



BIRTHWISE MIDWIFERY SCHOOL

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CRIMINAL STATISTICS

The following criminal statistics were submitted to the Department of Education via the 2017 Campus Safety and Security Survey. The survey is completed annually, based on the three prior year's criminal statistics, as regulated by The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act or **The Clery Act**, federal statute codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f). All statistics are provided by the Bridgton Police Department.

Criminal Offenses – On Campus

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Non-forcible	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

Criminal Offenses – Public Property

Includes property immediately adjacent to and accessible to Birthwise Midwifery School, 16-30 of South High St. Bridgton, ME.

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Non-forcible	0	0	0

Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

Hate Crimes – On Campus

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Non-forcible	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

Hate Crimes – Public Property

Includes property immediately adjacent to and accessible to Birthwise Midwifery School, 16-30 of South High St. Bridgton, ME

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses – Non-forcible	0	0	0

Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

Arrests – On Campus

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Weapons; carrying, possessing, ect	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Arrests - Public Property

Includes property immediately adjacent to and accessible to Birthwise Midwifery School, 16-30 of South High St. Bridgton, ME

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Weapons; carrying, possessing, ect	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions– On Campus

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Weapons; carrying, possessing, ect	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions – Public Property

Includes property immediately adjacent to and accessible to Birthwise Midwifery School, 16-30 of South High St. Bridgton, ME

Type of Offense	2015	2016	2017
Weapons; carrying, possessing, ect	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF POLICIES REGARDING AND PROGRAMS CONCERNING:

Reporting Crime and Emergencies:

- In the event a criminal act has taken place please contact the administrative offices immediately at 207-647-5968 or in person at the main office. If no one is available, or the act occurred outside of business hours, please contact the Bridgton Police Department at 207-647-8814 or at 8 Iredale St Bridgton, ME 04009. In the case of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.
- Birthwise will issue a timely warning report to the Birthwise community, in compliance with The Clery Act, if a serious and ongoing or immediate threat, as determined by the school, is evident.
- Timely warning reports are issued on a case by case basis as determined by Birthwise. All facts are considered when deciding to issue a timely warning report, including but not limited to, the nature of the crime, the continuing danger to the Birthwise community, and the possibility of compromising investigative efforts. Examples of crimes in which a timely warning report may be issued under the Clery Act are as follows: murder, criminal homicide, negligent manslaughter, forcible sex offenses, non-forcible sex offenses, stalking, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson.
- Birthwise will use the most efficient and timely means available to issue a timely warning report. The methods used could be via email, Sycamore posting, or other electronic means, by telephone, letter or flyer posted on campus.
- Birthwise administration is responsible for issuing a timely warning report, as well as preparing the annual disclosure of criminal statistics to the Birthwise community. These administrators, whom a student can report criminal offenses to for the purpose of inclusion

in the annual statistics, are as follows: Heidi Fillmore, Executive Director; Melissa Mayo, Business Manager; Elizabeth McKinnon, Financial Aid Officer; Beth Bongiolatti, Academic Director; Abby Luca, MA Program Director; Eliza Alder, Registrar and Operations Coordinator; Meg Terwilliger, Admissions Coordinator.

- Birthwise does not have the capability to do online confidential reporting of victims and witnesses, but we do encourage voluntary reporting via mail that will be kept confidential for inclusion in our annual disclosure of crime statistics.

Security and Access to Birthwise Facilities:

- The Birthwise facility is a large 175-year-old home, which includes our offices, library and classrooms. The facility is open for student use at all times. The entrances are locked during off hours and students are encouraged to be aware and to lock doors when using the library when the staff is not on the premises. The library is accessible 24-hours per day via key-code. The surrounding area has streetlights that keep the area lit in the evening hours.

Campus Security and Crime Prevention

- At this time, Birthwise does not have a dedicated campus security staff. The facilities are small and no crime has been reported to date. If any security concerns arise, students and Birthwise community members are encouraged to bring any concerns to Birthwise administration. Any crimes occurring on campus should be reported to administration at 207-647-5968, or The Bridgton Police at 207-647-8814.
- Campus security procedures are detailed to new students during orientation week.
- During Orientation, someone from the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services in Oxford County will present a program that addresses consent, dating violence, and stalking. We also offer an elective course for our students on Domestic Violence that The Family Crisis center in Bridgton teaches
- Birthwise will make available, either in electronic or print format, this Annual Security Report, along with crime prevention and safety information to students, staff and faculty as part of the Birthwise program designed to inform students and employees about the prevention of crimes and campus security and procedures.

Off Campus Locations

- At this time, Birthwise does not have any sanctioned student organizations. As a result no off campus facilities are used in conjunction with student organizations.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

- Birthwise prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students (underage or of legal drinking age), faculty or staff in the school facility or at preceptor sites. Students are prohibited from being under the influence of drugs or alcohol while in class, at their preceptor sites or while on-call for births. Any violation of this policy will initiate disciplinary action (consistent with local, state and federal law) by the Academic Director. Disciplinary action will occur as follows:

Suspected substance use in violation of the above will be confronted in private counsel with the Academic Director. If the suspicion is confirmed, probation or suspension will be given as deemed appropriate, requiring rehabilitation efforts on the part of the student, faculty member or staff in order to return to good standing or to resume their place at Birthwise. If these rehabilitation efforts are not successful or if a second violation of policy occurs, the student, faculty member or staff will be terminated from Birthwise until which time she can document her ability to return to Birthwise in full compliance with our Drug and Alcohol policy. If a student, faculty member or staff receives a criminal drug conviction, she must notify the school in writing within 5 days of the conviction.

- In compliance with FSA regulations, Birthwise will distribute annually information to all students, staff, and faculty concerning drug and alcohol abuse, as part of Birthwise's drug and alcohol abuse prevention program. These materials may be distributed electronically or in print. The information will include the following:
 - Standards of conduct regarding drugs and alcohol as sanctioned by Birthwise's drug and alcohol policy.
 - A description of applicable legal sanctions under federal, state and local law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol (See Appendix A).
 - Link to health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol (See Appendix B).
 - A description of drug and alcohol abuse programs available to students, staff and faculty in the Bridgton area (See Appendix C).
 - Statement and description of disciplinary actions to be taken in the event of illicit drug use, underage drinking, or alcohol abuse (as stated above).

This program will be reviewed by Birthwise administration bi-annually. The review will ensure appropriate disciplinary actions are taking place, as well as determine the effectiveness of the program.

Sexual Violence Policy

- Sexual violence in any form, whether it be domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), forcible or nonforcible sex offenses, or stalking, are prohibited on campus by Birthwise (see Appendix E for definitions of these terms). If an incident involving sexual violence is discovered within the Birthwise community, an immediate inquiry will be made. If evidence of an offense is present, or if the reporting individual requests, the investigation will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- If an incident of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking occurs on campus, disciplinary actions, including involuntary Leave of Absence or expulsion from Birthwise, will be taken against the individual committing such acts. In determining disciplinary actions, the accuser and the accused are entitled to have others present during any disciplinary proceedings. Birthwise will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial disciplinary proceeding in which: (1) Officials are appropriately trained and do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the accuser or the accused; (2) the accuser and the accused have equal opportunities to have others present, including an advisor of their choice; (3) the accuser and the accused receive simultaneous notification, in writing, of the result of the proceeding and any available appeal procedures; (4) the proceeding is completed in a reasonably prompt timeframe; (5) the accuser and accused are given timely notice of meetings at which one of the other or both may be present; and (6) the accuser, the accused, and appropriate officials are given timely and equal access to information that will be used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings. Both the accuser and the accused are entitled to notification of any final outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding, in compliance with FERPA. For this purpose, the outcome of any disciplinary proceedings refers only to the final determination and any sanctions in connection with the sex offense.
- The student may challenge a disciplinary outcome by using the Complaint and Grievance Resolution Policy found in the Student Handbook.
- To report an incident of sexual violence, please contact Birthwise administration at 207-647-5968 or call the 24-hour SARSSM (Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine) hotline at 800-313-9900. Any student reporting sexual violence has the option to notify appropriate law enforcement agencies and/or get examined by a SANE nurse to preserve evidence to be used for prosecution. Birthwise administration is available to assist in this notification if requested.
- If requested and reasonably available, Birthwise will make academic changes to accommodate the victim.
- Birthwise will protect the confidentiality of victims. Required recordkeeping will not include identifying information about the victim, to the extent permissible by law.

- In compliance with FSA regulations, Birthwise will distribute annually information regarding the awareness and prevention of sexual violence, as listed above, on campus. This information will include the following:
 - Educational materials designed to promote the awareness of sexual violence (See Appendix D).
 - Description of procedure for students to follow to report an incident of sexual violence, including the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense (as stated above).
 - Information on a student's options for notifying appropriate law enforcement agencies and the availability of Birthwise administration to assist in this notification if requested (as stated above).
 - Available off campus counseling, mental health or other services for victims of sexual violence (See appendix D)

EVACUATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- In the event a significant emergency situation or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health and safety of students and employees has been confirmed, Birthwise administration will notify students, staff and faculty on campus in person. Evacuation will be to a secure location, either in front of the building or in the annexed parking lot located on South High St depending on the nature of the emergency.
- If an emergent or dangerous situation is suspected, Birthwise will consult with local law enforcement, and/or the State of Maine to confirm.
- If the situation is only of immediate concern to students and employees on campus at the time, then Birthwise will notify that population immediately. If the situation warrants notification of the larger Birthwise community, they will be notified via electronic communication, letter or telephone. The notification will contain at minimum pertinent information regarding the situation, including the nature of the situation and the type of threat it could pose. This information could be censored as to not compromise the efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.
- The notification will be approved and initiated by the Administrative Coordinator without delay, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of the Administrative Coordinator and other responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.
- The persons responsible for carrying out the above process are the Administrative Coordinator and the Academic Director, in conjunction with any and all necessary staff.

- On an annual basis, Birthwise will perform either an announced or unannounced test of the emergency response protocol listed above. The Executive Director will determine the time and setting of the test. The Executive Director, or other competent staff member, will notate and record the time, date, description of the exercise and whether it was announced or unannounced.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INFORMATION:

- Bridgton Police Department is located at 8 Iredale St, Bridgton, ME. From campus, take a right out of the driveway. At monument, continue onto Main St. About ½ mile, take left just before KeyBank. Police Department is located on the left.
- A list of Sex Offenders in and around Bridgton, ME can be found at the following URL: <http://sor.informe.org/cgi-bin/sor/index.pl>.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Maine State Laws Regarding Drug and Alcohol Possession

All Birthwise students should be familiar with the Maine State Law pertaining to the sale, consumption, or possession of alcoholic beverages. Please see Federal and Maine State laws website for more details at: <http://www.maine.gov/dps/bhs/impaired-driving/guide.html>.

Appendix B

The following is a link to National Institute of Drug Abuse website providing information and health risks on commonly abused drugs.

<http://www.drugabuse.gov>

Appendix C

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Rehab Centers in Bridgton Area

Detox Treatment Services

Saint Marys Regional Medical Center (Lewiston is 25.5 miles from Bridgton)

100 Campus Ave.

Lewiston, ME 04243

(207) 777-8710

www.stmarysme.com

Outpatient Drug Rehab

Crooked River Counseling

14 Wyonegonic Road Bridgton, ME. 04009

(207) 743-1677

Tri County Mental Health Services

(Bridgton is 1.3 miles from Bridgton, Maine)

41 North High Street Bridgton, ME. 04009

(207) 647-5629

www.tcmhs.org

Common Ground Counseling LLC

(Fryeburg is 12.7 miles from Bridgton)

639 Main Street Fryeburg, ME. 04037

(207) 935-2288

Appendix D

Sexual Violence Contact Information

24 Hour Hotlines

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)

800-313-9900 (24 hour hotline)

*Access to SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) to preserve evidence if you so choose.

Family Crisis Services (For Domestic Violence)

866-834-4357 (24 Hour Hotline)

207-647-8501 (office)

230 Main Street

Bridgton, ME 04009

Additional Resource/Educational Links

211maine A 24 hour information resource for a full range of health and human services in your community.

<http://www.211maine.org>

A.A.R.D.V.A.R.C.

An Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence Aid and Resource Collection

www.aardvarc.org

GLBT Resource

www.rainbowdomesticviolence.itgo.com

Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine (SARSSM)

<http://www.sarsonline.org>

Stop Abuse for Everyone

www.safe4all.org

The Network La Red

www.thenetworklared.org

Appendix E

Definitions of Terms Used

Consent (as defined by the Sexual Assault Prevention Resource Agency of Southern Maine)

Consent is an active agreement to do something. Children can never give consent for sex. Consent is only possible when there is equal power. "Accepting" or "giving in" from fear is NOT consent. If you cannot say "no" comfortably, then "yes" has no meaning. If someone gives you alcohol or drugs so they can have sex with you, that is a crime.

Domestic violence (from 42 USC § 13925)

The term "domestic violence" includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Dating violence (from 42 USC § 13925)

The term "dating violence" means violence committed by a person:

- (A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- (B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - (i) The length of the relationship.
 - (ii) The type of relationship.
 - (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

Sexual Assault (as defined by the Sexual Assault Prevention Resource Agency of Southern Maine)

A term used to describe any type of sexual activity committed by one person without the consent of the other. It involves the use of threats, force, or violence, or any other form of coercion or intimidation. Sexual contact with a person who is unable to give consent is also considered sexual assault. This includes, but is not limited to, a person who is asleep, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or otherwise impaired. Sexual assault violates a person's feeling of trust and safety.

Stalking (from 42 USC § 13925)

The term “stalking” means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- (A) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- (B) suffer substantial emotional distress