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**TOPIC:** **Alberta Post-Secondary Student Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Survey:**  
SAIT Student Results and GBV Education, Prevention and Response Commitments

**BACKGROUND:**

Made possible via funding from the Government of Alberta, this survey was conducted from January 30 to March 16, 2023 by Leger. Students at 26 publicly funded post-secondary institutions in Alberta (including SAIT) were surveyed on their attitudes, beliefs and experiences regarding **sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)**. **458** SAIT students completed the survey (4.4% response rate) and **12,498** (5.8% response rate) students completed the survey Alberta-wide. It is recognized that these response rates are relatively low and that the results may not fully capture the attitudes, beliefs and experiences of all SAIT students.

**SUMMARY OF SAIT STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS:**

- The survey highlighted that the SAIT students surveyed have a strong understanding of consent, good communication in relationships, and the harmful impacts of SGBV on individuals. Students surveyed expressed a desire for additional training and education programs at SAIT, including more information on support resources on campus and bystander intervention and prevention.
- SAIT students surveyed identified that the majority (69%) of those who have been subjected to SGBV experienced violence prior to starting their studies at SAIT, with 36% of students surveyed indicating that they had been subjected to SGBV since starting their studies at SAIT.
- SAIT students surveyed were aware of established support services at SAIT, such as Student Development and Counselling and were aware of the SAIT Sexual Assault and Violence Policy. Students are less aware of the Sexual Violence Program Coordinator and Educator position, which was established in October 2022.
- Most SAIT students surveyed are currently not disclosing their experience with SGBV to SAIT officials, with only 7% surveyed indicating they have disclosed to SAIT. SAIT students surveyed indicated that the main reason (38%) they may not disclose is because they felt they did not need assistance from their school, though discomfort, stigma and fear of not being taken seriously were also reasons for not disclosing.
- Of those who did make disclosures, 50% of students surveyed highlighted that they told an instructor or other staff member at SAIT.

**SAIT SGBV EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND RESPONSE COMMITMENTS- September 2023-August 2024**

Guided by the Sexual Violence Program Coordinator and Educator, Safety and Community Services and the SGBV Prevention and Response Committee, SAIT will:

- Continue to offer the monthly Responding to Disclosures of SGBV training for all SAIT community members, with an emphasis on training SAIT instructors and front-line employees likely to receive disclosures from students.
- Develop Bystander Intervention and Prevention training to be made available on a monthly basis starting in Winter 2024. Multiple forms of prevention will be addressed in this training, including

preventing online SGBV and how educating students on prevention of SGBV links directly to preparing them for the work environment.

- Continue to raise awareness on SGBV topics and resources on campus through educational campaigns (including campus-wide postering and multi-media), special events and workshops. Emphasize during orientation programs the breadth of resources available for students, including academic accommodations, to ensure new students coming to SAIT with a history of being subjected to SGBV can access support throughout their studies.
- Research and develop a voluntary, accessible online course available for all students on sexual and gender-based violence and consent, to complement the current mandatory content within PERS 050- Student Rights and Responsibilities. The course will ideally be launched by Fall 2024.

### **Reports**

[Full Report of Alberta results](#)

### **Resources**

SAIT Sexual Violence Program Coordinator and Educator- [syprogram@sait.ca](mailto:syprogram@sait.ca)- Heritage Hall AA125 / Eugene Coste QA200

Student Development & Counselling- 403-284-7023- Heritage Hall AA205

Employee and Family Assistance Program- 1-844-671-3327

Alberta One-Line for Sexual Violence- 1-866-403-8000 (call / text, 9AM-9PM)