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Resources: Teenage Dating Violence & Sexual Assault

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Teenage dating violence and sexual assault is a serious problem in our state and country. According to the Center for Disease Control's 2011 Youth Risk Surveillance Report, 10.6% of female and 12.4% of male students in Indiana noted that they were either hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend. The Indiana Department of Education has compiled this list of resources and organizations to equip parents and guardians with tools to recognize, discuss and take action against teenage dating violence and sexual assault with your students, school administration and parents.

Websites

- *Break the Cycle* – www.breakthecycle.org - Break the Cycle, a nonprofit organization working to prevent domestic and dating abuse, offers a wide array of resources including their Love Is Not Abuse curriculum for high school students. The Love Is Not Abuse program includes easy to follow lesson plans that inform and empower educators to provide for small and large class groups. Love Is Not Abuse was developed for English language arts classes, using literature and health education to help students develop tools to recognize and respond to dating abuse.
- *Dating Matters* – <http://vetoviolenace.cdc.gov/apps/datingmatters/> – Dating Matters, developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Fifth & Pacific Co., is geared for educators working with youth between the ages of 11-18. They offer a 60-minute interactive training, strategies, and tools for educators to address teenage dating violence. This program helps educators to identify teen dating violence, recognize the warning signs of victims and perpetrators, and communicate to students healthy relationship habits.
- *Love is Respect* – www.loveisrespect.org - This website geared for high school and college students tackles a variety of topics including dating basics, social networking safety, healthy relationships, and many more. Love is Respect provides offers handouts, posters, quizzes on healthy relationships and partner abuse, and how you can take action against teenage dating violence at school and in the community.
- *The Halls Boston* – www.thehallsboston.com – The Halls Boston is an 8-episode web series geared to high school students especially male to spark discussion on how to end gender- based violence and promote healthy teen relationships. The series focuses on the lives of 3 male students dealing with their own issues of masculinity, trauma, and relationships in addition to one of their classmates being accused of raping a fellow student. They also provide a discussion guide for you and your students to follow as you view The Halls.

State & National Resources

- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence – www.icadvinc.org - 1-800-332-7385
- National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline – www.loveisrespect.org - 1-866-331-9474
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799- SAFE (7233)

Learn more at <http://www.doe.in.gov/safety/identifying-teen-dating-violence>



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