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BEHAVIORAL EVALUATION AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM

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What is BETA?

The Behavioral Assessment and Threat Assessment Team (**BETA**) is a new resource at the University of Colorado Denver that can provide resources and information to faculty, staff or student community members who are confronted with individuals who may be threatening, disruptive, or otherwise problematic. The Team provides guidance and consultation and may make referrals to appropriate campus or community resources. **BETA** is one component of the newly formed University Emergency Management Operations Group (EMOG).

The Team may consist of representatives from the Counseling Center, Faculty Development Center, Legal Counsel, Human Resources, Student Conduct Office, Risk Management, Student Services, Ombuds, Disability Services, Campus Police and Student Housing.

The BETA is not an administrative, treatment, or disciplinary body. The Team's purpose is to provide support, information and referrals to those dealing with threatening or disruptive situations.

The BETA acts as a resource and contact for campus faculty, staff and administrators who are dealing with a disruptive or threatening individual. Members listen to their concerns and offer information and resources to help in addressing the problem.

Working with BETA

Contacting a BETA member is generally the first step in what is a highly collaborative process. Members of the BETA often have questions and will request additional information and feedback from reporting parties. The more information the Team has to work with the better we are able to provide appropriate referrals and guidance. Here are some tips and guidelines to help the process run smoothly:

- In most cases the BETA has no background or history with the student and will need to gather this information from reporting parties.
- The key is in the details. Specifics about what was said, to whom and when are key components of our assessment. Copies of communications and details about what interventions have been tried are also important pieces of information.
- We attempt to avoid making assumptions. Many of our questions may seem basic. Our goal is merely to fill in the blanks and complete the picture.



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