

Available presentations

About the Student Assistance Center (with pop up abstract): 30-45 minutes

Abstract: Known to many as the “Emergency Dean,” the Student Assistance Center in the Office of the Dean of Students serves as a resource to the entire university community. This 30-45 minute presentation (depends on length of Q&A) is designed to clarify the role of the SAC as well as the many ways we can assist faculty, staff, students, and family members.

What do I do if . . . (with pop up abstract): 60 minutes

Abstract: Do you know a faculty or staff member who has had a challenging or worrisome interaction with a student? What about someone who has received an email from a student that left them concerned about a student’s well-being? Often, faculty members and instructors are the first to notice when something has changed for a student, or the first person a student approaches with concerns or when they are in distress. As a result, they often are faced with difficult in-person interactions, phone calls, or email exchanges with students and are unsure what next steps to take. This interactive presentation is designed to provide an overview of support services on the University of Illinois campus and in our greater Champaign-Urbana community, and run through real-life scenarios in order to determine how best we can work together to support our students.

A Community of Care: The Illinois Behavioral Intervention Team (with pop up abstract): 60 minutes

Abstract: As a result of the Illinois Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008, Illinois is one of two states to have a mandated Behavioral Intervention Team. The University of Illinois team aims to address individual student behavioral issues that impact our community and institution, initiate intervention as early as possible, reduce the presence of fragmented care, and prevent targeted violence. Given by at least two members of the team, this presentation is designed to provide an overview of the University of Illinois Behavioral Intervention Team, share how the team operates, and discuss how we can all work together to support our students and enhance our community of care.

From Crisis to Commencement: Supporting Distressed and Distressing Students (with pop up abstract): 60 minutes

Abstract: Attending college is an exciting time, but it can also be a difficult transition leading students to feel lost, alone, confused, inadequate, overwhelmed, anxious, and stressed. Adding to this, the University of Illinois is large and complex, and it can sometimes be difficult to know what resources are available, or how to support the students with whom you work. This presentation is designed to provide an overview of support services on the University of Illinois campus, provide practical tips and suggestions for supporting students in distress, and walk through case studies to see how University resources, policies, and procedures function in real scenarios.