In July 2020, our founding director, Maureen Mahoney (left), retired. Maureen was a longtime crisis counselor for the University and was instrumental in the creation of SARP. She was succeeded by Nathan Brewer (right), who has been a SARP crisis counselor for the past seven years.

Over the past year, longtime counselor Emma de Jesus took a new part-time counselor position. Madeline Wigon, our newest counselor, replaced Emma as a full-time counselor.

The number of new students accessing SARP response services initially dropped during national quarantine and then picked up again, ultimately leaving us similar to past years.

The number of visits with a SARP clinician has been higher than in the past, likely a result of increased distress due to quarantine and ease of access via telehealth.

Although SARP had students present with other traumas, most students engage with a clinician due to sexual, dating, or harassment violence.

As with past years, most victims/survivors are predominantly female. While those who use violence are predominantly male.

GROUPS

- Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group
- Survivors Support Group for Students of Color
- Trauma Seminar

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SARP clinical services migrated from providing in-person services to providing telehealth services.

Since March, SARP counselors have provided advocacy, individual counseling, and group offerings via Zoom. SARP clinicians now work with BU students, located all over the world.
Prevention

SARP is the universities primary source for violence prevention and intervention. All of our trainings are evidence based, interactive, and survivor centered.

**SUSIBU:** an interactive training that raises awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault and what we as members of the BU community can do to prevent it.

**SUSIBU (2):** a one-hour follow-up to SUSIBU. students discuss the obstacles of intervening in difficult situations, and brainstorm realistic options of how we can still intervene.

**Yes! Consent & Sex-Positivity:** Formerly known as Sex is like pizza, is an opportunity for college-aged participants to discuss the impact of the messages they have received about sex and replace unhealthy messages with messages centered on sex-positivity and consent.

To learn more about SARP’s prevention programs please visit [here](#).

### Events & Activities

- Student Panel: The Right Way To Swipe Right
- Instagram Live: Healthy Relationships & Stalking Awareness Month
- Webinar: Healthy Relationships during COVID-19

### Updates & Highlights

**Interrupt!:** An interactive training designed to help graduate students identify opportunities and build the skills to interrupt sexual misconduct.

**This Dating Life:** a program that educates participants on the key components of a healthy relationship, how to have healthy boundaries and how to identify signs of unhealthy and abusive relationships.

### Prevention & COVID

In March 2020, due to the pandemic, SARP transitioned its prevention programming online, relying on Instagram to facilitate its largest staple event - Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

You can view our virtual initiatives by visiting our Instagram page [@bu_sarp](#).

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**Prevention Students**

Each year SARP recruits student to assist with our prevention efforts. These positions are invaluable to the work that we do.

During AY 19-20, we hired 6 prevention educators and recruited 8 student ambassadors. These students received extensive training on violence prevention practices.