

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



The Problem:

- ◆ One in Three young people will be involved in an abusive relationship
- ◆ Forty-five percent of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten.
- ◆ Nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser.
- ◆ Both girls and boys can be abused by a dating partner and both girls and boys can be abusers.

Warning Signs:

- ◆ Extreme Jealousy
- ◆ Controlling Behavior
- ◆ Checking your text messages and e-mail
 - ◆ Explosive Anger
 - ◆ Tells you how to dress
- ◆ Tells you who you can and can't talk to
 - ◆ Calls you names and puts you down
 - ◆ Uses force during an argument
- ◆ Pressures you to quit your job or extra-curricular activities.

**Stand Up and Speak Out
About Teen Dating Violence
Because **You** Deserve Better!**

Do You Need Help Right Now?

Call 1-866-331-9747

**National Teen Dating Abuse
Hotline**

Or Go Online for More Information

www.loveisrespect.org

Della Gill/Joyce H. Williams Center for Battered Women and Their Children

24-Hour Hotline

913-321-0951

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