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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

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What is Domestic Violence?



What is a “family or household member?”

Spouses

Former Spouses

People Related by
Blood or Marriage

People Who Live
Together as a Family

People who Share a
Child in Common –
Regardless of Whether
They Were Ever Married
or Lived Together

Key Federal Laws

Title IX

- Prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions
- Must receive federal funds

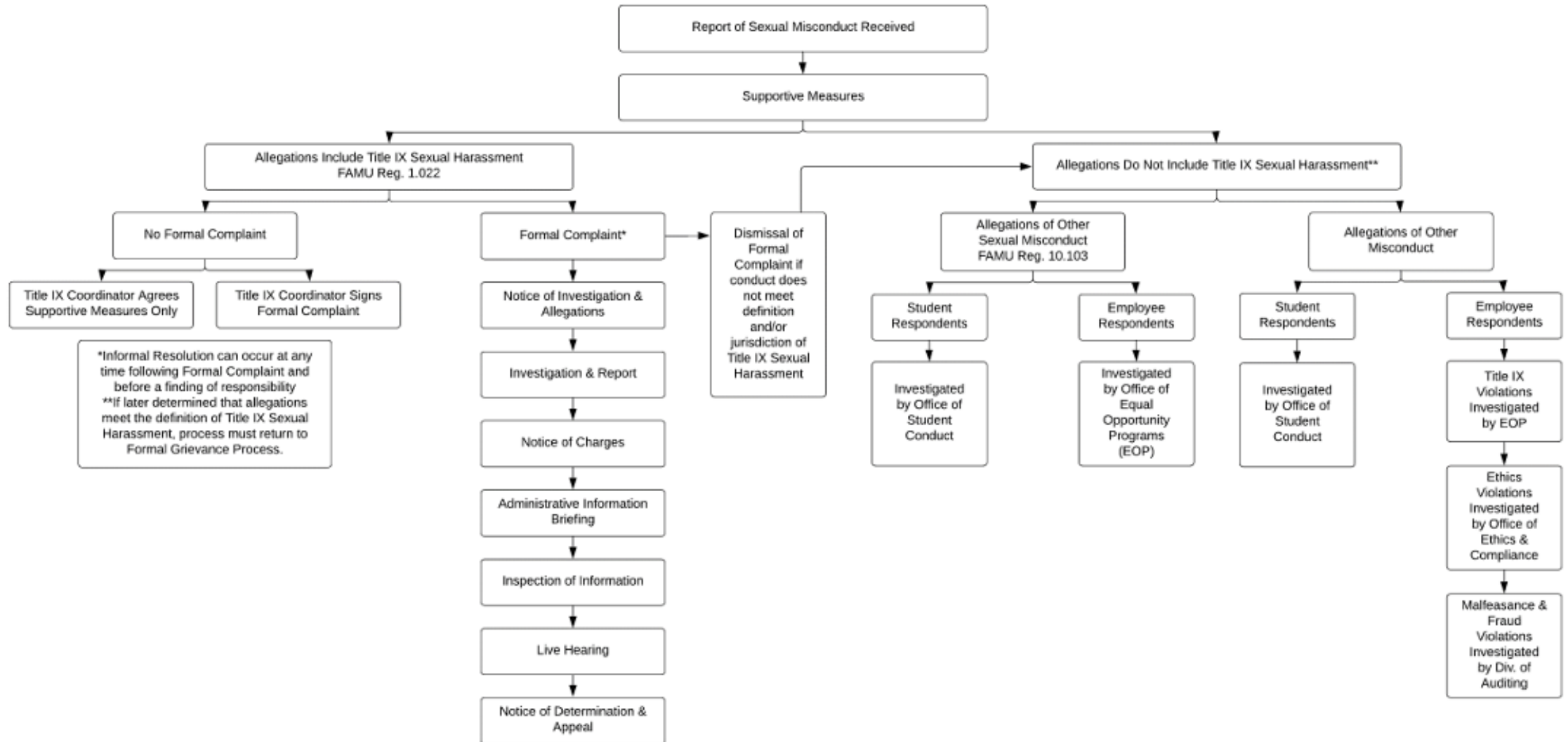
The Jeanne Clery Act (1990)

- Requires
 - Reporting of Crimes
 - Timely Warnings
 - Education/Prevention Programs
 - Policies and Procedures for Sexual Assault

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA)

- Amends the Clery Act
 - Expand sexual assault requirements
 - Includes dating violence, domestic violence, stalking
- Applies to students and employees

FAMU's Title IX Process




FAMU's Definition of Domestic Violence

- Violence
- on the basis of sex
- Committed by
 - *a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the complainant,*
 - *a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common,*
 - *a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or*
 - *a person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of Florida, or*
 - *any other person against an adult or youth complainant who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of Florida.*

FAMU Law's Clery Act Table

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT OFFENSES REPORTING TABLE 2020-2022 (ORLANDO-COL)

Offense	Year	Geographic Location			
		On-Campus Housing	On-Campus Other	Non-Campus Building	Public Property
Domestic Violence	2020	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2020	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	1 	0
Stalking	2020	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0

Domestic Violence and College Students Statistics

52% of college women report knowing a friend who's experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, digital, verbal, or other controlling abuse.

57% of college students who report experiencing dating violence and abuse said it occurred in college.

38% of college students say they don't know how to get help for themselves if they experience dating abuse as a victim.

Over half of all college students (57%) say it's difficult to identify dating abuse.

The Story of Lauren McCluskey

- Lauren was a senior at the University of Utah and a student athlete
- On September 1st, Lauren met Melvin Rowland at a downtown bar
 - *Lauren's friends noticed controlling behavior by Rowland*
 - Reported to Residence Hall Director
- Rowland hid his true age (37), that he was a registered sex offender, and out on parole
 - *After discovering these details, Lauren ended the relationship*
- Lauren and Rowland dated for a month



The Story of Lauren McCluskey

- After ending the relationship, Rowland started:
 - *Sending threatening and concerning messages*
 - *Threatening to leak explicit photos of her*
 - *Sending fake texts impersonating the university deputy police chief*
 - *Starting lingering around her dorm*
- On October 22, Rowland murdered Lauren in the parking lot of her dorm
 - *Rowland killed himself after a manhunt*



The Story of Lauren McCluskey

- Lauren's family filed a Title IX lawsuit against the University of Utah
- The University of Utah found:
 - *Campus officers were not trained in domestic violence*
 - *Failed to check if Rowland was on active parole*
 - *Lack of complete training and protocols*
- University of Utah settled for \$13.5 million and admitted that Lauren's death was preventable



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Questions?