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February Is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

NCEDSV brings awareness into the classrooms with trainings for teens.

(February 1, 2024) The Nevada Coalition to END Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) highlights Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) every February to raise awareness about intimate partner violence among teens.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), one in ten high school students has experienced physical violence from a partner in the last year, and only one-third of teen victim-survivors tell someone about it. This February, NCEDSV is bringing awareness into the classroom by offering virtual and in-class trainings for students ages 13-24 regarding teen dating violence in financial abuse, healthy relationships, and relationship abuse amongst queer and trans youth. Educators interested in scheduling a training can reach out to NCEDSV's training director, Lindsay Yates, at lindsay@ncedsv.org.

"Teen dating violence is an issue that affects all of us. The dating relationships we develop as teens set expectations for relationships throughout the rest of our lives. All teens deserve these precedent-setting relationships to be healthy and rewarding. When adults support teens through open communication and education, they learn to recognize the red flags of abuse and set positive expectations for their future," said, Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, NCEDSV Executive-Director.

The CDC finds that victim-survivors of teen dating violence experience long and short-term symptoms such as depression, anxiety, drug and alcohol use, antisocial behaviors such as theft, bullying, or hitting, and suicidal thoughts.

"NCEDSV believes that by helping teens understand what healthy relationships look like and how to recognize the signs of abuse, we can empower young people to navigate their relationships in healthy

ways,” said Abdur-Raheem. “We urge the community to take a stand against teen dating violence by becoming familiar with the signs and encourage teaching teens about healthy relationships.”

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About NCEDSV

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