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What's up with WAVE

WAVE stands for *Working Against Violence Everywhere*. The goal of this project is to increase public awareness about the resources and services available to African American youth, ages 10-24, to prevent interpersonal violence — domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking violence — in the Mississippi Delta. We are active in five counties: Bolivar, Humphreys, Washington, Sunflower and Leflore. The **WAVELENGTH** is a quarterly newsletter that will give you information about events and activities to help you learn more about preventing interpersonal violence and about people making a difference in our communities as we WAVE at you.🌊

Our House Receives Two Grants

WAVE team members listen to presentation on abuse.



Bobby Sims, Kayla Patterson & Kelvetta Robinson

Our House, Inc.: **New Birth To Violence Free Living** is the recent recipient of two grants:

1. Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities and
2. Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Initiatives.

The goal of the **Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities** project is to plan and develop a public awareness campaign designed to provide accurate and useful information about existing resources and services available to African American youth ages 10-24, to prevent interpersonal violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking violence in five-counties in the Mississippi Delta.

The goal of the **Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Initiative** is to address the needs of African American youth, ages 13-24, who have been effected by or are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in the Mississippi Delta Area.

To help us accomplish our goals, we have developed a youth council. Meet our dynamic team pages 4-5.🌊

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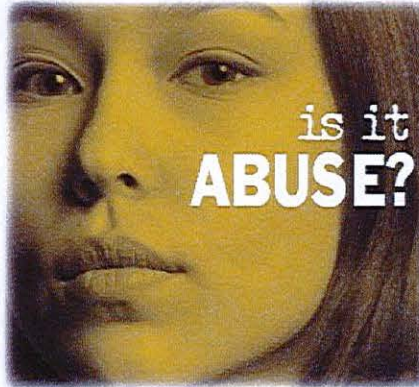
Q: What should I do if I am already in a violent relationship?

A: If you are a teenager involved in an abusive relationship, remember that no one deserves to be abused or threatened. You cannot change the batterer, and in time the violence will get worse. Talk to a trusted adult or locate an agency serving victims of domestic abuse in your community. Together, you can talk about making a plan.

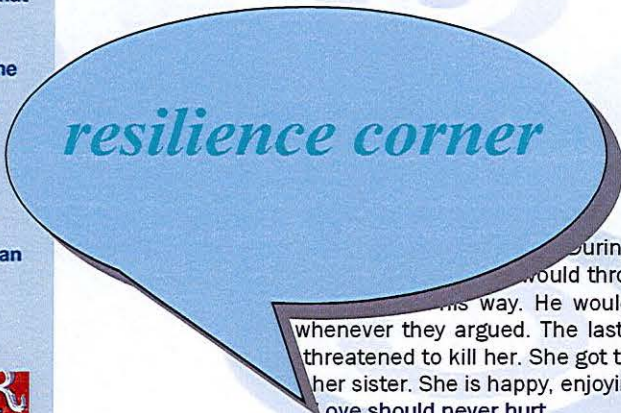
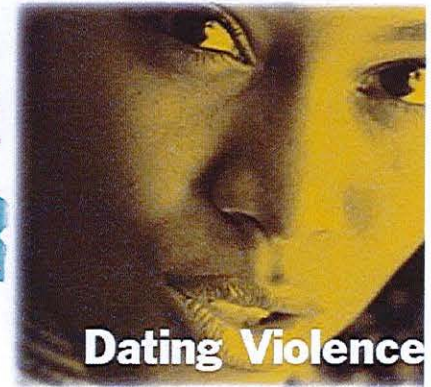
DANGER

Early Warning Signs that Your Date May Eventually Become Abusive:

- Extreme jealousy
- Controlling behavior
- Quick involvement
- Unpredictable mood swings
- Alcohol and drug use
- Explosive anger
- Isolates you from family and friends
- Uses force during an argument
- Shows hypersensitivity
- Believes in rigid sex roles
- Blames others for his/her problems or feelings
- Cruel to animals or children
- Verbally abusive
- Abused former partners
- Threatens violence



DATING VIOLENCE IS NEVER O.K.



By ShayLa Anderson and Bobby Sims, Jr.

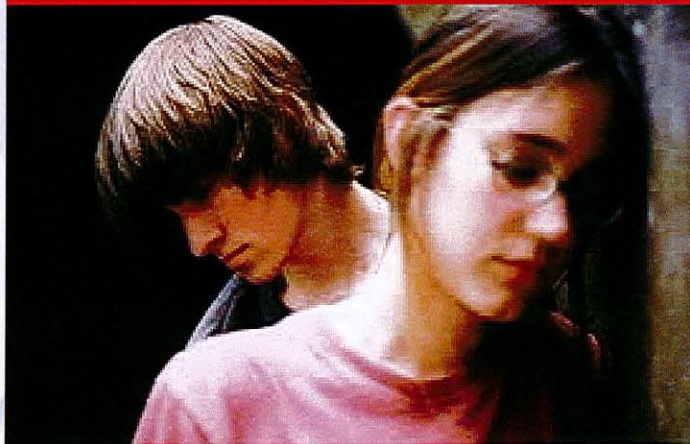
Bouncing back; elasticity; empowered to recover; return to normal state; overcome; to triumph!

My friend had been in an abusive relationship for a year. During the last three months of their relationship, her boyfriend would throw fits and get very angry with her because things didn't go this way. He would hit and push her. He constantly called her bad names whenever they argued. The last time they got into an argument she fought back and he threatened to kill her. She got the courage to leave him and moved out of town to live with her sister. She is happy, enjoying life, and has a job. Love should never hurt.

If you are in an abusive relationship, help is available. Call Our House at 662-332-LOVE (5683). ☎

History of Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month

Teen girls face relationship violence 3 times more than adult women.



For years, young people across the nation have organized to put a stop to dating violence. With their adult allies, they achieved a major victory in 2005 when the importance of addressing teen dating violence was highlighted in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

The following year, Congress followed the lead of dozens of national, state and local organizations in sounding the call to end teen dating violence. **Both Chambers declared the first full week in February "National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Week."**

Then in 2010, Congress began dedicating the entire month of February

to teen dating violence awareness and prevention. Now in its second year, Teen DV Month is celebrated by leaders in government, student bodies, schools, youth service providers, community-based organizations, parents and more. ☎



By Anthony Hicks

resources

<http://www.ourcounselor.com>
662/332-LOVE (5683)
1-888-884-LOVE (5683)

National Safe Place

www.nationalsafeplace.org

1-888-290-7233

Safe Place is the first step to help for any youth in crisis or at risk. This community collaboration program, operated by youth shelters or youth serving agencies make it possible for any youth to access help at locations including fast food restaurants, convenience stores, fire stations, libraries and city buses which display the Safe Place sign. Youth can easily find help at Safe Place sites in their own neighborhood whenever they need it.

Where is Safe Place? Please link to this site for a map of Safe Place locations across the country:

nationalsafeplace.org/aboutus/about-where.php

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

www.loveisrespect.org

1-866-331-9474

TTY: 1-866-331-8453

loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, is a national 24-hour resource that can be accessed by phone or the internet, specifically designed for teens and young adults. The Helpline and loveisrespect.org offer real-time one-on-one support from Peer Advocates that are trained to offer support, information and advocacy to those involved in dating abuse relationships as well as concerned parents, teachers, clergy, law enforcement, and service providers.

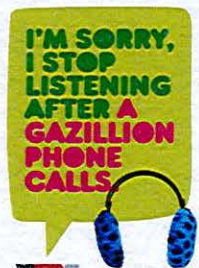
RAINN: Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

www.rainn.org

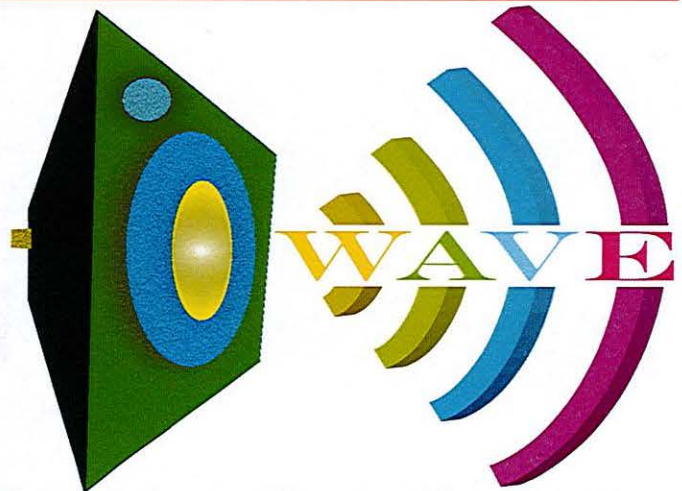
1-800-656-HOPE

1-800-656-4673

At any given moment, more than 1,100 trained volunteers are on duty and available to help victims at RAINN-affiliated crisis centers across the country. ☎



Visit thatsnotcool.org for more info about textual harassment.



WORKING AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE
PUMP UP THE VOLUME

W.A.V.E.

U Don't Have to Cry Tonight
If U Can't Get Away Without A fight
Please Don't Shed Ur Tears Today
We R Here To Wipe Them Away

We R Here To Help You
When U Get Helpless And Is All Out Of Things To Do
But Just Remember YOU Are Not Alone
Someone Is Just Waiting On The Other End Of The Phone

Don't You Worry Your Little Mind
HELP Is Here So Don't Be So Blind
We R Here To Lend A Hand
So Just Help US Understand

Don't Let Your Troubles Make You Weak
Because There Is A Place That You Should Seek
You Have Made It Just Be Strong
Your Hard Times Won't Last Too Long

If You Are Looking For A Place To Go
There Is A Place That You Should Know
We R W.A.V.E.
Looking For Lives To Save

Poem written by:

By ShayLa Anderson



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Working Against Violence Everywhere!



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16 Years Old
Hollandale School District



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Greenwood High School



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Family Worship Church



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Our House Mission Statement

To eliminate domestic violence and sexual violence through intervention, prevention, prosecution, victim protection and sustainable restoration.



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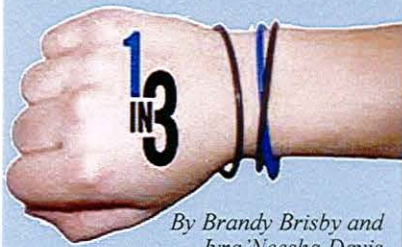
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MEET THE WAVE TEAM

The students pictured have been selected to develop a public awareness campaign to prevent interpersonal violence: domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in Bolivar, Humphreys, Leflore, Sunflower and Washington Counties.

They will also assist Our House, Inc. with developing a support group curriculum for youth victims who are effected by domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in the Mississippi Delta Area. These projects are sponsored by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C.☸

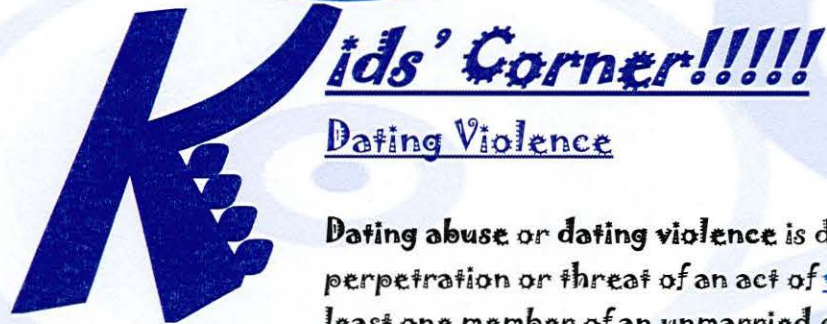
DATING ABUSE



By Brandy Brisby and Jyra'Neesha Davis

KNOW THE FLOW:

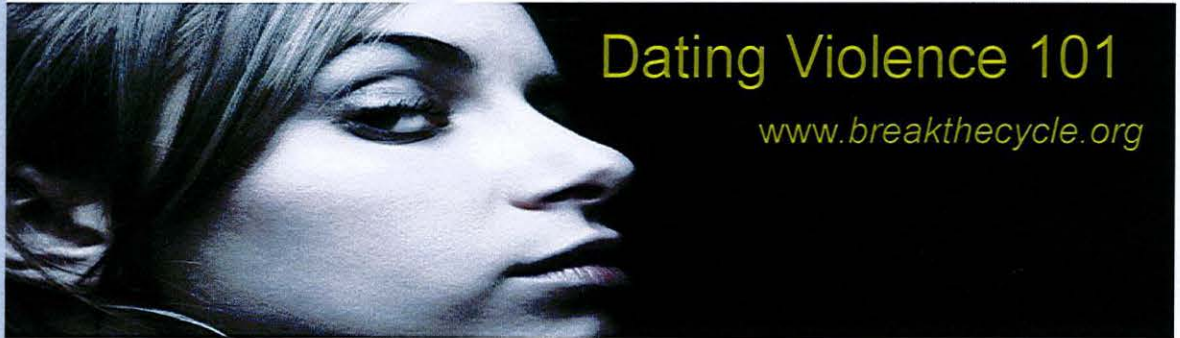
By LaTiffany Hymes and Evelyn Dogan



Kids' Corner!!!!

Dating Violence

Dating abuse or dating violence is defined as the perpetration or threat of an act of **violence** by at least one member of an unmarried couple on the other member within the context of **dating** or courtship. It is also when one partner tries to maintain power and control over the other through abuse/violence. This abuse/violence encompasses all forms: **sexual assault** sexual harassment, threats, physical violence, **verbal**, mental, or **emotional abuse**, social sabotage, and stalking. Dating violence crosses all racial, age, economic and social lines.~



Dating Violence 101

www.breakthecycle.org

What is Dating Violence?

Dating violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner.

A Pattern of Behavior

Calling dating violence a pattern doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a **series of abusive behaviors** over a course of time. Every relationship is different, but the one thing that is common to most abusive dating relationships is that **the violence escalates** over time and becomes more and more dangerous for the victim.

Power and Control

The definition also points out that at the core of dating violence are issues of **power and control**. Violent words and actions are tools an abusive partner uses to gain and maintain power and control over his or her partner.~

Teen dating violence statistics

Teens report dating **abuse via cell phones** as a serious problem.

labmf.org/facts/statistics

1 in 3 teens experiences some kind of abuse in their romantic relationships.

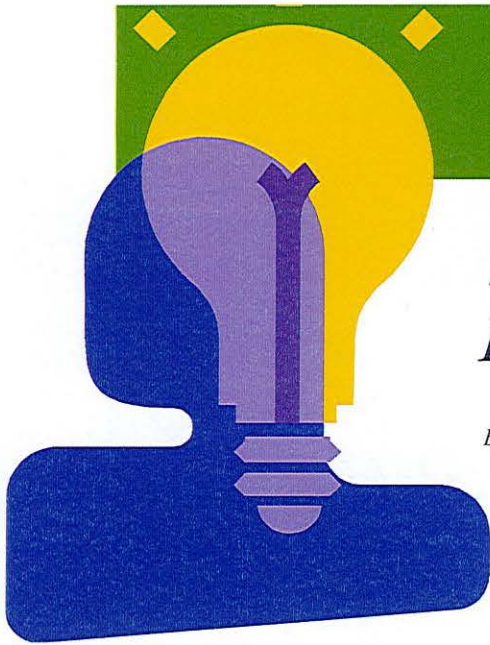
Teens are susceptible to the same types of abuse as adults, some methods are unique to the teen culture, particularly **"technological abuse,"** — **receiving threats via text messages or social networking sites** like Facebook.

1 in 5 high school girls is physically or sexually hurt by a dating partner.

Cell phone calls and texting means **constant control**. **1 in 3** teens say **they are text messaged 10,20, 30 times an hour** by a partner keeping tabs on them.

labmf.org/facts/statistics

Girls and women **between the ages of 16 and 24** experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence.



BRAINWAVE:

Items to help you exercise your mind

By Kayla Patterson and Aurelia Dillard

Using numbers 1-9 only once, make each row and column equal 15 (horizontally, vertically and diagonally). Have fun!

match each word to the right meaning

- 1. Love ___ A. An intense affection for another person based on personal and family ties, unconditional
- 2. Platonic ___ B. The absence of war and hostilities
- 3. Hope ___ C. Transcending physical desire and tending toward the purely spiritual or ideal, referring to love
- 4. Peace ___ D. Intended or used to hinder or prevent
- 5. Faith ___ E. To have confidence
- 6. Intervention ___ F. Belief not based on logical proof or material evidence
- 7. Prevention ___ G. To come in or between as to modify or hinder

Answers will be in our next issue



If there are five cell phones and five children, how may you divide the cell phones between the children when leaving two phones in the basket?



Explain what this picture means to you.



Precious McCain, Keivana Robinson, La Tiffany Hynes & Caleb Shaw
Topic: Sexual Assault

WAVE team members are preparing for conference presentation



Anthony Hicks and Aarenda Dillard
Topic: Domestic Violence/Dating Violence

The conference will be held on

June 26-29, 2011
Clinton, MS

Sponsored by

21st Century Community Learning Center



Farriela Carver, Kiara Hawkins, Marvin Parker & Bobby Sims, Jr.
Topic: Stalking



Kayla Patterson, Shayla Anderson & Tiffany Newell
Topic: Bullying

Look for our next issue focusing on interpersonal violence as it relates to males

Upcoming Calendar

MAY

- 8 Mother's Day
- 21 W.A.V.E. Meeting

JUNE

- 1-30 National Safety Month
- 19 Father's Day
- 25 W.A.V.E. Meeting
- 26 -29 21st Century Evaluation Conference

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 14-15 Cultural and Ethics in the Workplace
- 28 Victim Compensation Workshop
- 30 W.A.V.E. Meeting



April 30, 2011—
meeting
Group working on
next issue

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