

## **How Can I Help Someone Accused of Sexual Misconduct?**

Be a good listener by being attentive and not passing judgment.

Respect your friend's need for privacy and respect his or her choice about what and how much to share.

Help your friend identify resources, including confidential resources.

Get educated on the issues of sexual assault and harassment.

Be respectful in your support of your friend, and do not engage in any actions on his/her behalf that could be retaliatory in nature. Allow the South Texas College Administrative Student Conduct Process to fairly and impartially resolve the matter.

Encourage your friend to make good choices and to abide by any restrictions imposed by South Texas College.

Be mindful of your own needs and be sure to take care of yourself. People in supporting roles can benefit from professional assistance by speaking to a counselor.