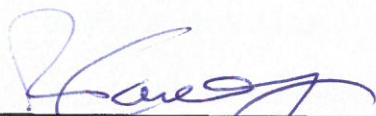
## II. Advocacy/Referral

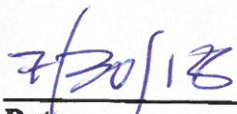
- i. UAS agrees to refer students and faculty/staff who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence or who are in need of safety planning, safe shelter, or other supportive services, to AWARE.
  - ii. UAS agrees to engage with AWARE for consultation, including when students who have experienced domestic/sexual violence are referred to the UAS Title IX Office.
  - iii. AWARE agrees to accept referrals from UAS for students and employees who have experienced domestic and/or sexual violence and/or stalking and are in need of safety planning, safe shelter, or other supportive services.
- b. In accordance with established Sexual Assault Response Team protocols for Juneau, UAS will advise students who disclose sexual assault of the availability of SART services, including:
- i. Availability of confidential advocacy services from AWARE including support through the SART process and follow up;
  - ii. Reporting the assault to the Juneau Police Department;
  - iii. Obtaining medical and/or forensic evidence collection services at Bartlett Regional Hospital (including anonymous forensic kit provision/reporting)


## III. MOU Review


- a. This MOU is in effect as of the date of the last signature and expires annually.
- b. Representatives from both organizations will meet to update the MOU in advance of the annual deadline.

## IV. Signatures

  
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Rick Caulfield, Chancellor  
University of Alaska Southeast

  
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Saralyn Tabachnick, Executive Director  
AWARE, Inc.

  
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Date