

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Teen Survey About Domestic Violence**

Last summer, focus groups were held with youth throughout Maricopa County. Teens identified domestic violence as a major concern. In an effort to make youth safer, MAG is conducting follow-up focus groups and surveys to get more information about the resources that would be the most helpful and the most appropriate for teens. Your honest, open responses will help us make these resources available.

Domestic violence can happen between family members, in a dating relationship or between unrelated people living together. Domestic violence includes both dating violence and family violence. It can be:

- Physical abuse like hitting, slapping and punching.
- Emotional abuse like intimidation, stalking, putting you down, and controlling behavior such as telling you what to wear or who to see.
- Sexual abuse can also be a part of domestic violence. This is any unwanted sexual contact.

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

Please circle the answer. Yes No

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

Please circle the answer. Yes No

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

- Internet
- School: Please specify- teacher, counselor, nurse, coach, staff, newspaper
- Friend
- Family
- Religious Organization
- Hotline
- Yellow Pages
- Other: Please specify _____

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

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

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

Please circle the answer.

Yes

No

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

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

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

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

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

If you or someone you know needs help or wants more information about domestic violence, please call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit this website:
<http://www.ndvh.org/help/teen-help.html>.