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Relationship Violence Prevention

Chapter Highlights:

Crawford High School ~ San Diego, CA

The Crawford High School SAVE Chapter held an X the Text Event on Thursday, March 24, 2011 during national Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 21-25), to raise awareness, educate, prevent and reduce youth violence. The event included booths, activities and agencies that discussed teen safe driving, teen dating violence, and alcohol and other substance abuse awareness. Allstate, MADD, Operations for Hope, Star Pal, Youth Latino Council and SAY San Diego all participated in the event. The Crawford High School SAVE Chapter is advised by Lucia Acevedo.



Crossroads High School ~ Grand Rapids, MI

The Crossroads High School SAVE Chapter, advised by Lindsey Schab, has been busy promoting SAVE awareness in their school and community. Utilizing Allstate Teen Safe Driving materials and SAVE materials, they are educating and empowering teens with Teen Safe Driving skills and youth violence prevention strategies. The chapter held a Teen Safe Driving event on Thursday, March 17th. The event featured local Allstate Agent Mark Noffsinger, Officer Jeff Augustyn with the Kentwood Police Department, and Deputy Tom McCutcheon with the Kent County Sheriff's Department.



Montbello High School ~ Denver, CO

The Montbello High School SAVE Chapter conducted many activities during Youth Violence Prevention Week. They ran morning announcements and gave out Purple Ribbons throughout the day to remember fallen warriors (their school's mascot is the Warrior) and promote peace. They also posted Fallen Warrior Posters with the warriors that are no longer with them on school walls. The chapter handed out sour candies with quotes like, "Don't be sour, be sweet" on Thursday, and set up a SAVE table to promote and inform students about SAVE on Friday.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2011						
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DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
APRIL	NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH	http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/
Now - MAY 2	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SAVE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2011-2012 ANNUAL SAVE AWARDS	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/awards.php
Now - MAY 20	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SAVE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2011-2012 NATIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD (YAB)	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php
APRIL 15-17	GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY	http://www.gysd.org/
MAY	TEEN SAFE DRIVING MONTH	http://www.nationalsave.org/main/teendrivingfocus.php
MAY 11	DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY	http://www.makeroadssafe.org/Pages/home.aspx
JUNE 20-22	NATIONAL CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME 2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE CAPITOL HILL, WASHINGTON, D.C.	www.certain.com/system/profile/web/index.cfm?PKWebId=0x2425938a42
JUNE 26 - JULY 1	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NASRO) 2011 21ST ANNUAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL	http://www.nasro.org/mc/page.do;jsessionid=5F3906C1A7C3545C493AD28978898D19.mc1?sitePagelD=115971
JULY 17-22	32ND ANNUAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (FASRO) TRAINING CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FL	http://www.fasro.net/
JULY 17-22	18TH ANNUAL NC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (NCASRO) TRAINING CONFERENCE	http://www.ncasro.org/id5.html
JULY 29-30	MILLION YOUTH PEACE MARCH INTERNATIONAL WASHINGTON, D.C.	http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/
JULY 30	YOUTH PEACE DAY INTERNATIONAL	http://www.millionyouthpeacemarch.org/
AUGUST 1-5	6TH ANNUAL 2011 NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE PHOENIX, AZ	http://www.schoolsafety911.com/event.html

National Association of SAVE Accepting Applications for 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB)

Deadline: May 20, 2011

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere will select SAVE members for the 2011-2012 National SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will be composed of high school students from across the nation who have demonstrated leadership skills and service in their school and community, as well as having experience and service with the SAVE program. These students should also possess a commitment to the ideals of SAVE. Creative and energetic students are needed to create new materials, plan and attend National Workshops and provide the youth voice necessary to propel SAVE to greater achievements. Rising freshmen through juniors are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/advisory.php>

Monthly Focus: Relationship Violence Prevention

SAVE members can strive to prevent relationship violence by educating the public about warning signs, consequences and proactive steps to safeguard possible victims. By focusing on this important topic for the month and approaching the program from three angles: crime prevention, conflict management, and service projects, SAVE members can help thwart this growing area of violence. Relationship violence can cover many areas including dating violence, child abuse, sibling abuse, domestic violence, and interpersonal violence (e.g. between friends). With April being National Child Abuse Prevention Month, relationship violence prevention is a perfect topic to address in your school community.

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/april.php>

For additional information on upcoming monthly topics, visit: <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar>



SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the forum is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

March QoM: "April is the start of prom activities. How is your SAVE chapter promoting healthy and safe activities for Prom goers? Are you addressing healthy relationships, alcohol and drug free activities? How are you encouraging Teen Safe Driving before and after Prom?"

Please send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org

Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

National Association of SAVE NOW ACCEPTING Nominations for 2011-2012 Annual SAVE Student, Chapter & Advisor Awards

Deadline: May 2, 2011

Nominate a SAVE member, advisor or chapter who has made a difference in your school or community. The deadline for nominations is May 2, 2011.

Award recipients will be announced May 20, 2011 and will receive a letter of recognition and certificate. Additionally, they will be highlighted in press releases in their regional area and nationally on the National SAVE website. Please contact National SAVE at 1-866-343-SAVE if you have questions.

National Association of SAVE Youth Advisory Board Chair, Casey Story Attends White House Conference on Bullying

SAVE Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Chair, Casey Story, attended the White House Conference on Bullying on Thursday March 10th. Story joined students, parents and teachers to discuss how communities can work in cooperation to address bullying at the conference hosted by President Obama, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services.



CDC Violence Prevention Meeting, Washington, DC

National Association of SAVE Executive Director, Carleen Wray, along with Youth Advisory Board members Casey Story, J.P. Wilson and Candy Gonzalez, and SAVE Ambassadors Gerardo Ceballos and Kit Evans, traveled to Washington, DC, to participate in a two-day meeting on youth violence prevention together with U.S. government agencies and national organizations. The March 16-17 meeting, convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and their partners, gave local youth leaders an opportunity to share their insights for effectively engaging other youth around this issue.

The gathering in Washington, DC was the first meeting of the CDC's Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere (STRIVE) Partnership Network. <http://www.safeyouth.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>



Beth's Blog: 2010 SAVE Advisor of the Year - Beth Scheirer, Laney High School (NC)

What positive characteristics are you looking for in a dating relationship? What positive characteristics are you looking for in a friendship? Do you know the warning signs of relationship violence? Do you know where to turn if you experience relationship violence? If you can't answer these questions, you need to start developing answers TODAY.

I frequently see people stay in friendships and dating relationships in which they are not happy and do not feel appreciated. When I ask them the above questions, they usually admit they haven't thought about what they are looking for or what they need to do to achieve it. This is always sad to me because the relationships we share with others are often the most important things in our lives. Why don't we put more thought and effort into figuring out what we ultimately want from our relationships before we are unhappy and trying to figure out where things went wrong?

I get it. Figuring these things out can be complicated because there is no right or wrong answer. But is it impossible? Of course not! AND it is extremely important. According to recent research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one out of four 8th and 9th graders reports being a victim of dating violence. CDC research also shows that a majority of young

people think emotional and verbal abuse are "normal" parts of relationships. This unfortunate reality needs to be addressed and SAVE members can do it!

Help prevent violence and disrespect in relationships by educating yourselves and others about the importance of good relationships between parents and children, friends, siblings, students and faculty, and dating couples. Teach your peers to take proactive steps to safeguard themselves as potential victims by educating them about the warning signs of relationship violence. Utilize the Dating Violence Lesson Plan in the SAVE Manual in order to start discussion about this critical topic. Finally, make sure your peers understand their rights and give out resources in your community who can address relationship violence issues.

If you need further help coming up with ideas about how to discuss relationship violence in your school and community, check out the SAVE website. Please let SAVE know: What is your chapter doing to focus on relationship violence? Feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and topics for future articles at: beth.scheirer@nhcs.net, 910-350-2089 ext. 439.



YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member John Scott ~ West Charlotte Magnet High School (NC)

What is it that sets them apart from the rest of us? Why is it that we hear about them, and hear about them, until we are the ones being heard about? Everyone sees the signs except them? It all comes down to two questions. What do you do when you're the victim? And how do you know when you have become one? Dating violence is a growing trend in many young relationships today. In 75% of all of the abusive relationships reported in the past year, the victim was under the age of 25. Domestic violence and abuse are used for one purpose and that's to gain and maintain entire direct control over a person. Relationship violence isn't just physical, it is also mental and demeaning the partner in anyway.

No one should fear the person they love. Domestic abuse occurs when one person in a relationship tries to dominate and control the other person. Domestic abuse that includes physical violence is called domestic violence. The bottom line is that abusive behavior is never acceptable, whether it's coming from a man, a woman, a teenager, or an older adult. You deserve to feel valued, respected, and safe in your relationship with others.

Special pricing on Unmasking the Violence T-shirts!

Purple T-shirt with 20th Anniversary SAVE Summit logo, "Unmasking the Violence for 20 YEARS!" on back. Small SAVE logo on front chest area.

*Available in sizes S- XXX

*Product Number: 152 **SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE: \$6.00 each!!**

<http://nationalsave.org/order/unmasking.php>

GOING FAST!



Prevention Resources:



Empowering Youth to End Domestic Violence

Teen Dating Violence is a Big Deal

Did You Know?

- One in three teenagers reports experiencing physical or emotional abuse in their relationships.
- Women ages 16 to 24 endure more incidents of intimate partner violence than any other age group.
- Studies show 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year.

More about the statistics: <http://www.breakthecycle.org/im-a-policy-maker>

Teens Being Taught the Warning Signs of Digital Dating Abuse

Inside a classroom at Jefferson Middle School in Washington, D.C., lessons about the technology connects teens, but also brings new challenges.

Read the full article: <http://www.cbs19.tv/Global/story.asp?S=13964482>

Capitol Hill Coalition Formed to Discuss Stopping Tween Dating Violence

The briefing highlighted how the middle school years offer key moments for education and prevention of teen dating violence when youth are just beginning to date or establish romantic relationships.

Read more: <http://www.examiner.com/domestic-crimes-in-national/capitol-hill-coalition-forms-to-discuss-stopping-tween-dating-violence>

WHO Says Alcohol an Overlooked Killer, Calls for More Action

Alcohol is responsible for nearly four percent of deaths worldwide -- more than AIDS, violence or tuberculosis -- according to World Health Organization (WHO).



Read more: <http://www.jointogether.org/news/headlines/inthenews/2011/who-alcohol-kills-more-than.html>

Violence Prevention Educators Urge Students to be Cautious During Spring Break

The typical mentality with spring break can lead students to feel that they are not as responsible as they should be.

Read more: <http://www.northern-iowa.org/violence-prevention-educators-urge-students-to-be-cautious-during-spring-break-1.2504272>

Global Youth Service Day - April 15-17, 2011

Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. GYSD is celebrated in over 100 countries.



Each year, millions of children and youth around the world work together with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, volunteer and national service programs, government agencies, faith communities, and other individuals to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities on Global Youth Service Day.

Visit the GYSD website: <http://www.gysd.org/>

Obama Says He was Bullied, Knows What Kids Endure

President Barack Obama says he endured school-yard harassment because of his large ears and funny name and he wants today's students to know bullying is unacceptable.

Read more about the White House Conference on Bullying: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/obama-to-bullying-victims-867224.html>

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Mini Grants Available for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Teen Safe Driving Month (May) is just around the corner! Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including Teen Safe Driving Month, Prom and Graduation. The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) has mini grants available for schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this spring in the following states: AK, AZ, CA, DC, DE, HI, IA, ID, KS, MD, MO, MT, NE, ND, NM, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, and WY. Mini grants range from \$500 - \$1,000 and include educational items, materials, Teen Safe Driving Toolkits and a free SAVE Chapter affiliation.

For a very brief (less than 2 pages) grant application, contact: info@nationalsave.org



Teacher Grants (Deadline: April 30, 2011)

The ING Unsung Heroes program annually provides grants to K-12 educators utilizing new teaching methods and techniques that improve learning.

Find out more at: http://www.grantgopher.com/grants_for_nonprofits/articleview/articleid/620/grants-for-teachers.aspx

2011 ClipsByU Anti-Bullying Video Challenge (Deadline: May 31, 2011)

ClipsByU is powered by the Great Minds Foundation. Their primary focus is to provide an outlet for students to inform and inspire each other to act responsibly and reach their highest potential. This year their video challenge is focusing on the topic of Anti-Bullying. Students will create a short video about bullying and submit it to their website: <http://www.clipsbyu.com/> to be entered into the contest. The prize for best video is \$2,000, along with 5 runner-up prizes.



WaysToHelp.org Grants (Deadline: Ongoing)

WaysToHelp.org invites teens in the United States to apply for grants to fund their community service ideas across any one of 16 issue areas. You can apply for a grant by visiting <http://waystohelp.org/> and for any issue area, selecting "See Ways To Help" followed by "Apply for a Grant." Applications are short - just 5,000 words or less - and should summarize: how the project will involve others, who it will help, what effect it's expected to have, when it will start, and how the funds will be used. Grant requests are reviewed and responded to on a monthly basis.

ACT OUT LOUD! Enter to win up to \$10,000 (Deadline: April 11, 2011)

The Act Out Loud contest empowers teens to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and provides teens the opportunity to create and implement distracted driving prevention projects in their communities. Through Act Out Loud, teens could win up to \$10,000 for their local youth safety organization.



Teams must submit their distracted driving prevention project proposals by April 11, 2011 and videos of their implemented projects must be submitted by May 6, 2011. Only one team from each high school is permitted to enter.

The first 200 Act Out Loud entries will receive a FREE toolkit containing over 1,500 items to help promote safe teen driving and support National Youth Traffic Safety Month. Act Out Loud is made possible through generous support from The Allstate Foundation.

For more information and to enter, visit: <http://actoutloud.org/index.asp>

Youth-Turn it Around Awards (Deadline: May 31, 2011)

YOUTH-Turn is an online tool available through National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS) and sponsored by the Casey Feldman Memorial Foundation with the support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The tool is totally focused on helping teens and community members turn adversity into educational and constructive opportunities that may prevent similar tragedies from happening to someone else.



Traffic Safety:

Has a traffic tragedy occurred in a community near you? You can create an educational and sustainable project to help prevent the tragedy from happening again by:

1. Utilizing the YOUTH-Turn resources available on: <http://noys.org/youthturn.aspx>
2. Sending your project proposal to YOUTH-Turn
3. Implementing the project in May 2011 for National Youth Traffic Safety Month

Please note: There is no timeline required of when the tragedy occurred.

Find out more at: <http://noys.org/youthturn.aspx>

Above the Influence (Deadline: April 14, 2011)

Drugged driving is a serious problem and poses a great danger on our nation's highways. Youth now have the opportunity to showcase their talents, express their creativity, and spread the awareness of the dangers of drugged driving. Join NOYS and ONDCP's "Above the Influence" (ATI) campaign and enter the 2011 Drugged Driving ATI Poster Contest - a challenge aimed at raising awareness about the dangers associated with drugged driving. Contest begins March 16, 2011 and ends on April 14, 2011. The contest is designed to inspire youth to "stay above" the negative influences in their lives, particularly drug and alcohol use. Contest winners will be showcased during National Youth Traffic Safety Month™ in May 2011 and have their individual poster design featured in a future Drugged Driving publication that will be distributed across the country, as well as on <http://www.abovetheinfluence.com/>. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your creative work displayed on a national level!

