

Teen Dating Violence Intervention & Prevention in Schools

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Who We Are

- Teen Dating Violence Committee of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council
- Interdisciplinary team with members from Health and Human Services, Non-Profits and Education
- To empower our communities to prevent and intervene Teen Dating violence in our schools and communities.



Partnership & Collaboration

San Diego Domestic Violence Council

Community-Based Orgs

Schools

County of San Diego

City Attorney's Office



CA Healthy Youth Act

In addition to requiring that students receive comprehensive sexual health education at least twice—(at least) once in middle school and (at least) once in high school—the California Healthy Youth Act includes new language about adolescent relationship abuse and sex trafficking and reinforces a focus on healthy attitudes, healthy behaviors, and healthy relationships. (EC Section 51934)

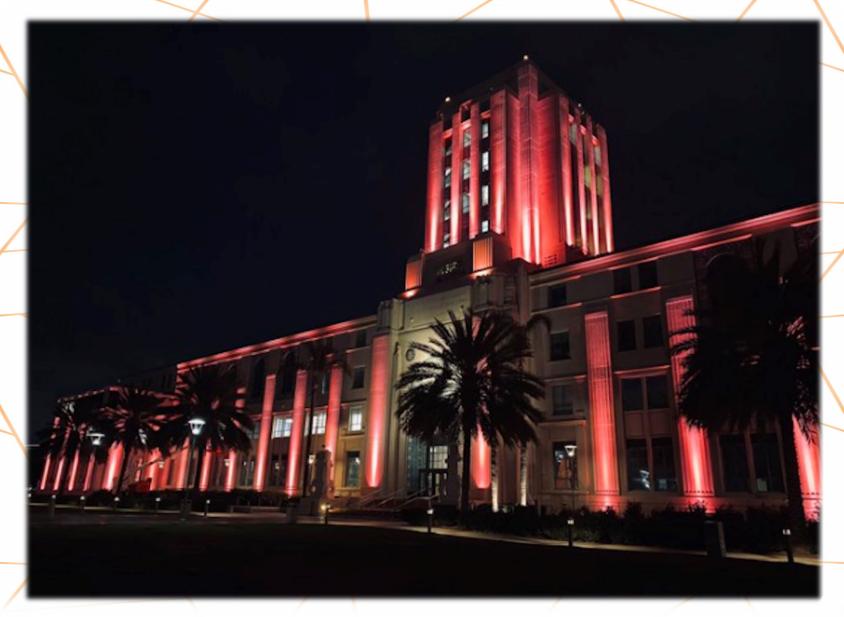
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Health Education Instructional Materials Evaluation Toolkit





TDV Awareness Month Campaigns





Responding to TDV at Schools

When a Mandatory Report is **NOT** Required

Any **school employee** who learns that a student may be a victim of teen dating violence not requiring a mandatory report should follow this protocol:

- Separate the victim from the alleged perpetrator. Do not, under any circumstances, meet with the victim and alleged perpetrator together.
- Refer to the school code of conduct
- Refer the victim to the counselor in the school for services and safety planning

Any **counselor** in the school who learns from another school employee that a student may be a victim of teen dating violence not requiring a mandatory report should follow this protocol:

- Inform the victim of school and community resources as needed, including their right to access
 advocacy and counseling services, file charges or seek legal protection, such as a Protection from
 Abuse Order.
- Monitor the victim's safety as needed. Assist the victim with safety planning for the school day and for after-school activities, including class scheduling and transportation considerations.

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- Separate the victim from the alleged perpetrator. Do not, under any circumstances, meet with the victim and alleged perpetrator together.
- Refer to the school code of conduct based on the behavior but consider additional responses, such as providing outside resources to the student.
- The school employee should also report incidents that fall under the mandatory reporting obligations to the appropriate police jurisdiction. DFS must also be notified if sexual violence occurs in the teen dating relationship. The school resource officer may also be notified if applicable.





Considerations for COVID



- Text/chat lines may be more helpful than call-in numbers for referrals
- Be aware of privacy for student
 - Ask when/where they would prefer to have this conversation
- Being mindful of ways school platforms can be used for harm
- Since physical signs of violence will be less obvious, try to keep in mind changes in behavior and listen for signs of power and control
- Young people are more likely to disclose to a friend than to an adult, so advertise confidential support services and advocate for bystander intervention education





— HEALTHY — RELATIONSHIPS

"I promised myself I would never question whether I deserved better. The answer would always be yes and yes."

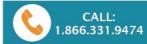


- **Chanel Miller,** Artist, Author & Survivor



For more information about healthy teen dating, contact teendv.sddvc@gmail.com

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CHAT LIVE: loveisrespect.org



— HEALTHY — RELATIONSHIPS

"I won't say I'm sorry over and over.

Can't just say l'm sorry.

I've gotta show you."



- **John Legend**, Musician, Singer & Songwriter

EVERYONE DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE & RESPECTED IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP

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TDV COMMITTEE INSTAGRAM CAMPAIGN

All month long, Center for Community Solutions, San Diego Youth Services, & San Ysidro Health from the TDV Committee are teaming up to share info about healthy relationships and consent.

#TeenDatingViolenceAwareness
#TDVAM2021 #TDVAM #LoveIsRespect



TDVAM 2021 TOOLKIT

SDDVC TDV COMMITTEE

get involved with

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

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For sample posts and captions, visit tinyurl.com/TDVAM2021Toolkit & check the Social Media Folder!

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

PRE-RECORDED TRAININGS FROM THE TDV COMMITTEE OF THE SDDVC

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<u>Teen Dating Violence:</u> Awareness and Resources

Originally offered in October 2020, this training covers:

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- Defining Teen Dating Violence (TDV)
- Warning signs and risk factors
- Strategies for how to respond
- · Local and national resources for support

<u>Beyond Awareness:</u> Preventing TDV in Schools

Originally offered in January 2021, this training covers:

- Defining Teen Dating Violence (TDV)
- Public health model of prevention (social ecological model)
- Preventing TDV at the individual, community, and societal levels





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Learn the Warning Signs



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Teen Dating Violence (TDV) is a pattern of violent or manipulative behaviors by a partner (or ex) to gain power and maintain control in a relationship.

The Warning Signs of Teen Dating Violence



PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Changes in appearance

- Unexplained bruises or injuries
- Unexplained or concerning change in weight
- Dressing out of character



Changes to how student interacts with others

- Isolation from former friends
- Little social contact with anyone but partner
- Making excuses/apologizing for partner's behavior



BEHAVIORAL

Changes in student's classroom demeanor

- Unexplained changes in classroom behavior
- New problems such as bullying or acting out
- Increase in negative self-talk
- Unhealthy sexual behavior





Changes in student's connection to school

- Recent changes in attendance
- Unexplained changes in schedule
- Decline in grades or quality of work
- Lack of interest in former extracurricular activities

TDV is serious and can impact a student's mental health and academics.

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Tips on How to #StartTheConvo

Build Rapport - It takes time to build trust; youth may open-up about their relationships as they are comfortable. If they don't want to talk to you, is there someone else they feel comfortable with?

Disclose Your Status - Before you engage youth in a conversation, always disclose if you are a mandated reporter and what that means.

The Goal isn't Disclosure - It is okay if a youth does not want to disclose. The goal is to create a space where students know they can talk to you without judgment or go to you for resources and support.

Ask Open-Ended Questions - Create opportunities to check in with them and ask open-ended questions like, "I've noticed you've been struggling to pay attention in class - what's on your mind lately?"



Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month (TDVAPM) 2023

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

JOIN US THIS FEBRUARY

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Teen Dating Violence (TDV) is a pattern of violent or manipulative behaviors by a partner (or ex) to gain
 power and maintain control in a relationship.
- TDV can happen online or in person and includes physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, financial violence and stalking.
- In February communities nationwide take a stand against TDV by spreading awareness and prevention
 education to address relationship violence. (Link to local TDV & Healthy Relationships classes)

HOST AN INFORMATION TABLE

- Download and print the <u>10 Healthy/Unhealthy Relationship Signs</u>, <u>palm cards</u>, and other resources from <u>loveisrespect.org</u>
- · Attach information about healthy relationships to a Flower/Candy Gram.
- · Print the Relationship Bill of Rights and encourage all students to sign it.
- Print and share Healthy LGBTQ+ Relationships.

WEAR ORANGE DAY

- Am day
- Tuesday February 8, 2022
- Wear orange, a simple, yet meaningful way to raise awareness about teen
 dating violence. Or, print out <u>speech bubbles</u> and tell us what "LOVE IS...."
- Snap a selfie, or take a group picture of you with friends/family/co-workers all wearing orange, or with speech bubbles.
- Post it on social media (Facebook, IG) and tag #tdvamteamorange



RELATIONSHIP SPECTRUM ACTIVITY

- Relationships are not 100% healthy or 100% unhealthy. How would students rate:
- Silent treatment as a way to communicate?
- o A partner whose needs always come first?
- A partner who sends more texts than you have agreed to?
- Find out using the <u>high school</u> or <u>middle school</u> classroom activity.



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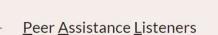


Preventing Teen Dating Violence in Schools

Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships: A Teen Perspective

San Dieguito High School Academy: <u>Peer Assistance Lis</u> Irene Aguilar, Josie Butte, Ellory Maxwell, Mia Racine, a





- Trained by SDA counselors and local professionals
- Social/emotional, and academic needs of students
- Talk to students 1-on-1
- Class presentations like: The Importance of
 Respecting Pronouns, Suicide Prevention, Stress
 Less, Kindness, Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships, etc.
- We aim to support, educate and inform







Hanging Out or Hooking Up:

An Integrated Approach to Prevention and Intervention



A Train the Trainers Curriculum on Responding to Adolescent Relationship Abuse



Universal Education – Anticipatory Guidance on Healthy Relationships

"We want all of the young people who come to our clinic to know that we care a lot about them being in healthy relationships. We are giving this informational card to all of our patients. Please look this over while you're waiting to see the clinician."



"Hanging Out or Hooking Up" **Safety Card**

Are There Times...

HANGING OUT OR HOOKING UP?

The person you are seeing:

- Shames you or makes you feel stupid?
- Controls where you go, reads your texts or makes you feel afraid?
- X Threatens to put something on social media to control you?
- **X** Grabs your arm, yells at you, or pushes you?

You are not alone, and nobody deserves to be treated this way. For help and support, text/call hotlines on the back of this card.

FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Thank you!

Any Questions?

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 - TDV and healthy relationship classes.
 - Want to get involved?

