



In observance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month (TDVAM) 2021, the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV) is sponsoring several engagement opportunities highlighting the work of organizations that center young people and youth-driven initiatives, with a specific focus on the voices and experiences of Black and Trans-identified youth facing homelessness and housing instability. This year, NRC DV's #1Thing messaging campaign is focused on honoring the wisdom and leadership of youth in promoting community care, healing, and resilience. Additionally, NRC DV is celebrating love is respect's theme for TDVAM 2021, *Know Your Worth*, through the [PreventIPV](#) project, spotlighting prevention tools and projects that promote healthy relationships with self and others throughout February.

For awareness tips and tools, visit the Domestic Violence Awareness Project at www.dvawareness.org

Campaign

#1Thing Social Media Campaign

NRC DV will continue to build on the #1Thing campaign to call for collective action, honoring the wisdom and leadership of youth in promoting community care, healing, and resilience for #TeenDVMonth 2021. The #1Thing message will encourage individuals and communities to shift the narrative about the lived experiences and needs of runaway and homeless youth, especially young people from traditionally marginalized communities. Throughout TDVAM, NRC DV will feature the newly redesigned [Runaway & Homeless Youth Relationship Violence Toolkit](#), lifting up the work of youth-centered organizations addressing homelessness and housing instability, especially for Black and Trans-identified youth, and promote related resources from RHY and DV/SV service providers and NRC DV's projects, including the LGBTQ Institute and Safe Housing Partnerships.



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Webinars

Meaningful Partnerships to Support Youth at the Intersections of Homelessness and Gender-Based Violence

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

2pm Eastern, 1pm Central, 11am Pacific

Recognizing and understanding the intersections of youth homelessness/housing insecurity and gender-based violence is critical to creating meaningful services and effective intervention and prevention strategies. While there is a great need for coordinated relationship violence intervention and prevention efforts for runaway and homeless youth, RHY and DV/SA service providers often work in silos and are unfamiliar with each other's work. This webinar will examine the scope and unique characteristics of relationship violence amongst RHY, and will explore the *why* and the *how* of building and sustaining effective community collaborations to best serve youth at the intersections.

Register: https://nrcdv.adobeconnect.com/tdvam21-webinar/event/event_info.html

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Not Neutral: The Impact of Mandatory Reporting on Domestic Violence Survivors

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

3pm Eastern, 2pm Central, 12pm Pacific

As increasing light is shed on the limitations of criminal legal responses to domestic violence, calls for community-based solutions that do not involve the criminal legal system are growing louder. Mandatory reporting laws pose a significant challenge in making this shift, however, by connecting many informal and formal domestic violence supports to criminal and legal institutions. In this TDVAM webinar, we will explore the impact of mandatory reporting on domestic violence survivors, highlighting unique impacts for LGBTQ young people. We will present findings from a 2016 survey that examined how mandatory reporting affects the help-seeking of domestic violence survivors. We will also identify practical strategies advocates can use to decrease negative consequences of reporting and increase survivor safety and self-determination.

Presenters: Dr. Carrie Lippy & Shannon Perez-Darby

Register: https://nrcdv.adobeconnect.com/tdvam21-webinar2/event/event_info.html

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2021 Awareness and Prevention Resources

The Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit

For Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month 2021, NRCDV will launch this newly updated and redesigned toolkit, developed by and for advocates in the runaway and homeless youth (RHY) and domestic and sexual assault (DV/SA) field to help service providers better address relationship violence with runaway and homeless youth. Available at: www.rhytoolkit.org

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Awareness Highlights: Centering Youth at the Intersections of Homelessness and Gender-Based Violence for Teen DV Month 2021 (February 2021)

This blog post on the Domestic Violence Awareness Project website highlights the release of the updated Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit, with a particular focus on the experiences of Black and Trans youth. The Toolkit includes strategies for building meaningful partnerships between RHY programs and domestic and sexual violence agencies to help meet the NRCDV (January 2021)

needs of those most impacted. The blog post will draw connections to key themes, events, resources, and opportunities for engagement throughout Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month 2021. Available at: <https://www.dvawareness.org/awareness-blog>

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VAWnet TA Question of the Month: What are effective, trauma-informed strategies for serving runaway and homeless youth and young adults? (February 2021)

Our February TA Question of the Month will highlight effective, trauma-informed strategies for serving runaway and homeless youth and young adults, including innovative programming from the youth program Bridge Over Troubled Waters.

Available at: <https://vawnet.org/news/ta-question-month>

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NRCDV Radio Podcast: Joy, Pride & Passion of Youth Activism

Young people have always been a crucial part of movement building and organizing. In this NRCDV Radio podcast production, we will explore the pride, passion, creativity, and joy of youth activism. Learn how community care and action expands how we look at prevention, and how digital activism has challenged traditional social, economic, and political norms.

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PreventIPV: Know Your Worth for TDVAM 2021 (February 2021)

The Winter Issue of the PreventIPV Newsletter will feature key resources, information, and tools for preventing teen dating violence, including lessons learned from DELTA FOCUS. Throughout the month of February, the PreventIPV project will feature a tool each week that was developed for and/or by youth to promote healthy relationships with self and others in recognition of love is respect's theme, *Know Your Worth*, for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month 2021. Available at: <http://www.preventipv.org/>

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Special Collection: Preventing and Responding to Teen Dating Violence (Updated January 2019)

This Special Collection emphasizes collaborative and multi-level approaches to the prevention of and response to teen dating violence. Drawing on the work of many organizations, this Collection provides general information about teen dating violence, as well as resources for different populations, including 1) young people, 2) parents and caregivers, 3) men and boys, 4) teachers and school-based professionals, 5) health care professionals, 6) pregnancy prevention programs, and 7) domestic violence and sexual violence service providers. Available at: <http://vawnet.org/sc/preventing-and-responding-teen-dating-violence>

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Additional Resources

Engaging Youth in IPV Prevention: Lessons Learned from DELTA FOCUS (February 2020)

This story features lessons from five community coalitions funded by four DELTA FOCUS domestic violence coalitions. Informed by healthy behavior and social norms theories, these stories suggest that prevailing attitudes, culture, and social expectations related to IPV can change through efforts to foster adult-youth mentoring opportunities, a focus on youth leadership development, and support for youth-led media and marketing campaigns. Their approaches focus on building youth's leadership skills, engaging them in shifting norms related to violence, and strengthening community-level protective factors for intimate partner violence.

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Available at: <https://preventipv.org/innovation/youth-engagement>

TAQ: How can advocates raise awareness about emotional abuse for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (TDVAM)? (February 2020)

NRCDV's February 2020 TA Question of the Month explores how advocates can take action to prevention emotional abuse and to promote safe and healthy relationship norms for teens.

Available at: <https://vawnet.org/news/how-can-advocates-raise-awareness-about-emotional-abuse-teen-dating-violence-awareness-and>

TAQ: How can we create meaningful connections with youth leaders seeking opportunities to become vocal advocates for themselves and their communities? (February 2019)

Guest blogger Rebecca Balog from National Indigenous Women's Resource talked with Tanae LeClaire, [NativeLove](#) Youth Delegate from the Yankton Sioux tribe about important things to remember when planning to develop relationships with youth leaders and planning outreach activities.

Available at: <https://vawnet.org/news/how-can-we-create-meaningful-connections-youth-leaders-seeking-opportunities-become-vocal>

TAQ: How can we harness the power of our own trauma histories to build truly intersectional and intergenerational approaches to this work?

In NRCDV's February 2018 TA Question of the month, guest writer Annika Leonard explores what it means to truly bring our histories of trauma and oppression to the work.

Available at: <https://vawnet.org/news/how-can-we-harness-power-our-own-trauma-histories-build-truly-intersectional-and>

Webinar Recording: Our Gender Revolution: Social Change to End Gender Violence (February 2017)

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence integrates a social change approach to interrupt the root causes of gender violence fueled by multiple systemic oppressions. The Our Gender Revolution youth framework explores concepts of gender, inequality, and a vision of the world to end oppression and violence and engages young people as social change agents. On this webinar, presenters from the Idaho Coalition highlight their We Choose All of Us campaign that directly addresses the climate of hate and violence in schools and communities as a model for promoting youth-driven activism for social transformation.

Available at: <https://vawnet.org/material/our-gender-revolution-youth-leaders-action>