



## Chat from Web Conference

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### Involving Families in Teen Dating Abuse Prevention

<http://preventconnect.org/2012/09/involving-families-in-teen-dating-abuse-prevention/>

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Why focus on families to prevent teen dating violence?

families are major influencers

We learn what we live

parental involvement is crucial in youth development, and support from trusted adults is one of the protective factors

relationship patterns are first taught at home

families are one of the biggest influencers in a child's upbringing

It's on my SEM tattoo

"It takes a village"

Teens spend a significant amount of time with families

youth learn about relationships in families

parents set the stage

families can recognize warning signs

families model healthy relationships, they can also provide support and help for teens with relationship challenges

To be role models and set standards

It all starts at home. Parents are the ones who instill values in youth.

families influence values

Statistics show that while schools and teens consider teen dating abuse a major problem, parents often don't.

Families are at the forefront of who children imitate

More support = greater chance of success

Families are the major affect - if you grow up in abuse you repeat that cycle

families are where most youth learn their behavior

Families can provide immediate support for teens dealing with this issue.

Conversations must start early with children to learn how to give and earn respect in an healthy relationship

families are the primary model of what relationships should be like - whether healthy or unhealthy

because it affects them too

Keeps the families safe too -- everyone needs this education

They are the first line of defense...where teens are learning from the behavior that is modeled

Parents needs resources

Family support and family involvement in safety planning

When I advertised a night for parents to come to our local library to talk about how to talk to your teen about TDV and NO ONE came. We need programs!

Consistency - you can hear the message at school but it needs to be reinforced at home

Yardley Love's mom wished that she had known the warning signs of teen dating abuse.

One because everyone is affected by the traumatic experience. Even though some have abandoned the issue but it Still take a Village to take care of the family.

so hey know what to look for and help their child prevent or get out of a bad relationship

Parents are advocates for our youth

As a parent of 2 boys I think about how I and other parents can set positives examples and norms.

families are where children learn the fundamentals of behaviour to show care, shared experience, accountability to safety

<http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/>

I'm just getting started with working with families

Yes, I have worked with families regarding juvenile delinquency and school drop-outs

Our program focuses on the youth who are victims of dating violence. Families are encouraged to participate, but we are not a "family-based program" per se.

What challenges have you faced when doing programs with parents to prevent adolescent risk behaviors?

Getting parent involvement

getting access to parents

Getting access to parents

Parent squeamishness around teen sexuality.

Buy-in

time away from work....

Time

the s.e.x. word or even implication

participation

The time

Parents may be incarcerated or in another country, and this is not the first thing on their minds.

Getting past the initial denial about their kids being involved in some of these risk behaviors

Many do not acknowledge the kids are dating, let alone a victim of TDV

Parents underestimate the severity of this problem

often difficult to get parents to participate

It's hard for parents to communicate values often when the kids are at an age where they're focused on rebellion

parents thinking these issues don't involve their children or that their children aren't dating or having sex

Some parents refuse to believe that this type of abuse is happening.

Getting parents who have children who display high risk behaviours to come out.

parents don't think it is happening to their teens

getting parents to attend

Parents not knowing how to open lines of communication with their teens

Parents don't show they are too busy

We find that at-risk families are not interested or available for training/dialogue

Parents feel helpless, incompetent, can't deal with sensitive issues.

Parents don't know how to talk about the information.

Single parent homes. No time

parents who blow it off. or think it is not a big deal

not my kids...

"She doesn't need to know about rape, she still believes in Santa!"

bottom line- parental DENIAL

TY! David!!

You gotta feed them!

Evening programs compete with athletics

parents don't think "thier" child needs help

parents are in unhealthy relationships themselves and may not see behaviors as unhealthy

Fathers first reaction is to retaliate than learn about the issue and be open to conversations/education

Parents do not view their children's relationship as serious and think they will outgrow the relationship and phase.

There are good supportive healthy families that are very involved.... but it creates challenges to do more they think their teens aren't part of this group

Some parents don't have the time to engage with their kids in that way. They work multiple jobs and have more than one child

I teach relationship education courses to youth and emerging adults. I have come from an abusive home and marriage, and now dedicate my life to educating youth on how NOT to get into this mess. I find it much easier to attract students and families when classes are within "relationship education" classes. I then spend a lot of time on abuse prevention, detection and recovery. I find going in the back door in this way is much more effective.

Later would you please state what "gift" the teens received for completing the card and sending it in

You may have already stated this, if so, I apologize- but how did you promote this program? Where did you draw your participants from?

Okay, thank you!

Parents have their own hang-ups or experiences about teen dating and sexuality and violence

Question: What ages is this program designed for?

13-15

13 - 15yrs I believe

Thanks!

So these are risk factors for victimization, not perpetration, right?

In what ways is the program gender specific to address violence?

How do you respond or discuss same and both sex attracted young people's dating experiences?

How can we tell if a program works or not?

Have the socio-demographics of the sample already been described - race, SES, etc.

Does the program address the prevalence of violence against girls specifically?

Feedback from people who participate

It works if people are coming back for more

Positive feedback from the people involved in the program

Outcomes...long term behavior change

pre and post-survey

Pre-mid- post tests (DAP survey) for our entire school year after school program. Focus groups of parents, school staff, interviews w/ students

measure the outcome w pre/post surveys

pre and post surveys

measurable behavioral change

conduct a randomized control trial, pre-test, post-test, with a control group that is not receiving the program. See if your indicators has changed

word of mouth seems to be producing more participants/interest

campus-wide surveys monitoring social norms and perceived violence on campus

People who you witness are positively engaged

Referrals from those who used the program

when the feedback from a child or parent reflects that the information worked to change behavior and ID DA

how many people send the cards back and ask for more

If teen has a new behavior to use related to dating.

have participants send in the activities that they actually do!

Need to distinguish between participant satisfaction/acceptance and program outcomes/changes

The study is Foshee, VA, Reyes HLM, Ennett ST, Cance JD, Bauman KE, & Bowling MJ. (2012). Assessing the effects of Families for Safe Dates, a family-based teen dating abuse prevention program. Journal of Adolescent Health, Vol 51, pp. 349-356.

[http://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X\(11\)00718-X/abstract](http://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X(11)00718-X/abstract)

David, are these power point slides available to us to save on our computer?

<http://preventconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/FSD-Webinar-September-2012-slides-FINAL.pdf>

Slides and links are available at

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We will also have a recording of this web conference available later

Thank-you

do families absolutely have to be a part of a Program to use the booklet?

[http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/Understanding\\_Evidence-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/Understanding_Evidence-a.pdf)

Yes-how do we get access to these books

Did the findings demonstrate that treatment families were less likely to report physical dating violence afterwards? If so, does that mean they were less likely to experience it or less likely to report it?

The books will be available from Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services

[www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/safe\\_dates.page](http://www.violencepreventionworks.org/public/safe_dates.page)

What is name of program in Baltimore?

What is name of Baltimore program implementing this program?

Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, Maryland

Thanks.

Is there a way to see your template for these winner's circle coupons?

What have businesses been willing to offer?

Thanks for clearing that up.

We have an intro course to comprehensive prevention on [learn.preventconnect.org](http://learn.preventconnect.org).

And there is more to come on this topic!

Any cultural adaptations for Munjica schools/population?

everything in moderation, David!

Thanks always looking for ways to expand into wider community

What other family based teen dating abuse prevention programs do you know of?

Start Strong

expect respect

Nurturing Parent

"In Their Shoes"

many crisis-line's

Expect Respect/ Strt Strong Austin has developed series of parent workshops together with Family Resource Centers in /austin

I think several Family Resource Centers (common in CA) have thier own programs as well.

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Has there been any resistance from regions where abstinence-only education is the norm?

In Austin we have integrated workshops and content on teen dating violence with other evaluated parenting programs, such as Love and Logic, Strengthening Families.

How can we get Families for Safe Dates materials?

Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services

Thanks!!

Thank you all

Great presentation. Thanks. Best wishes in your culturally relevant approaches.

Very informative

thank you

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Thank you- very informative.

Thank you for sharing - seems like a great program!

Thanks good information!

Thank you very much! H

thank you!

Are there follow-up research or database systems you want communities to maintain who make these booklets available?

thank you!!!

TY David! I'm excited seeing the additional resources and examples of successes!

Thanks so much. Very exciting work!

Thank you