

Confidential Advisor Notice

Illinois law has established the recognized role of “Confidential Advisor”, which is as an individual retained by a higher education institution who has certain mandated training and has the duty and ability to provide confidential emergency and ongoing support to students who have experienced sexual misconduct. The Confidential Advisor is not considered a responsible employee under Title IX and can keep the information you provide to them private. Northwestern College has elected to contract Resilience for Confidential Advisor services. Resilience, is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the healing and empowerment of sexual assault survivors through non-judgmental crisis intervention, individual and group trauma therapy, and medical and legal advocacy in the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

The phone number for students needing to access Resilience 24-hour services is 773-907-1062.

As a *confidential advisor* a Resilience advocate can:

1. Inform you of the choice of possible next steps regarding reporting options and possible outcomes, whether through Northwestern College policies and procedures or local law enforcement;
2. Notify you of the resources and services available to you, both on and off campus;
3. Discuss orders of protection and no contact orders;
4. Provide confidential services to you and have privileged, confidential communications with you in accordance with Chapter 735 Section 802.1. of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure: Confidentiality of Statements Made to Rape Crisis Personnel; and
5. At your request, liaise with and assist in contacting and reporting to Northwestern College officials, local law enforcement or community-based sexual assault crisis centers as well as to secure accommodations as defined by Sexual Misconduct and Prevention Policy from Northwestern College.

Any student who has experienced sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking while enrolled at Northwestern College may utilize Confidential Advisor services provided by Resilience at any time. To reach Resilience please call their 24-hour message center* at 773-907-1062. Please note that this is a message center and that you will need to ask that they page Resilience. Upon receiving a request for Resilience support, the message center will page the Resilience Advocate on call. After being paged, a Confidential Advisor from Resilience will respond to the request for support over the phone within 15 minutes. Students will need to provide a number for the Confidential Advisor to call them back, if they are not comfortable providing a number they can ask to be placed on hold while Resilience is reached.

*the Resilience Message Center is run by Swedish Covenant Hospital, a separate entity from Resilience. No student is required to provide any information to the message center other than they would like Resilience to be paged.