

Teen Dating and Sexual Violence Prevention

2004 Funding Opportunity

The Center for Injury and Violence Prevention (CIVP) at the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announces a funding opportunity for Better Beginnings Coalitions (BBC), Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives (TPPI), and Virginia Abstinence Education Initiatives (VAEI). This funding is available to assist the BBC, TPPI, or VAEI by including dating and sexual violence prevention as an enhancement of its efforts in the area of pregnancy prevention. To be eligible for this funding, the BBC, TPPI, or VAEI must have received funding for FY 2005 from the VDH Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program. Small grants of up to \$2500 will be awarded.

Goal

To expand or create teen dating and sexual violence prevention projects targeting children and teens in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Background

According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund's "Promoting Prevention, Targeting Teens," youth ages 16 to 24 are the most at risk of domestic violence of any age group. Therefore, focusing attention on girls and boys age 10 to 15 can stem violence among 16 to 24 year olds.

Objectives

1. To increase youth and community understanding of the dynamics of teen dating and sexual violence.
2. To bring community members together to work to prevent teen dating and sexual violence.

Projects

Funding will be awarded to coalitions that find cost-effective, innovative ways to address teen dating and sexual violence prevention in the community. The projects should address issues of prevention, i.e., preventing violence before it occurs. Prevention efforts should focus on not becoming a perpetrator or a victim. A project should not simply tell the community about the coalition or related agencies. It should deliver a prevention message.

Sample projects may include, but are not limited to:

1. Purchasing or designing/printing and delivering teen dating and sexual violence prevention materials
2. Contracting with an existing teen dating and sexual violence prevention program to do a training, workshop, or conference
3. Enhancing the programming of a peer education program to address teen dating and sexual violence
4. Bringing a recognized speaker or dramatic performance addressing teen dating and sexual violence to the community
5. Implement a community awareness campaign for Domestic Violence Prevention Month (October, 2004)
6. Implement a media campaign addressing teen dating and sexual violence.
7. Complete an organizational or community wide survey to measure the knowledge and attitudes of the community regarding teen dating and sexual violence

Requirements

1. Grant amounts range from \$500-\$2,500.
2. The application must be received in the Virginia Department of Health, Center for Injury and Violence

Prevention by close of business on August 11, 2004. Late applications will not be accepted.

3. It is anticipated that awards will be made by August 27, 2004.
4. This is a **reimbursement** for actual costs award.
5. The application will not exceed 5 pages, plus attachments.
6. It may be submitted through the mail, hand-delivered, or electronically through email.
7. Projects expenditures will be completed and invoiced by October 15, 2004.
8. A written report will be submitted to VDH by October 29, 2004 and in accordance with the mini-grant guidelines.

Application

1. Provide a cover letter clearly identifying the BBC, the fiscal agent, and contact person that is requesting the mini-grant. Contact information must include: name, agency, mailing address, phone, and email. Include a brief description of the project and how it may fit with other teen dating violence prevention efforts in the community (if applicable).
2. Identify the proposed project and identify which VDH objective(s) the proposal addresses.
3. Indicate the proposed strategies for implementing the project and the expected outcomes.
4. Include a plan for evaluating the proposed project.
5. Attach a budget proposal for the project, including a detailed justification for all expenses.
6. Indicate agreement to submit required project reports.

Scoring of the Proposal

The proposal will be judged on

Inclusion of VDH mini-grant objectives	30%
Project description(s) to reach goals and objectives (defined target audience, specific, measurable objectives)	40%
Evaluation plan	10%
Reasonableness of cost	10%
Innovation of proposal	10%

Questions and Submission

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