you have OPTIONS!

a guide to finding the support you need to heal after experiencing gender based violence at brown university
The moments following an incident of gender-based violence can be incredibly difficult and overwhelming.

It is okay to not know what to do. It is okay to not know what you want. Take a deep breath.

When you are ready, it is important to know that you have **options**. Everyone’s healing process looks differently. Everyone’s needs and wants look different in this moment.

**Take a look at this chart, and see if there are any options that seem right for you.**

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**do you want to take action right now?**

- **yes**
  - i'm not sure
    - that's okay!
      - do you still want to learn about resources available to you?

- **no**
  - that is totally fine! have a cup of tea, call a friend, and know these resources will be here for you when and/or when you want to take action.

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**okay! in an ideal world, how would you heal from this incident?**

- i just want to focus on myself and my own healing for now
  - yes!

- i need my perpetrator to face legal consequences in order to feel safe & heal
  - no, but i still want to document the incident

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**do you have the capacity & support to go through a semester-long trial against your perpetrator?**

- yes
  - have you considered a transformative justice community accountability process? look on the next page to see if this is something you & your community may benefit from.

- no
  - understandable you feel this way – consider seeking out a SHARE advocate to help you process what you are going through. They are not mandated reporters and are trained to help.

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**a formal Title IX process may be best for you. you can get in touch with Brown’s Title IX Officer, Rene Davis, at rene_davis@brown.edu**

**an informal Title IX process may be best for you. in an informal process, there is no trial, but the incident is still documented & your needs are taken into account**
so what even is
TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE?

TJ is a penal abolitionist political framework & set of practices for responding to interpersonal and structural violence that relies on community relationships to protect the safety & needs of survivors, while building systems of support & accountability for those who have caused & enabled harm.

Camila Pelsinger B’20, who brought TJ to Brown’s campus in 2019, defined TJ in The Indy

survivor centered. Your needs & wants as a survivor will be the primary concern throughout the entire process.

TJ processes DO NOT engage any form of legal system & punitive measures. We believe that when communities come together, they can achieve accountability and justice on their own terms. This makes the process much more accessible for marginalized folks, or anyone uncomfortable in engaging with the State.

anti-punitive.

The process occurs within community, meaning your perpetrator will have to actively engage with the harm they have caused. You will have full autonomy in deciding whether you want to engage your perpetrator directly — but either way, they will be actively working towards changing their behaviors.

seeking active accountability.

systematic, not symptomatic. Another benefit of TJ is that we see all forms of violence within communities as a consequence of the violence culture we all exist within. Therefore, we are dedicated to identifying the underlying conditions that has caused this harm to exist in the first place. In this way, we are engaging harm on a systematic level, not case-by-case.

reach out to Brown’s Transformative Justice Coordinator, Dara Bayer, at dara_bayer@brown.edu to learn more.

hi! we are TJPP, a student group dedicated to bringing TJ to every corner of campus. We’re eager to meet you and to help you through this difficult time.
"I have always believed, and I still believe, that whatever good or bad fortune may come our way, we can always give it meaning and transform it into something else."
— Hermann Hesse