

## **Resources on Teen Dating**

### **National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline - <http://www.loveisrespect.org>**

Loveisrespect has resources and information for teens on dating violence. The web site is also home to the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline "Live Chat." The live chat (IM-style) on the loveisrespect website is an alternative method of contacting a peer advocate. It provides one-on-one, confidential information from a live, trained peer advocate. Helpline - 866-331-9474 - 866-331-8453 TTY

### **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance - <http://www.vsdvalliance.org>**

The Action Alliance focuses on providing resources and information to advocates and residents of Virginia. The Action Alliance also operates the statewide **Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline (1-800-838-8238 v/tty)**, a toll-free, confidential, 24-hour service that provides crisis intervention, support, information, and referrals to family violence and sexual assault survivors, their friends and families, professionals, and the general public.

### **The Boys Town National Hotline - <http://www.boystown.org> - 1-800-448-3000**

The Boys Town National hotline is a 24-hour crisis, resource and referral line. Trained counselors can respond to your questions every day of the week, 365 days a year. Provides services in Spanish too.

### **Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network - <http://www.rainn.org>**

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.656.HOPE and the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline at rainn.org, and publicizes the hotline's free, confidential services; educates the public about sexual assault; and leads national efforts to prevent sexual assault, improve services to victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.

**That's Not Cool** – <http://www.thatsnotcool.com> offers teens resources to help them recognize digital dating abuse, take steps to prevent it, and draw their digital line.

### **Coaching Boys into Men - <http://www.cbim.org>**

Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM) engages athletic coaches through the Coaches Leadership Program to help shape the attitudes and behaviors of young male athletes. This includes a Playbook and Coaches Kit which helps coaches address issues of respect, integrity, and non-violence with athletes.

### **VAWnet - <http://www.vawnet.org/special-collections/TDV.php>**

The Preventing and Responding to Teen Dating Violence special collection emphasizes collaborative and multi-level approaches to the prevention of and response to teen dating violence (TDV). It draws on the work of many organizations and organizes the resources on TDV prevention and responses by different populations.

### **American Academy of Pediatrics - <http://bit.ly/WHmwMM>**

"Teen Dating Violence: Tips for Parents" helps parents recognize signs that their teenager is involved in an abusive relationship. It offers parents advice on how to talk about potential problems and help their teenager deal with the relationship safely. This tip sheet is part of the "Connected Kids: Safe, Strong, Secure" program.

## **Educator Training Online**

**DATING MATTERS** is a free, online course available to educators, school personnel, youth leaders, and others working to improve the health of teens. It features interviews with leading experts, dynamic graphics and interactive exercises, and compelling storytelling to describe what teen dating violence is and how to prevent it. <http://www.vetoviolence.org/datingmatters/>