

CONSTITUENT UPDATE

The Survivor Resources Hub: Where It Stands, and Why It Still Needs Your Help

Last fall, IUSG Congress passed legislation I authored to put every survivor resource IU offers onto one page. The hub is live. This update explains why it was needed, what I did to get it built, and why a webpage alone doesn't finish the job.

THE PROBLEM

Before this initiative, information for IU Bloomington students affected by sexual misconduct, harassment, stalking, or relationship violence was spread across the Title IX office, the Department of Sexual Violence Prevention, CAPS, Student Legal Services, and a handful of community organizations — each with its own webpage, phone number, and process. Nothing tied them together.

That fragmentation has a real cost. A student trying to figure out whether to report confidentially or formally, how to request academic accommodations, or where to get a medical exam had to piece together answers from several offices, often while in crisis. Some students gave up before finding the right resource at all.

WHAT I DID

I identified this gap through conversations with student advocates and survivor-support staff who kept describing the same problem from different sides of campus. From there:

- **Drafted and authored CEA 1003**, the "Survivor Resources Hub Act," directing the Department of Sexual Violence Prevention (DSVP), the Office of Technology, and the Department of Records to publish a single, official Survivor Resources hub on the IUSG website.
- **Worked with student advocates and university stakeholders** — including DSVP staff and Title IX contacts — to define what the hub had to contain: crisis contacts, confidential and non-confidential reporting options, medical care guidance, academic accommodations, protective measures, legal and advocacy services, and plain-language FAQs.

- **Built in accountability, not just a launch requirement.** The bill sets minimum content standards, requires monthly content review, bars collection of personally identifying information, and requires a recurring "Survivor Resources Outcomes Report" to Congress covering traffic, outreach activity, and identified gaps.
- **Guided the bill through committee and Congress** — referred to the Committee on Equity & Justice, marked up, and passed on October 29th.
- **Continued advocating after passage.** Passing a bill doesn't move traffic to a page. Since launch, I've been working directly with the O'Neill School to get the hub in front of students through the channels they actually use — orientation, advising, Canvas, and student organizations.

NOTE ON CREDIT

I authored and advanced this legislation, but I did not build these resources myself. The hub's content is owned and maintained by the Department of Sexual Violence Prevention, in coordination with Title IX and campus survivor-support units. My role was identifying the gap, writing the mandate, and pushing for its adoption and visibility.

WHERE THE INITIATIVE STANDS

The hub is live at iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu/student-services/survivor-resources-hub.html, reachable from the IUSG site's main navigation. It currently covers:

RESOURCE	CONTACT	WHAT IT OFFERS
Sexual Assault Crisis Service (SACS)	812-855-8900	24/7 crisis counseling and medical coordination
Confidential Victim Advocates (OSVPVA)	812-856-2469	Advocacy, accommodations, safety planning
CAPS	812-855-5711	Mental health support, 24/7 crisis line
Student Legal Services	812-855-7867	Free legal advice, protective orders
Title IX / Institutional Equity Office	812-855-4889	Formal reporting, investigations, supportive measures
Middle Way House (community)	812-336-0846	24/7 crisis, shelter, DV & SA support
RAINN (national hotline)	800-656-4673	24/7 confidential national crisis line and chat

Every entry states whether it's confidential, and the page opens with a clear "you are not alone" banner and a direct path to emergency help. It carries a visible last-updated date, and DSVP reviews the content on a set monthly schedule so numbers and links don't go stale.

This month, I took the case for promotion directly to the O'Neill School, recommending it add the hub link to newsletters and Canvas announcements, ask advisors to reference it in one-on-one appointments, and build it into undergraduate and graduate orientation. That's one school — the goal is every IU school.

WHY IT MATTERS

A resource hub only works if students find it before or during a crisis, not after searching six offices. Consolidating this information into one survivor-centered page, organized around what a student needs to decide rather than which office owns which service, removes a barrier at exactly the moment students can least afford one.

But a webpage that nobody sees does nothing. That's the part of this work that isn't finished by legislation — it's finished by advisors mentioning it in appointments, orientation leaders including it in their materials, faculty adding it to a syllabus, and student organizations sharing it with their members. The bill requires DSVP to track and report on outreach precisely because a hub with low traffic is a hub that isn't doing its job.

WHAT COMES NEXT

- Take the same pitch to schools beyond O'Neill, so the hub gets embedded in orientation programming, academic advising, and syllabi across campus, not just one school.
- Push departments and student organizations to add the link to newsletters, Canvas pages, and new-member materials.
- Track the monthly outcomes reports to Congress and flag any content gaps, broken links, or barriers to access identified in DSVP's review.
- Use Sexual Assault Awareness Month, happening right now, to push a first wave of social and email promotion — then keep the pressure on through Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

WHAT I'M ASKING OF YOU

Take two minutes to look at the hub yourself: iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu/student-services/survivor-resources-hub.html. Share it with a classmate, a student org, or an advisor who should know it exists. And if something is missing, confusing, or hard to find, tell me directly — lgalleg@iu.edu. This resource is only as good as it is easy to use, and that's something I can keep improving if I hear about it.