

What does prevention look like in Newport?

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Prevent Connect, the violence against women prevention partnership, put out a call for pictures that answered the question, "what does prevention look like?"

While sifting through old photos, trying to find the image that would exemplify prevention in Newport, I realized no one image could do it. So I was inspired to create this slide show reflecting my impressions of what prevention really looks like here in our community.

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Prevention looks like young people hearing a new perspective...



Byron Hurt, filmmaker and anti-sexist activist, challenges a room full of high school boys to think about their attitudes toward women at the first Beyond Beats & Rhymes Basketball Tournament (2006).



Members of Students Against Domestic Abuse in Newport, RI, discuss healthy relationship behaviors (2007).



...and sharing their own.

A member of Students Against Domestic Abuse speaks her mind about gender-based violence (2006).

A member of Students Against Domestic Abuse shares her perspective with guest speaker Gordon Braxton, prevention specialist from the Office of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response at Harvard University (2009).



Prevention looks like learning from the past...



Young people listening to a survivor tell her story at the 2008 Beyond the Bounce Basketball Tournament.

... and planning for the future.



Young people participate in a Help Increase the Peace Project (HIPP) training (2006).

Prevention looks like building our kids up everyday.



Ms Henry give a Peace Camper a big "I'm proud of you" hug (2005).



Attorney General Patrick Lynch exchanges books with a Peace Camper at our end of summer celebration (2005).

And prevention looks like our community knowing that every kid is our concern.



Participants in the first Beyond Beats & Rhymes Basketball Tournament pose with film director and anti-sexist activist Byron Hurt (2006).

Prevention looks like people recognizing that we are all impacted by this particular problem...



Participants at a Youth In Prevention Retreat try to untie their human knot (2006).

... and it looks like the community coming together to be part of the solution.



Community members of all ages, professions and backgrounds come together to make the 2009 Beyond the Bounce Basketball Tournament a success.