



TIPS FOR TEACHERS

If you are concerned about the issue of teen dating violence, here are some things you can do to address the issue at your school:

- Teach about relationship abuse.
- Encourage other teachers to do the same. If you are in Alameda County, invite R.A.P. educators to your class, then facilitate a class discussion.
- Start a peer education program on teen dating violence.
- Create bulletin boards in the school cafeteria or classroom to raise awareness.
- Organize a class project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).
- Encourage the school to purchase books about healthy relationships and the cycle of violence for the school library.
- Learn how to recognize the warning signs that a child might be headed for violence and know how to tap school resources to get appropriate help.
- Encourage and sponsor student-led anti-violence activities such as peer education, teen courts, meditation, mentoring, or tutoring.
- Firmly, consistently, and fairly enforce school policies that seek to reduce the risk of violence. Take responsibility for areas outside as well as inside your classroom.
- Insist that students not resort to name-calling or teasing. Encourage them to demonstrate the respect they expect. Involve them in developing standards of acceptable behavior.