# **Teen Dating Violence**

Dating violence is a pattern of behavior where one person threatens to use or actually uses verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse to control their partner. Over half (57%) of teens know someone who has been abused in a dating relationship.<sup>1</sup>

The Reaching and Teaching Teens to Stop Violence curriculum provides information to raise awareness of violence in our communities, and challenges social norms and behaviors that tolerate and perpetuate violence.

#### **Crisis lines:**

National Domestic Violence Hotline (www.ndvh.org) 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

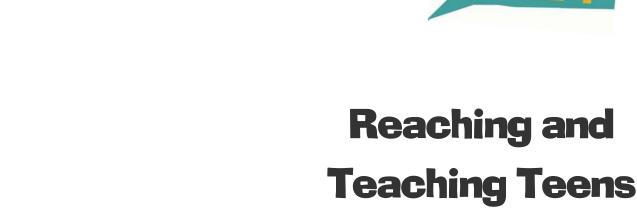
Línea de Crisis en Nebraska (en español) 1-877-215-0167

National Sexual Assault Hotline (www.rainn.org) 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline (www.loveisrespect.org) 1-866-331-9474

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Teen Relationship Abuse Survey, conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited and sponsored by Liz Claiborne Inc., 2005.

## **About the Curriculum**

Designed for youth and young adults in grades 6 through 12, *Reaching and Teaching Teens to Stop Violence* combines presenter lesson plans, activities, role plays, teen survivors experiences, and suggested resources. *Reaching and Teaching Teens* is a 330 page notebook divided into five units. Each topic can be presented individually or in conjunction with any other unit.

### The units include:

- Sticks and Stones: Sexual Harassment
- Every 8 Seconds: Sexual Assault
- When Flowers Don't Fix It: Dating Violence
- The Power of Equality: Healthy Relationships
- Toxic Scripts: Gender Violence

Each unit contains goals and objectives, sample lesson plans for various time amounts, an overview of the unit topic, a variety of activities, homework assignments, handouts, fact sheets, and suggested videos. Evaluations are completed online or printed and completed following the presentations.

The appendices include additional lesson plans, fact sheets, video guides, sample discussion questions, resources (e.g., books, videos, websites), and a listing of the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs in Nebraska.

## **Using the Curriculum**

The curriculum is formatted for use in school settings; however, it can be used in other settings (e.g., youth groups, after school programs, churches).

The local domestic violence/sexual assault program in your area is a resource for this curriculum and other community education and prevention activities, as well as a resource for victims and survivors of violence.

Nebraska's network of Nebraska's coalition of domestic violence/sexual assault programs provide access to safety and shelter across the state.

To locate the program nearest you, visit www.nebraskacoalition.org.

## **About the Coalition**

The Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence is a statewide membership organization of domestic violence/sexual assault programs, organizations, and individuals working to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The Coalition provides technical assistance and training on various topics, and works to increase public awareness and education.

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