

Grant helps Women's Center create anti-violence video

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Target Stores has approved a \$500 grant to help the St. Cloud State University Women's Center produce a video on preventing sexual violence. The Women's Center expects to complete the video this year

and will begin showing it to new students in the fall of 1998, according to Lee LaDue, coordinator of St. Cloud State's sexual assault services.



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The video will be part of the university's Sexual Violence Prevention Program, which addresses and responds to issues of campus-related sexual violence.

It will include messages from campus leaders and information about resources at the university.

"The more local it is, the more impact it has For them to see

those people's faces is very important," LaDue said. As for seeing survivors speak out, she adds: "It's about not being able to deny it. The closer it is to them the more impact it has, and they can't say it doesn't happen here."

In the five-year history of the program, which has received five

other Target grants, more than 11,000 students have attended a mandatory educational program to learn about the prevention of sexual assault and harassment.

"Target's help has allowed us to reach many students, and that's great," LaDue said.

The center also has provided support and advocacy services,

including support groups, individual counseling, court and university advocacy, as well as academic assistance.

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