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FEBRUARY 1, 2020



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THIS IS A PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO STOP OR PREVENT DATING VIOLENCE PERPETRATION AND VICTIMIZATION.

For information on signing up, please contact:
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child will soon be involved in an exciting program called the Teach, Engage, Awareness, Lead (TEAL) Project where the "Safe Dates" curriculum will be used. This effective, research-based program targets the attitudes and behaviors associated with dating abuse and violence.

As we have seen, dating abuse can be a significant problem for teens as young as middle school. "Safe Dates" helps teens more clearly define what a healthy dating relationship is and what dating abuse is. It helps teens understand the causes and consequences of dating abuse, as well as the key ways to prevent dating abuse from happening.

We understand that some parents and caregivers don't want their teens dating until they're older. "Safe Dates" doesn't push or promote dating, but it will prepare your child for the future when he or she may be dating.

"Safe Dates" also does not discuss any sexually explicit content. We'll be talking about sexual assault (date rape), but in more general terms.

The goal of this program is to help teens be safe as they develop healthy relationships with friends.

As the caregiver of your teen, you play the most important role in keeping your teen safe in dating relationships. During the third session of the TEAL Project, we will be meeting with parents and caregivers to provide essential information on signs of dating abuse, how to help, and other resources.

If you have any questions about the "Safe Dates" curriculum or the TEAL Project, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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