

Sexual Violence and Teen Pregnancy Prevention; Making the Connection

Notes taken from groups at MN ENABL Statewide Grantee Training
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MDH Snelling Office Park

List ways to incorporate sexual violence into MN ENABL/teen pregnancy prevention:

- Begin with parents
- Collaborate in a parent training with agency which does sexual violence/abuse/neglect
- Teach appropriate touch for teens /older youth
- Incorporate limits and responses in curriculum-what to do/say
- Provide informational displays at events, fairs, health fairs
- Become intentional about including this issue in our current programs
- Find out what is happening already regarding bullying-tie in to it!
- Recommend Hands of Hope (Todd Co., Morrison /Co.) and include topics like sexual harassment and healthy relationships
- Youth Council (Sr. High 511) Grant Co. is sponsoring an event in Nov focusing on violence prevention
- Basics-groups (Grit unsure of this one)
- Collaborate with Schools
- Present information at younger age
- Add more time to the curriculum to discuss sexual violence, a day or two
- Provide information for school age children and continue the communication as child grows
- Media-violence and sexual stereotypes
- Statute- sex prior to age 16 is illegal, inform kids
- Portray impact/instances of sexual violence

Include wedgies, titty twisters, bra snapping, panting, butt pinching, grabbing, groping
Name calling; whore, bitch, fag, gay, slut gender, towel snapping

- Skits by peer educators
- Note work on information regarding the portrayal of women (clothing or lack of it)
- Film seejane.org

What do we need to incorporate sexual violence with teen pregnancy prevention?

- School Staff preparedness
- Healthy Relationships-Feelings (define)-spin to (parents/children)
- Educate our teens and Peer Educators
- Alcohol Education
- Breaking the cycle of violence
- Connect with other sources/agencies to speak or be a resource
- Change Education System-Families and Schools work more together to raise children
- More money

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- Lower age of education for kids to receive topics like health and respect
- When children start the school system @ Kindergarten, teaching appropriate skills
- More time and money
- Unlimited resources
- Speakers
- Teachable moments-video/music/media
- Respect vs disrespect
- Acceptable vs. Not acceptable etc.
- Support of parties, schools and communities
- Peer Educators; trained/educated, time, prepare curriculum
- Plan for referral, if necessary, maybe a referral resource book
- Awareness of mandatory reporting; “What makes one a mandatory reporter?” and laws supporting this
- Support of parents, teachers and administration
- Fill in the gaps
- Increase our knowledge/comfort level with the information
- Get to know the key people to use for resources/information
- Involve the teens-listen to them and learn what is happening
- Be eyes and ears and be willing to refer-know your limits