



Dear Educators,

Young adults aged 16-24 experience the highest rate of teen dating violence. It is especially prevalent on university campuses and we want to help. Too many young adults are not aware of the signs of unhealthy relationships or where to go for help. RESPOND, Inc. wants to support those who may be experiencing abuse as well as provide valuable information to help prevent it from happening in your community. Any programs will be customized to fit your population and needs. Here are some of the possibilities:

- Presentations- We can design one or a series of presentations for large groups that address issues around both abusive and healthy relationships. These can include defining abuse, understanding it is the number one public health concern, recognizing warning signs, and knowing how to offer or find support.
- Classes or Workshops- Let us join a class or other setting where we can go further into the topics surrounding dating violence through interactive discussion and activities.
- Training- Residential Life teams, student leaders, and staff can all benefit from knowing about dating violence, how to recognize it, and how to help others.
- Clubs and Societies- If you have any extracurricular groups that are interested in learning more or providing a safe, supportive environment for discussion, we can provide help.
- Orientation and Events- A more informal way to engage the students may be to have a table with information or to invite small groups to talk with our staff.
- Information and Materials- We are more than happy to share brochures and referral information to any offices, dorms, or spaces on campus that students may visit for support.

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. We want to provide the best educational experience for your students and staff, and we look forward to partnering with you in any ways we can.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wolter
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