

Dear Friends,

The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County presents "Kaleidoscope: A Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program" in high schools.

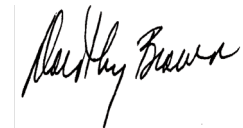
"Kaleidoscope" brings awareness directly to the individuals most at risk for teen dating violence: the students. Through the use of a multimedia presentation, specially trained volunteers from the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office guide high school students through informative discussions about teen dating violence.

Our office also offers workshops on this topic to parent and teacher groups. These seminars are intended to educate teachers and parents and give them the tools needed to support affected students.

Our program initiates open dialogue about teen dating violence. Only with continued awareness, discussion and action may we begin to halt the occurrence of violence among our youth.

For more information on scheduling a workshop at your school, call the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau Coordinator at (312) 325-9468 or visit our website at www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org.

Sincerely,



Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County

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COOK COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

(INCLUDES TEEN DATING VIOLENCE COUNSELING)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE

Phone Access to All Agencies:
City of Chicago Domestic Violence Helpline
(877) 863-6338 (*) (877) 863-6339(*)

*24-HOUR HOT LINE NUMBERS #TDD SERVICE

APNA GHAR	*(800) 717-0757
C.A.W.C. GREENHOUSE	*(773) 278-4566
	.(773) 278-4114
CENTER ON HALSTED	*(773) 871-2273
	.(773) 472-1277
CHICAGO METRO. BATTERED WOMEN'S NETWORK	
	*(877) 863-6338
	.(877) 863-6339
CLARA'S HOUSE	.(773) 778-8854
CONSTANCE MORRIS HOUSE	*(708) 485-5254
	.(708) 485-5257
CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA	*(708) 429-7255
	.(708) 429-7284
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL CLINIC	
	*(312) 325-9155
FAMILY RESCUE SHELTER	*(800) 360-6619
	.(773) 375-8774
HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD	.(773) 935-3434
HULL HOUSE	*(773) 561-6119
JUST FRIENDS	*(800) 603-4357
	.(773) 274-6508
KOREAN WOMEN IN NEED (KAN-WIN)	*(773) 583-0880
LIFE SPAN	*(312) 408-1210
	*(847) 824-4454
	.(847) 824-0189 (POLISH HOTLINE) *(847) 824-1158
METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES	*(773) 884-2235
	.(773) 884-0005
MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCION	*(312) 738-5358
	.(312) 226-3350
NEOPOLITAN LIGHTHOUSE	*(773) 722-0005
	.(773) 826-2883
RAINBOW HOUSE	*(773) 762-6611
	.(773) 762-6802
SARAH'S INN	*(708) 386-4225
	.(708) 386-3687
SHALVA	*(773) 583-4673
SOUTH SUBURBAN FAMILY SHELTER	*(877) 335-3020
	.(708) 647-6843
SOUTHWEST WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER	
	*(773) 582-0550
	.(773) 582-9392
WHOLISTIC & WELLNESS CENTER, INC	*(773) 638-0438
WELLSPRING, CENTER FOR HOPE	*(773) 723-2119
VIOLENCE RECOVERY SERVICES	*(773) 847-4417
YWCA OF NORTH SHORE	*(877) 718-1868

DOROTHY BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

THE ABC'S OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE



The ABC's of Teen Dating Violence

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Teens who are wealthy or not, religious or not, straight or not. It makes no difference what race or ethnic background a person is. Anyone can be a victim. Anyone can be an abuser.

Be safe. Be a survivor, not a victim. Understand the three types of abuse.

Control. Abuse is about control, not love. Learn the difference. Be safe.

Dating violence is a consistent pattern of verbal (or emotional) abuse, physical abuse, or sexual abuse.

Emotional abuse can be more serious than physical abuse. Does your partner call you names? Humiliate you? Isolate you from your friends? Make all the decisions? Threaten you? Make you afraid?

Family and friends can help you. Don't keep any abuse secret. The more people who know, the safer you are.

Get help. Call a domestic violence program. You are not alone.

Help your friends who may be victims. They need you as a friend now more than ever.

Intervention and prevention begin with you. Do not accept any abuse from anyone or to anyone.

Judges know the problems of dating violence. If you have to get an order of protection to be safe—do it.

Kicking, hitting, and punching are types of physical abuse. Once is too many.

Love should be special. It is never controlling. It is never about one person telling the other person what to think, do, or how to act.

Murder is the ultimate horror of dating violence. It is the cause of 24% of teen homicides.

No one likes being hit. Victims are afraid to leave abusers because they are afraid of being hit harder. Leave. Be a survivor.

Orders of protection tell the abusers what they can and cannot do. Call the Clerk's Office for more information.

Physical abuse doesn't always leave bruises, but it always leaves scars.

Qualified counselors are available to help teen dating violence victims 24 hours a day. Call now for support.

Read and remember everything you can about dating violence. It could be a real lifesaver.

Sexual abuse can be anything from ruining your reputation, to touching you improperly, to rape.

Tell. The abuser wants you to think that no one will believe you. The abuser wants you to think that no one else cares about you. The abuser is wrong. People believe. People care. Abuse should not be a secret. Tell.

Understand that you are not alone: friends, family, teachers, the police, judges, are all there to help.

Victory is in becoming a survivor. You do not have to be a victim. Only you can begin to make that change.

Winning the battle against teen dating violence is everyone's job. Listen to your friends. Share this brochure with anyone who may need it. You can make a difference.

X-rays don't show all the hurt. Teen dating violence hurts everyone. Help stop the hurt.

Yearly, about 25% of all teens are dating violence victims. Don't be a statistic.

Zero tolerance is the only acceptable level of teen dating violence.

For more information about Teen Dating Violence, please call the Clerk of the Circuit Court Domestic Violence Program at (312) 325-9467 or (312) 325-9468

Or visit our website:
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