



RESPOND

working to end domestic violence

Dear Parents,

Teen dating violence is more common than anyone wants to believe. Too many teenagers are not aware of the signs of unhealthy relationships or where to go for help. RESPOND, Inc. looks to help educate you, your children and others on teen dating violence (TDV). If you are interested in learning more about prevention and supporting young adults, RESPOND would love to help you do so. Here are just a few ways we would like to help:

- **Call our Hotline-** We have counselors available 24 hours a day to speak with you confidentially. We can provide extra support to you and/or your children. Our counselors can help you recognize or interpret warning signs and can help you to plan the best approach for supporting your child. Words and actions can be very important when addressing this topic, and we are more than happy to share advice on how to start the conversation and have a positive impact on your child's relationship.
- **Presentations and Workshops (for young adults) -** We can design learning opportunities for groups large or small that address healthy relationships, define TDV, warning signs, and offer alternatives and support for your children. If your local school, library, or other community center would be willing to host something, we can provide the programming
- **Parent Education-** In addition to speaking with the young adults themselves, we can prepare a presentation or workshop that is designed to help parents and other adults better understand TDV and how to support their children. These have more a focus on intervention and communication so that adults can be more comfortable addressing this sometimes difficult topic with their children or other young adults in their lives.

RESPOND partners with individuals, families and communities to end the serious public health issue of domestic violence and teen dating violence. A pioneer in the movement to end domestic violence, RESPOND strives to achieve its mission through prevention, intervention, and education services that promote safe, healthy relationships. Our organization has provided life-saving shelter, support services, training and education programs to more than 150,000 members of the community for over 40 years. We hope that your community will be the next to partner with us to prevent teen dating violence.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to discuss possible services that we may provide for you. I can be contacted at 617.623.5900 or jennifer@respondinc.org.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wolter

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