

Youth Domestic Violence Survey Draft Results

As of July 20, 2006, 409 surveys have been completed and returned. The following responses have been given:

1. Do you know of teens who are victims or witnesses of dating/family violence?

48% Yes **52% No**

2. Do you know where to go to get help or information about dating/family violence?

61% Yes 39% No

3. What is the best way for teens to get help or information about dating/family violence?

- School 211**, Specific-counselors 47, teachers 25, staff 13, nurse 9, newspaper 7, coach 5
- Family 172
- Friend 140
- Internet 125
- Hotline 82
- Religious Organization 52
- Yellow Pages 36
- Police 17
- Other 11
- Stand and Deliver 2,
- TV
- MAG

4. Who are your role models when it comes to relationships?

- **Family 103**, Specific – sister/brother 24, grandparents 14, cousins 3
- **Parents 76**, Specific mom 83, dad 52
- Nobody 71
- Friends 61
- School staff 23
- Media 11
- DV survivor 3
- Happy couples 3
- Girlfriend/boyfriend parent 2
- Pastor 1
- Wish I had one 1

5. What are some ways that we can help teens become more comfortable and knowledgeable about reporting dating/family violence?

- **Talking about situation 147**
- Gain their trust 66
- Don't know 32
- Provide more information where teens are 29
- Go to schools 27
- Talk to school counselor 17
- Support groups once a month 14
- Have public meeting 8: Specific MAG focus group 2
- Show them violence is wrong 2
- Help them to understand what happens after a report 2
- Offer a reward/cash 2
- Involve teens in a club and activities 2
- Set up an email address to address problems privately
- Provide an opportunity to tell
- Nothing will help
- Hotlines
- For people to make it a bigger deal
- Listen, don't judge, let them know they are worth something and they are not alone

6. Would you participate in a competition to create a public service announcement to raise awareness about teens, domestic violence and healthy relationships?

66% Yes 33% No

7. What is the best way to raise awareness about dating/family violence with teens?

- **Talking about it 112**
- Commercials/TV 70
- Program in high school/school assembly/conferences 56
- Don't know 40
- Billboards/Posters 32
- Youth activities 31
- More information where teens go like sporting events 26
- Support groups 20
- Internet like My Space 19
- Radio 12
- Personal testimony 3
- Friends
- Church
- Research

8. What stops teens from reporting dating/family violence?

- **Fear 254**
- Embarrassment/being judged 64
- Not wanting to get the other person in trouble or losing that person 40
- Low self-esteem 22
- Misinformation/not knowing who to trust 12
- Not knowing consequences 2
- Nothing will be done if reported

9. What most helps teens to report dating/family violence?

- **Talking about what is happening 89**
- Trust in the person you're confiding to 74
- Confidence/courage in themselves 55
- Friends 55
- When it becomes apparent 35
- Parents/family 33
- Don't know 27
- Counselor 4
- Resources 2
- Police 12
- Teen hotline 8
- Want to know charges and if they will be safe 2
- Knowing they deserve better
- Teachers
- Support group

10. What else is important to understand about teens and dating/family violence?

- **They need to know the seriousness of the problem 76**
- Let them know they are not alone 43
- Don't know 42
- Not easy to talk about it takes time 22
- That they are not at fault 16
- Its hard to tell people/report 16
- Need to know definition 16
- Don't patronize 12
- Need to respect one another 12
- Be safe and use caution when dating 10
- There are many emotions and might have other problems 9
- Its very common and never reported 7
- Most teens are scared 4

- Not to be dating at a young age 3
- Need to hear from other teens who have been through this and won't judge them
- Need to know the history
- Its important to know how long its been going on
- Its not right
- Need a person not just a hotline

11. Where do teens go when they need protection from dating/family violence?

- **Friends house 101**
- Family member house 86
- Police 33
- School 33
- Safe house 16
- Shelters 11
- Runaway 9
- Drugs/alcohol 5
- Church 4
- An adult 2