COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR ALUMNI SURVIVORS: FAQs

What are the required qualifications for an approved mental health provider?
• Approved providers must be licensed to practice in their state and hold a masters’ degree or higher in a mental health discipline.
• For those alumni living outside the United States, contact RAINN for information about qualified mental health providers in your country of residence.

What is the maximum amount of support available to alumni for current therapy costs?
Hotchkiss has established a designated therapy fund to provide weekly therapy sessions for approved alumni. Unless otherwise specified, Hotchkiss will renew this commitment annually. Requests for additional treatment will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

What is the maximum amount of support available to alumni for historic therapy costs?
Hotchkiss will reimburse up to $10,000 in historic therapy costs.

What happens when I call RAINN seeking financial assistance or reimbursement?
How will requests for financial assistance or reimbursement be approved?
RAINN will administer the intake process for all callers seeking services and verify that the caller is an alum. Hotchkiss will not have access to callers’ therapy treatment records or other confidential information. No personally identifiable information, including the name of the caller, will be provided to Hotchkiss.

RAINN will ask callers to provide certain information at intake (e.g., name, date of birth, class year, current address, phone number, email, the name of the alleged perpetrator, dates of the alleged abuse, a brief description of the nature of the alleged abuse). RAINN will report incidents to the state as required in accordance with state law but otherwise maintains confidentiality concerning all information received from victims.

Once RAINN has completed the intake process and confirmed that the caller is an alum, the caller is automatically approved for financial assistance or reimbursement. RAINN will connect the caller to a third-party claims administrator (Bernie Fitzgerald) to process timely reimbursement. Mr. Fitzgerald has previously worked alongside RAINN to administer reimbursement funds.

How does this process keep me anonymous to Hotchkiss?
Callers identified as approved applicants to access the Hotchkiss therapy fund are connected to Bernie Fitzgerald, the independent third-party administrator, to process claims. The claims administrator will not provide Hotchkiss with any identifying information about callers or claims.

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How do I access immediate counseling assistance?
RAINN runs a national sexual assault hotline in partnership with over 1,000 local service providers. The hotline can be used to access immediate support services, including crisis intervention, information, and resources, at any time by alumni who were victims of adult sexual misconduct during their time at the School. The hotline can also provide alumni with a referral to a local counselor or therapist. RAINN’s Hotline can be accessed by phone at (800) 656-4673 or online at www.online.rainn.org.

I live outside of the United States. How can I access the Hotchkiss-specific hotline?
The toll-free phone number (866 827 4029) is accessible to callers outside of the United States. If you have any difficulty using the toll-free number, you can also access the Hotchkiss-specific hotline through the following local number: +01 860 300 3389.