Green Dot at UNLV—how can administration get involved?

So, what is Green Dot?

Green Dot is both a reactive, immediate path to reduction of interpersonal violence and a proactive, research-informed approach toward culture change.

Imagine a map of UNLV. On that map are red dots, each representing a single choice to hurt someone. A red dot can be: a student hitting their partner in the library, making sexual advances on another despite their rejection at a campus event, or even sending someone threatening text messages while hanging out with their friends. Acts of violence are like red dots covering that map, much like an epidemic spreading out of control if not stopped. However, green dots can displace those red dots. A green dot is a single choice to intervene to stop a red dot. A green dot can be: a student alerting security about that couple in the library, diverting the attention of that person at the campus event to something else, or voicing their opposition to their friend’s threatening behavior. Through your words, choices, and actions you can add green dots to that map, stop violence, and be part of the solution.

If each of us adds 1 or 2 or 5 or 100 green dots – we will end the perpetration of violence at UNLV – one green dot at a time.

Green Dot is an anti-violence program, which asks students to be more involved in the lives of their fellow students, by intervening when a violent incident could occur. The Green Dot training teaches students how to intervene safely, and also, how everyone can help change our campus culture to one that does not tolerate violence.

What are we asking for from administration?

Green Dot is publicly launching this program January 23-30, 2016. As part of the launch, we are asking administration and staff to include a Green Dot proactive statement on their email signature line.

We are trying to reach all administration and staff. If you have not heard a presentation on Green Dot, please invite us to your staff meeting! We can give an overview of any length, from 5 minutes to an hour, even including interactive elements. Email UNLVGreenDot@unlv.edu to request this presentation.

Once you have heard a presentation, we will give you a toolkit that includes:

- How to share a conversation about preventing violence
- Suggestions for policies
- Collaboration ideas
- Strategic Plan elements
- Assessment

If you have questions, please email us at UNLVGreenDot@unlv.edu.

The success of Green Dot at UNLV depends on faculty, students, and staff adopting two new norms:

- Violence is not tolerated at UNLV, and
- Everyone must do their part to end violence here at UNLV.

Please help us change the culture around the issue of interpersonal violence here at UNLV by including a Green Dot message on your signature line. Thank you!