Working with BETA

Contacting a BETA member is generally the first step in 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 equipped we are to provide appropriate referrals and guidance.

In most cases the BETA has no background or history with the student and will need to gather this information from reporting parties.

Here are some tips and guidelines to help the process run smoothly:

• 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.

BETA Contacts

Larry Loften - DDC and Anschutz
Community Standards & Wellness
303-556-2444

Jenny-Lynn Ellis - DDC
Student and Community Counseling Center
303-556-3374

Jill Creighton - DDC
Community Standards & Wellness
303-556-2444

Detective Victor Brice - DDC
Auraria Campus Police Department
303-556-5000

Officer Lynn Whitten - Anschutz
CU Denver Police Department
303-724-0739

Dr. Brian Rothberg - Anschutz
Student Mental Health Services
303-724-9409

Chris Puckett - Anschutz
Legal Counsel
303-315-6619

On the Web
http://www.ucdenver.edu/beta
http://www.ucdenver.edu/conduct

Report a Concern

A consultation team designed to help provide guidance and support in working with disruptive, inappropriate, or threatening behavior.
What is BETA?

The Behavioral Evaluation and Threat Assessment Team (BETA) is a resource on the University of Colorado Denver campuses that can provide support and guidance 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 University Emergency Management Operations Group (EMOG). The Team consists of representatives from the Counseling Center, Legal Counsel, Community Standards and Wellness, and Campus Police. Other offices such as the Academic Department, Disability Resources, Ombuds, and others are often brought in when the situation warrants.

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

What BETA Does

The BETA Team acts as a resource and point of contact for campus faculty, staff and administrators who are working with a disruptive or threatening individual. Members listen to their concerns and offer information and resources to help address the problem. BETA members are also available to present workshops on various topics to campus departments and offices.

The BETA Team also creates and disseminates information and resources for the campus community. We are also maintain a web page that has links and access to numerous campus and community resources: [http://www.ucdenver.edu/beta](http://www.ucdenver.edu/beta)

Contacting BETA

There are several ways to connect with the BETA Team. On the back panel of this brochure you will find contact information for some of the key BETA members. We encourage you to contact one of these members to initiate a consultation and to start the process. You can also submit information about a “student of concern” by using our online form.

[http://www.ucdenver.edu/beta](http://www.ucdenver.edu/beta) then click on “Submit a Concern”

In the event of an emergency situation or crisis, contact the Auraria Campus Police immediately at: 911 from a campus phone or 303-556-5000 from any other phone.

BETA Tools and Possible Outcomes

Our response will vary greatly depending on:

* Nature and Severity of the behaviors and concerns
* Actions and attempts made by faculty/staff to address concerns
* Determination of Student Code of Conduct Violation

Our response may include:

* Counseling Referral and/or Outreach Call
* Consultation and guidance
* Conduct hearing and/or mediated conversation with student and faculty
* Threat Assessment conducted with the assistance of Campus Police and the BETA Team
* Mandated psychological assessment/evaluation
* Referral to Chair or Dean for Academic Review
* Suspension or other immediate action where there is an immediate threat