

PAVE for PEACE 2010: Youth Workshop Descriptions

Workshop A:

Engaging the Faith Community in Primary Prevention

Presented by Rev. Susan Chorley, Alex Kamin and Nicole Castillo from Renewal House

Faith communities are groups that gather each week for the purpose of being a community of support and accountability for its members. Though their interest in gathering is not for an issue such as domestic violence or sexual assault – the reality is that many of the members are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. What better place for a partnership of mutual support? Through presentation, discussion and interactive learning – participants will explore approaches to engaging faith communities in the work of primary prevention. Areas of focus will include – why the faith community is such a great resource, how to connect with diverse people of faith and “easy” projects to invite people of faith to partner on with you.

Assertiveness & Boundary Setting

Presented by Meg Stone and Staff from IMPACT

How do you ask people for what you need? How do you know what to ask for in the first place? How do you communicate in a way that people can hear and understand? In this workshop, you’ll learn the skills for effective communication and negotiation and get some strategies for staying calm if conversations get stressful. You’ll also learn to set boundaries both verbally and with body language.

LGBTQ Teen Dating Abuse

Presented by Kaitlin Nichols from The Network/La Red

This workshop explores what dating abuse looks like in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities and how to help a friend who is being abused.

You don’t have to know about LGBTQ communities to join this session. It’s open to LGBTQ folks, allies, and to people who want to learn more about LGBTQ communities.

Know the Law: Sexual and Dating Violence

Presented by Scott Rankin and Katy Thompson from the Youth Advocacy Department

Learn the law related to situations involving dating and sexual violence including situations involving assault, sexual assault, stalking, criminal harassment and restraining orders. Take part in a mock bail argument as prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges with a case involving issues of dating violence. You will become familiar with the law related to situations of dating and sexual violence and be able to identify different statutes that can be violated by means of such behavior. You will learn the law used in a bail arguments and the factors a judge considers when setting bail.

Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships

Presented by Danny Ho, Evy Duong, Thong Nguyen, Danae Yoon and Denise Yoon from Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

In this workshop, we’ll discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships, what abuse is, where it comes from, what to do with it. You’ll start to see red flags in a possible abuser, what is a healthy relationship, what is an unhealthy relationship, what is abuse, what are the types of abuse and what some causes of abuse are.

Workshop B

Break-Ups 101

Presented by Nicole Daley and Start Strong Peer Leaders from the Boston Public Health Commission

What does a healthy break-up look like in the world of Facebook and text messaging terminations? When should you make the final break? How are most teens breaking up? This workshop explores all these questions, as well as the types of relationships teens have that affect the way they choose to break-up with someone, and some of the ways to cope with a break up. Come talk about how to engage in a healthy break-up with your dating partner. The workshop is led by teens for teens.

Building Confidence Through Self-Defense: Having the Courage to Start Conversations about Abuse

Presented by Meg Stone from IMPACT

Changing people's minds about sexual assault and domestic violence requires the bravery and skills to challenge people. IMPACT's realistic self-defense training gives people the experience of being effective when they are afraid. Come learn some basic skills and how to use those skills to advocate for healthy relationships.

The Guide to Being a Friend

Presented by Betsy's Friends

It's not always easy to be a friend. It can be even harder if your friend is in an abusive relationship. Come and learn how to be a friend, what to say, what to do and resources if your friend is dealing with an abusive relationship. Practice the skills you learn with scenarios and get your own guide to being a friend!

Let's Talk About Sex and Consent!

Presented by the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

What does consent look like in a sexual relationship? How can we make an informed and healthy decision to engage in sexual activity? What does a healthy sexual relationship involve or not involve? What are the laws in MA around consent and what local resources can I go to for help? Let's talk about all of this and more! Workshop is highly interactive and discussion based.

The Power of Youth in Community Organizing

Presented by Priscilla Rorie, Linda Ly, Derrick James and Vladamir Albin from Close to Home

Discuss the power that youth have in community organizing and building! We will explain Close to Home's model and how it provides leadership opportunity as well as foster community wide responsibility to prevent and intervene in Domestic and Sexual Violence.