Teen Dating Violence

April has been designated National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For this month, the University of Michigan Injury Center is focusing on the prevention of teen dating violence (TDV). TDV is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, including stalking. It can occur in-person or electronically and might occur between a current or former dating partner.

Abusive or violent relationships can have severe consequences and negative effects on developing teens. Implementing effective prevention strategies with teens may help decrease the likelihood of being sexually aggressive. She is currently developing a virtual reality simulation that can be used in experimental studies.

State & National Resources: Teen Dating Violence

- Teen Dating Violence as a Public Health Issue (2015). This report describes ten RSAPE programs carried out in Michigan from 2003 to 2005 and summarizes their internal evaluation efforts.

- Children’s Safety Network (2016). This 60-minute, interactive training is designed to increase understanding of the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence.

- CDC’s Teen dating violence prevention initiative focuses on 13 to 14-year-olds in high-risk, urban communities and includes prevention strategies for individuals, peers, families, schools, and neighborhoods.

- The Michigan Department of Community Health (2015). This report describes ten RSAPE programs carried out in Michigan from 2003 to 2005 and summarizes their internal evaluation efforts.


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