Information Sheet: Bringing in the Bystander
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What is Bringing in the Bystander?
Bringing in the Bystander is an interactive program that espouses a bystander intervention approach, emphasizing that everyone has a role to play in ending sexual misconduct. Rather than focusing strictly on the roles of perpetrator and victim, the interactive, researched, and evaluated curriculum uses a community of responsibility approach.

It teaches bystanders how to safely intervene in instances where an incident may be occurring or where there may be risk. The program, which was developed and evaluated by leading researchers and program practitioners, is customizable to reflect the location, colloquialisms, and culture of our campus. It is designed to be presented as a 90-minute program. By completing the program students will learn how to:

- Identify behaviors on a continuum of violence
- Develop empathy for those who have experienced violence
- Practice safe and appropriate intervention skills
- Commit to intervene before, during, and after an incident of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, relationship violence and/or stalking occurs

Why implement this specific program?
Bringing in the Bystander is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a promising program to prevent sexual violence.

This evidence-based program shifts community culture by promoting pro-social behavior, and has been endorsed by a team of UD faculty, staff, students, and community members after researching various bystander intervention programs.

For further information, visit the Bringing in the Bystander website or contact:

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