

TAKE ACTION!

Title IX & Trauma Informed Services for Students

In middle and high schools across the country, too many girls who are survivors of sexual assault are being routinely denied an equal education opportunity. They are penalized for trauma-induced behavior instead of being recognized as survivors of trauma and receiving the wraparound trauma-informed services that they need.

As a NOW activist, you can work with your local school district and the Title IX Coordinator(s) to address this injustice. Below you will find some guidance on how to get started!

STEP 1: DISCUSS WITH YOUR NOW CHAPTER

Bring this issue to your local NOW Chapter. Together, you can plan your Title IX and school district outreach.

STEP 2: LOCATE YOUR DISTRICT TITLE IX COORDINATOR

Luckily, our friends at the American Association for University Women (AAUW)--who have been actively reaching out to Title IX Coordinators--have an incredible online tool designed to locate a coordinator near you! [Click HERE to access!](#)



Find Title IX Coordinators in your State

Search by State:

Or

Find Title IX Coordinators By Address or Zip Code

Enter Address or Zip Code: 10 Miles

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STEP 3: SET UP A MEETING

You can now either send the located coordinator(s) an email or call to schedule a meeting!



STEP 4: PLAN YOUR OUTREACH!

There are many resources that could be useful to you and your Chapter as you plan your meeting with the school staff and coordinators.

The NOW National Action Campaigns Title IX Information Brief

- Outlines how Title IX is relevant and must be enforced in the context of girls' experiences of trauma and their access to an education. This can also be left behind with the coordinator at the end of your meeting. [Click HERE to access!](#)

The NOW National Action Campaigns ECT Background and Resources

- Provides further resources and context to take action on the campaign! [Click HERE to access!](#)

STEP 5: FOLLOW UP!

Once you've met with the Title IX coordinator, maintain the relationship. Get them involved and use them as a resource as much as you can. However, if you find that a school is not in compliance with Title IX (for example: if they receive federal funding and do not have a Title IX Coordinator), you can take action by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Other Follow Up Options

- You could write a letter to the editor or put out a press release to let your community know how you and your Chapter are working to ensure that local students' rights are fully protected under Title IX.
- Let us know how it went! What worked, what didn't work? What advice would you give other activists? Send us an email at now@now.org with "National Action Program re: Title IX Coordinator Outreach" in the subject line.