

Common Misconceptions of Remaining Anonymous

Many staff, faculty, family members and concerned others refer students to the CARE Team for various reasons. Occasionally, individuals choose to remain anonymous on the reporting form. The CARE Team would like to outline some common misconceptions about remaining anonymous and how we sometimes encourage the opposite, depending on the situation. It can actually help a student tremendously to know that someone cared enough to refer them to the Team for assistance. We encourage you to read the following information about remaining anonymous prior to making a decision regarding your anonymity so that we can best serve the wellbeing and safety needs of the student and our campus community.

“I’m worried that this student won’t trust me anymore, will become embarrassed, or will be upset with me if I share information they’ve disclosed to me.”

The CARE Team’s primary goal is to offer support to students. We hear and understand this frequent concern. While this may be the case for some students, we find that the majority of students are actually relieved to be connected to support and resources on campus to assist them in their time of need.

Connecting the student to support and resources on campus assists them in succeeding both personally and academically. Additionally, a student’s privacy is a top concern of the CARE Team and information we receive is only shared on a need-to-know basis.

“I fear retaliation from a student who acted rudely or aggressively and will now know I made a referral to the CARE Team.”

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