



The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV) sponsors a series of events and engagement opportunities throughout the month of February for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. This year we are highlighting the work of those organizations that center young people and youth-driven initiatives. For awareness tips and tools, visit the Domestic Violence Awareness Project at <https://nrcdv.org/dvam/>.

Campaigns



#1Thing Social Media Campaign

This February, NRC DV builds on the #1thing campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month to call on the collective action of young people. The #1Thing message helps individuals and communities to articulate and understand how our collective “one things” can lead to the social transformation we all desire to see. Through the month, NRC DV will bring visibility to youth engagement efforts centered on #1Thing, and promote the #1Thing Action Guide and related awareness materials.

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Events

SOCIAL MEDIA: Taco Bout It Tuesday on Snapchat and Instagram

Tuesday, February 19th

6pm Eastern, 5pm Central, 3pm Pacific

Taco Bout It Tuesday is a weekly show created by Break the Cycle, where young advocates and youth activists answer relationship questions posted by youth. NRC DV will guest host a special edition on the 3rd Tuesday of February to engage with and learn from young people on these platforms and share information and resources to support their activist efforts.

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WEBINAR: Using Story Circles to Capture Local Community Responses to Gender-based Violence During TDVAM and Beyond

Wednesday, February 27th

2:00pm Eastern, 1pm Central, 11am Pacific

In this free, one-hour webinar, [StoryCenter](#)'s Amy Hill will introduce a simple, community-based process for sharing and capturing poignant personal stories of how young people are taking action. Adapted from the organization's digital storytelling workshop approach, the Story Circle process brings small groups together to explore meaningful moments from their lives, connect with each other through storytelling, and identify ways they can continue to work together and take leadership on the critical social issues of our time. While the webinar will focus on Story Circle process and guidelines, Amy will also cover simple ways to document youth stories using smart phones and other digital media production devices.

Register: <https://nrcdv.adobeconnect.com/storycircles/event/registration.html>

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Resources

Awareness Highlights: TDVAM

The Awareness Highlights blog post for February will connect Break the Cycle's youth-created theme for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month – *Your love is unique... with consent* – with NRCDV's #1Thing campaign. It will highlight opportunities for engagement and feature tools and resources across NRCDV's projects that support advocates' efforts to leverage the power of youth activism during TDVAM and beyond. Available at: <https://nrcdv.org/dvam/awareness-highlights>

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VAWnet TA Question of the Month: NativeLove

Guest bloggers from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center will highlight key lessons learned from the voices and experiences of Native youth leaders engaged in their NativeLove project, and emphasize the value of culturally-specific youth-led prevention efforts in realizing social transformation.

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PreventIPV: Tools for Social Change

Throughout the month of February, the PreventIPV project will feature a tool each week that aligns with Break the Cycle's youth-created theme for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month – *Your love is unique... with consent*. This collection of tools will also be highlighted in the Winter PreventIPV Newsletter, and shared via NRCDV's social media channels. Available at:

<http://www.preventipv.org/>

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Special Collection: Preventing and Responding to Teen Dating Violence

Updated for Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month 2019, this Special Collection emphasizes collaborative and multi-level approaches to the prevention of and response to teen dating violence. Drawing on the work of many organizations, this Collection provides general information about teen dating violence, as well as resources for different populations, including 1) young people, 2) parents and caregivers, 3) men and boys, 4) teachers and school-based professionals, 5) health care professionals, 6) pregnancy prevention programs, and 7) domestic violence and sexual violence service providers. Available at: <http://vawnet.org/sc/preventing-and-responding-teen-dating-violence>

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The Runaway & Homeless Youth Relationship Violence Toolkit

This toolkit was developed by and for advocates in the runaway and homeless youth (RHY) and domestic and sexual assault (DV/SA) field to help program better address relationship violence with runaway and homeless youth. Available at: <http://www.nrcdv.org/rhydvtoolkit/>

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