

# “Combining Strengths in Virginia”

## Teen Dating Violence Prevention

### 2008 Funding Opportunity

The Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP) at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announces a curriculum/project training opportunity for up to twenty Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies (SDVAs) in Virginia. This funding opportunity is available to assist in the implementation of the PREVENT Project, a project of the Virginia Teen Dating Violence Prevention Taskforce (VTDVPT) - Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. To be eligible for this training opportunity, a SDVA must commit to providing PREVENT Project training and technical support to at least two Community-Based Youth-Serving Agencies (CBYSAs) during the 2008/2009 school year. Small grants of \$1000 will be awarded to reimburse some expenses incurred in managing the project. As this funding opportunity is being provided by the Rape Prevention and Education program, agencies that provide sexual violence services will receive priority in the application and proposal process.

#### Goal

To promote healthy relationships and healthy sexuality and to reduce teen dating violence by developing a statewide network of trained CBYSA professionals who will implement education on these issues for 11-14 year-olds or middle school students within their programs. CBYSAs likely to partner with SDVAs to provide the PREVENT Project include agencies that provide life-skills training for youth (examples: Boys and Girls Clubs, Scout Troops, Faith Communities, After School Programs, 4-H Programs, etc.)

#### Background

A team from the VTDVPT participated in a year-long training project to develop a violence prevention initiative for Virginia. The training was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provided by the PREVENT Institute of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The team recognized that, at the present time, the number of hours SDVA teen dating violence prevention educators spend with any specific group of youth is typically very limited. Healthy relationship and healthy sexuality education is only marginally, if at all, part of the mission of CBYSAs. Therefore youth are not receiving healthy relationship and healthy sexuality education in an effective and sustainable manner. According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund’s “Promoting Prevention, Targeting Teens,” youth ages 16 to 24 are the most at risk of domestic/dating violence of any age group. Therefore, focusing attention on girls and boys ages 10 to 15 can stem violence among 16 to 24 year olds. (Please go to

<http://endabuse.org/field/PromotingPrevention1003.pdf> for additional information.)

#### Objectives

The PREVENT Project is designed to provide training and/or technical assistance to SDVA and CBYSA staff to infuse dating violence prevention into the mission and practice of the CBYSA. This would include efforts to:

1. Permanently incorporate education about healthy relationships/healthy sexuality / teen dating violence into existing programming,
2. Model healthy relationships when working with youth,
3. Constructively intervene when youth behave abusively, and
4. Identify warning signs of perpetration and victimization of teen relationship violence.

#### Requirements

1. The application from a SDVA to participate in the PREVENT Project must be received in the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention by 3:00 pm on May 30, 2008. Late applications will not be accepted. As funding is limited, applications should be submitted as soon as possible. It is anticipated that notification regarding acceptance into the training will be made by June 6, 2008 with a contract or purchase order to follow.
2. An appropriate SDVA staff member will attend the Prevent Project training. The two day

training will be held on July 8-9, 2008 in the Charlottesville area.

3. The SDVA will provide trainings regarding the PREVENT Project to its partner CBYSAs by October 31, 2008.
4. The SDVA will provide ongoing technical assistance, as needed, to the CBYSAs through June 30, 2009.
5. A project and evaluation report, the format of which will be provided by DIVP, must be returned to DIVP no later than June 30, 2009.
6. \$500 will be approved for payment following attendance at the July 8-9, 2008 training and another \$500 will be approved for payment following the submission of the project and evaluation report.

### Application

1. Provide the application clearly identifying the SDVA and the contact person that is requesting and approving the SDVA's participation in the funding opportunity. Contact information must include; SDVA, contact's name, title, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email. Note if the SDVA is a sexual violence crisis center.
2. Indicate the SDVA's commitment to provide trainings and technical assistance to at least two CBYSAs.
3. Provide a letter of agreement with each participating CBYSA. The letter of agreement should note that the CBYSA will participate in two trainings (one for all staff members and one for training/education or otherwise designated staff) and will provide the PREVENT Project to youth during the 08/09 school year.
4. Provide the name and contact information for the SDVA staff member who will be attending the training on July 8-9, 2008. Contact information must include; SDVA, attendee's name, title, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email.
5. Indicate agreement to submit the required project and evaluation report.

### Scoring of the Proposal/Application

The proposal will be judged on:

Commitment to attend training on July 8-9, 2008	15%
Commitment to provide trainings and technical assistance for CBYSAs by October 31, 2009	20%
Sexual Violence Crisis Center	10%
Letters of Agreement with two CBYSAs	40%
Agreement to submit report	10%
Date/Time application received	5%

### Questions and Submission

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### Training Information

The training will be held on July 8-9, 2008 in the Charlottesville area. It will begin at 10:00 am and end at 5:00 pm the first day. It will begin at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm the second day. The specific location will be announced later.