REPORTER’S RIGHTS AND OPTIONS
HealthSource of Ohio Distance Site
Mt. Orab, Ohio

The following information provides a summary of your rights and options after filing a report of sex
discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating
violence, or stalking at A.T. Still University (“ATSU” or “the University”). Please contact the Title IX
Coordinator, or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator, if you have any questions about this information.

I. General Information

Options. Once you have made a report, you have several options, including, but not limited to:

• Contacting parents or a relative
• Seeking legal advice
• Seeking personal counseling
• Pursuing legal action against the perpetrator
• Pursuing disciplinary action
• Requesting no further action be taken
• Requesting further information about the investigation and resolution process

Notifying Authorities. If requested, the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator
will assist you in contacting local law enforcement regarding the incident. You may decline to
notify such authorities.

Restraining Orders. If you have obtained or obtain a temporary restraining order or other no
contact order against the alleged perpetrator from a criminal, civil, or tribal court, you may
provide such information to the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator. If
provided, the ATSU will take all reasonable and legal action to implement the order.

Requesting Changes to Your Current Situation or Other Protective Measures. Please inform
the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator if you wish to change your academic,
living, transportation, or working situation, if you want information about taking a leave of
absence and related financial aid information, or if you want any other specific protective
measure to be implemented. The University will make such accommodations or provide such
protective measures if so requested and if they are reasonably available, regardless of
whether you choose to report the incident to local law enforcement.

Preservation of Evidence. It is extremely important that you preserve evidence as it may be
necessary to prove the report you are making or need to obtain a protection order. In the
case of physical violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence,
you should go directly to the emergency room and should not bathe, urinate, douche, brush
teeth, drink liquids, or change clothes until after you are examined and, if necessary and you
so choose, a rape examination is completed by a trained forensic professional at the hospital.
Having a forensic examination does not obligate you to file criminal charges. Evidence in
electronic formats should also be retained (e.g., text messages, emails, photos, social media
posts, screenshots, etc.). This type of evidence is important and may be the only available
evidence in cases of sexual harassment or stalking.
II. Institutional Procedures

ATSU’s Policy No. 90-210, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation and accompanying procedures (available at: https://www.atsu.edu/prohibition-of-discrimination-harassment-and-retaliation) govern reports of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The procedures:

- Will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial resolution of your report, under the evidentiary standard of preponderance of the evidence, i.e., more likely than not that the alleged conduct occurred.
- Are carried out by University officials who have received training on these issues and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that promotes safety and accountability.
- Provide you and the respondent the right to have a support person/advisor accompany you to all aspects of the investigation and resolution process. A support person/advisor may not advocate for a party like an attorney would in court.
- Ensure both you and the respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing of the outcome of all stages of the process, including any appeals.
- Prohibit retaliation by the respondent or anyone else against you for making a report or against anyone else for participating in the investigation.

If you desire to have a support person/advisor but cannot find someone that you are comfortable with, please contact the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator for assistance in doing so.

III. Possible Interim Measures and Sanctions

**Interim Measures.** At any time during the investigation, the University may impose interim measures for the parties or witnesses for the protection of those involved and to ensure equal access to ATSU’s educational programs and activities. These may include separating the parties, placing limitations on contact between the parties, suspension, or making alternative living, class-placement, or workplace arrangements.

**Sanctions.** If there is a finding that a violation of the ATSU’s Policy No. 90-210, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, has occurred, sanctions may include counseling or training, separation of the parties, and/or discipline of the respondent. Sanctions for employees may include a disciplinary warning to be added to the employee’s file, probation, suspension with or without pay, and/or termination. Sanctions for students may include reprimand, a disciplinary warning to be added to the student’s permanent file, probation, suspension, and/or dismissal.

IV. Confidentiality

ATSU cannot guarantee confidentiality to those who report incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, except when those reports are made to ATSU Counseling Services. If the reporting party requests confidentiality or asks that a report not be investigated, the University will take reasonable steps consistent with the request. However, the University’s ability to respond to the allegation may be limited in such cases. ATSU may not be able to grant such a request when the allegation suggests a continuing threat to the University community.

Throughout the investigation, the University will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to involved parties, to the extent maintaining such
confidentiality does not impair the University’s ability to provide such accommodations or protective measures.

- ATSU is required by law to make certain statistical disclosures of crimes reported to it. If an incident that is a crime is reported, the University will make the statistical disclosure without disclosing personally identifying information about the parties involved.

V. **Resources Available**

- **ATSU Title IX Coordinator**

  John Gardner  
  Director of Title IX & Training  
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  Kirksville, MO 63501  
  660.626.2113  
  titleix@atsu.edu

- **ATSU Deputy Title IX Coordinators**

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  Director of Human Resources  
  Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
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  Assistant Vice President of Human Resources  
  Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
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  Lori Haxton  
  Vice President for Student Affairs  
  Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
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  Kirksville, MO 63501  
  660.626.2236  
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On-Campus Counseling (confidential resource for students)

ATSU Counseling Services (http://www.atsu.edu/counseling_services)
Mesa, AZ Campus: Art Matthews, 480.219.6170, amatthews@atsu.edu

Mesa, AZ Campus Security (http://www.atsu.edu/security)

Security Office - 480.341.9075

Local Police

Emergency – 911 (off-campus)
Emergency – 911 (on-campus)
Mt. Orab Police Department – 937.444.2281

Student Financial Aid

Katie Clay
Director, Student Financial Aid
800 West Jefferson Street
Kirksville, MO 63501
866.626.2878, ext. 2356 or 660.626.2356
kclay@atsu.edu

Hospitals

Mercy Health – Mount Orab Medical Center
154 Health Partners Circle
Mt. Orab, OH 45154
937.444.4000

The Little Clinic
210 Sterling Run Blvd.
Mount Orab, OH 45154

Support Agencies/Hotlines

Mental Health Resources
Talbert House Crisis Line
513.281.2273

Concern Services
11121 Kenwood Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
513.891.1627
800.642.9794
www.concernservices.com

LifePoint Solutions
513.381.6300
513.947.7000
http://www.lifepointsolutions.org
Sexual Violence
Concern Services
11121 Kenwood Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
513.891.1627
800.642.9794
www.concernservices.com

Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter
27 N. East St.
Lebanon, OH 45036
888.860.4084

Rape Crisis & Abuse Center of Hamilton County
215 E. 9th St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513.977.5545

Domestic Violence
Concern Services
11121 Kenwood Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45242
513.891.1627
800.642.9794
www.concernservices.com

LifePoint Solutions
3730 Glenway Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45205
513.381.6300

Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter
27 N. East St.
Lebanon, OH 45036
888.860.4084

Please contact the Title IX Coordinator to discuss other resources that may be available in the community

Legal Assistance, Visa and Immigration Assistance

Ohio Legal Aid
10 W. Broad St. #950
Columbus, OH 43215
866.529.6446

- Immigration Advocates Network:
  http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=OH