Integrating Violence Prevention Programs

University of Massachusetts Lowell
History

- GLS Grantee, 4th year, under a no-cost extension
- Suicide Prevention – widely accepted
- Overall Violence Prevention
  - Behavioral Intervention & Threat Assessment
  - Active Shooter Training
- AOD Prevention and Response
- Sexual Violence Prevention
- Bullying Prevention
STARs – Behavioral Intervention Team

• Formed in 2005 – case management
• Began with about 25 students “on our radar”
• Currently over 115 students / semester
• Wide participation on the team
A collaborative model for intervening with students at risk

- Executive Cabinet
- International Students and Scholars Office
- Registrar's Office
- Family Members
- Dept. of Public Health
- Provost's Office
- Emergency Preparedness Council
- Athletic Department
- University Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Campus Conduct
- Residence Life
- EMS
- Area Hospitals, Physicians, & Transport Services
- Disability Services
- Academic Deans
- Community Mental Health Resources
- Faculty Senate
- Risk Assessment

Dean of Students Office
Active Shooter Training

- Based on Homeland Security / FBI Training
- The Team
  - University Police, Student Affairs, Environmental and Emergency Management
- The Audience
  - Administration, Faculty, Staff, & Students
- The Presentation
  - First 1/3 is violence prevention
  - Second 1/3 is what to expect when officers arrive
  - Third 1/3 is how to respond to the threat
- The Impacts
Bystander Training

- Bringing in the Bystander (10 staff trained)
  - Student Affairs, University Police, Athletics, & Human Resources

- Workshops offered
  - 4 times per semester for students
  - 2 times per semester for employees

- Originally used for sexual violence prevention; now applied with a more broad, “violence” brush.

- The Impacts – with more community members trained, we believe we see an increase of interventions and reporting.
Collaborations with Faculty, Staff, and Students conducting research on:

- Campus Readiness for Suicide Prevention
- Student Health Assessment Survey
- National Campus Climate Survey (sexual violence)
- Sexual Violence occurrence and knowledge of resources
- Title IX Investigation Process and Effectiveness
Community Collaborations

- UMASS Lowell Network of Health Educators
- Department of Athletics
- Provost’s Office
- Human Resources
  - Equal Opportunity and Outreach Office
  - Professional Development Office
- The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley
- Center for Hope and Healing
- Lowell Police Department
- Greater Lowell Health Alliance
- Community Teamwork Inc.