University Committee for Assistance, Response, and Evaluation (UCARE)

CHALLENGE: Available information is often scattered with various individuals having different pieces of the puzzle.

WHEN TO REPORT

If you know a student who appears to be.....

- Experiencing a decline in work or academic performance
- Demonstrating disruptive or disturbing behavior
- Showing dramatic changes in appearance, behavior or weight
- Having problems at home, with classes or work
- Making disturbing comments in email, letters, web or papers
- Hyperactive, anxious or experiencing dramatic mood shifts
- Abusing alcohol or drugs
- Sad or isolating socially
- Acting paranoid or suspicious
- Frequently angry or easily frustrated
- Struggling with health problems

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO MAKE OUR CAMPUS THE SAFEST ENVIRONMENT POSSIBLE

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UCARE was formed following incidents that highlighted the need for greater communication and preparedness regarding students facing distress. UCARE focuses on prevention and effective response strategies.

**Referral Statistics**

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**What does UCARE do?**

- Prevention and planning
- Consults and communicates
- Gathers information
- Assesses circumstances
- Develops action plans
- Responds
- Process improvement

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**Privacy**

FERPA allows university faculty and staff to share observations about student behavior, student statements, and concerns about students with S&T personnel who have responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of students. FERPA and other privacy regulations allow S&T officials to release information to others when it is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the student and/or the campus community. Consideration for student privacy should be given before information is shared.