



MASOC Campus-Based Professionals Working with the Prevention of and Response to Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Mission and Values

MASOC is the Massachusetts-based professional association for clinicians and other professionals working to prevent sexual violence through early intervention, treatment, and resources for children, youth, and transition-age young people engaged in problematic sexual behaviors (PSBs).

As this work has grown on college campuses over the last several years, MASOC members and other professionals have articulated the need for a dedicated space for campus-based professionals working with late adolescents ages 16-24 on college campuses to come together to share their expertise, develop best practices, and support other professionals in the work.

The MASOC Campus PSB Professionals list is centered on professionals working at or closely serving any type of institution of higher education of all affiliations, including:

Campus-based professionals in a range of offices who work directly with students displaying problem sexual behaviors, whether in counseling centers; advocacy, prevention or respondent services offices; disability access services; student conduct; Title IX; and other offices

Community-based clinicians working with campuses to address problem sexual behaviors in college students

Researchers working to address the specific needs of these professionals or students

Graduate students working directly with campus-based professionals

National and regional technical assistance (TA) providers whose assistance focuses on problem sexual behaviors specific to college students

While we value interdisciplinary perspectives, professionals representing the following will not be permitted membership in this space:

Work with respondents solely as a matter of Title IX compliance, investigation, adjudication, and/or student conduct;

For-profit companies;

Legal opinion or legal representation of respondents in criminal legal or campus disciplinary matters;

Undergraduates in the roles of prevention educators, peer advocates, and student activists

We support members who seek out new job experiences and advancement. Because we value the relationships developed in this group, members who transition into a position that falls outside of the MASOC campus listserv eligibility guidelines will retain their membership status if they feel it is appropriate to do so. In an effort to preserve the integrity of the space, MASOC in conjunction with the moderators reserve the right to reassess membership eligibility following job transition on a case-by-case basis.

We recognize the diversity of experiences, as well as the often unique nature of this work on different campuses, and welcome individuals to contact meg@masoc.net with any questions or concerns regarding membership eligibility.

Quality of communication

We value this listserv, MASOC, and our larger professional field as a diverse and inclusive space, and expect that members will not always agree with each other. If you disagree with something posted on the list, you have every right to voice your objections – but do so in a spirit of generative critique and engagement. You may also express concern directly to the person responsible in a respectful manner.

The tone of this listserv should be generous and collegial. Posting harassing, defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal information or material is grounds for immediate removal from the Listserv.

Listserv guidelines

Please note that this is a moderated listserv, and MASOC and the moderators reserve the right to deny emails that violate guidelines below or MASOC's mission and values. Additionally, because the listserv is moderated, there may be a delay in emails being posted. MASOC and the moderators reserve the right to remove group members who do not follow the posting guidelines.

Guidelines for Listserv Messages

1. Specify the purpose of the email

A. Please state why you are asking for particular information. For example, if you are looking for referral resources, training materials, etc. please clarify how this information will be used.

B. 'Crowdsourcing,' or informally asking for input or feedback, is encouraged for projects as long as you intend to share the final product freely with members and others. Crowdsourcing for products that your office/business/consortium will restrict or distribute for a fee, or use for conference sessions/papers, should be discussed with moderators before the message is sent.

This guideline is to ensure that listserv members' time, expertise, and work is not distributed without consent and/or proper attribution and compensation.

2. Keep postings within the scope of the list's mission and values and the professional arena of our shared work.

The listserv is primarily for matters related to our daily professional work. Please use restraint with humorous, inspirational, and out-of-scope postings unless they are directly related.

3. Send listserv posts to the MASOC Campus PSB Listserv without copying outside entities

A. When you wish to post a message that you plan to also send out to masoc-campus-psb-professionals@googlegroups.com separately.

B. We also do not allow non-member individuals to be copied/cc'd on messages. While the internet has existed for long enough that we all understand no email is truly private, members have a basic expectation that they are emailing this listserv when they communicate with this list, and cc'ing individuals who are not members violates that expectation.

If you intend to share feedback with a colleague on your campus/elsewhere who is not a member, please make that clear in your post.

4. Create a new topic

When you wish to create a new topic, please send a new email to the list directly: masoc-campus-psb-professionals@googlegroups.com. Creating a new email will create an entirely new thread with that subject, and makes it much easier to search the archives for related and useful information. Do not reply to another thread and simply change the subject. Please add masoc-campus-psb-professionals@googlegroups.com to your address book.

5. Use a descriptive subject line

Please use a clear, descriptive subject line. The more descriptive you are, the more likely people will read and respond to your posting. Please do not use generic subject lines such as “Help” or “Need Info.” This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by subject. Emails with vague subject lines will be returned to the sender with suggestions of descriptive titles.

6. Include a signature

Write your full name, affiliation, and email address at the bottom of your message. This will promote transparency and make it easy for people to contact you directly.

7. How to post anonymously

There may be times when members want to seek information or advice, but the demands of confidentiality prevent you from doing so. If you would like to post a message to the listserv anonymously, please send the email text along with a suggested subject line to meg@masoc.net. The Moderation Team will post the email and will forward any direct replies to you.

8. Individual vs. public messages

Just as it is important to share public information with the whole group, private messages should remain just that – private. Do not forward messages sent to you by someone else directly or from a different listserv without first asking that original sender for permission.

When you want to reply *only* to an individual who emailed the listserv, don't just use the “reply” feature of your email system to respond to the message – if you do, your reply will go to the whole list.

9. Maintain privacy

A. Absolutely no forwarding or copying, in whole or in part, of any messages or postings to individuals who are not members of the listserv without the express consent, written or otherwise, of the author of a message that you are intending to forward.

We want to honor that some listserv members may respond about practices at their own institution, clinical practice, organization, or agency, but would not want that information shared beyond the context of the specific question or this community of practice.

B. Do not post any confidential information or any information that would infringe upon the privacy, proprietary, or personal rights of others.

10. Advertisements and Announcements

A. The moderators will not accept advertisements from outside publishers, other vendors, or commercial entities.

B. However, as many members either publish their own research as articles or books or work in organizations that publish research, toolkits, and technical assistance materials, occasional announcements of new resources from a member's organization, either print or web-based, are appropriate if related to the interests of listserv members.

C. Announcements of job postings and conferences are also appropriate if relevant. When posting resources or products that may be of interest to members, please specify whether that product will be free to members and others. Please post about the same event a maximum of twice - an initial announcement and a reminder closer to the event.

11. Participant Recruitment for Research/Assessment/Evaluation Purposes

Research into best practices and effective policy is a critical component of our shared work. At the same time, we want to confirm that posters have appropriate institutional IRB approval. Especially for studies seeking participation from students who have displayed PSBs or from students who are survivors of sexual harm, we want to make sure there are strong confidentiality and data privacy protections.

In order to use the MASOC Campus Listserv to seek participants in a research/assessment/evaluation study or survey, contact Meg Bossong, MASOC Executive Director, at meg@masoc.net.

12. How to change your email address on the listserv

If you would like to change your email address on the MASOC Campus Listserv, please email meg@masoc.net.

13. How to unsubscribe from the listserv

If you are transitioning to another field or professional role outside of campus or PSB work, we welcome you to stay on the listserv for one year - we still hope members can benefit from your insight and wisdom! If at anytime you wish to be removed from the listserv for whatever reason, please email meg@masoc.net

14. What happens if you violate a guideline

A. Emails that do not meet these guidelines for respectful and meaningful use of the listserv will be returned to their sender with an explanation of the reason(s) why the email was not posted and a request for alterations/additions to the email so that it would meet the guidelines. In rare cases, where the topic is not relevant, we will do our best to recommend other listservs that may be helpful.

B. If the Moderation Team inadvertently approves for posting an email that does not meet these guidelines, a recall email will be sent as soon as possible acknowledging the mistake by the moderators, followed by a corrected version of the email if applicable.

15. Other posting considerations

A. Do not include images within the text/body of an email message unless absolutely necessary (most email servers do not load them automatically anyway due to security protocols). Include images as attachments whenever possible.

B. Do not post any information or other material protected by copyright without the permission of the copyright owner (this most often relates to pre-publication research or white papers, or proprietary training materials outside of toolkits).