



SCOPE Tip of the Week Member Newsletter

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Being in Compliance and Beyond

Since SCOPE's launch in 2011, educators have become even more informed about complying with federal mandates. Of particular note for sexual violence prevention specialists, the April 2011 Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Dear Colleague Letter and February 2013 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization have shaped the ways in which we work. From suggesting a standard of evidence and framing sexual violence as an issue of gender equity, to requiring ongoing primary prevention campaigns and including education for all incoming community members, these mandates are moving our field forward.

While some institutions may view guidance and legislation as impositions, it would be wiser to see them as opportunities to serve our students, faculty and staff as best we can. They are by no means perfect, but they provide a rationale for prevention funding, support and professional development.

A number of sessions at the [SCOPE 2013 Conference](#) will center on Title IX and VAWA's Section 304, or Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act, including a [featured session](#) by Brett A. Sokolow, Esq., SCOPE Advisory Board member.

SCOPE also co-sponsored [Getting to Know the Campus SaVE Act – A Rapid Response Webinar on the VAWA Reauthorization](#) with [The NCHERM Group, LLC](#) and the [Association of Title IX Administrators \(ATIXA\)](#), which is available for purchase as a recording.

These resources are a great start for you to learn more about being in compliance and beyond.

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