



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Awareness
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Key Point: Ending domestic violence and sexual assault is OUR responsibility.

Know the facts...

- 1 in 3 women and 1 and 4 men experience violence from their partners in their lifetime
- 1 in 3 teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men were sexually abused before the age of 18
- Over 40% of children born in the U.S. are born to an unwed mother

These people are not statistics. They are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, children, teammates, co-workers, and friends. Awareness and education are the keys to prevention, but critical to any effort is deep and authentic leadership and support from parents and family.

What can you do?

1. Model healthy relationships

- a. Boys who witness DV are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults
- b. Children exposed to DV at home are more likely to have health problems
- c. Children who witness violence against a parent are more likely to intervene putting them at risk of injury or even death.

2. Engage & love unconditionally

- a. *"85% of behavior is learned from direct supervisors."* Ken Blanchard
- b. Never underestimate the Power of Your Presence
- c. Child abuse lowers self-esteem, increases risk of substance abuse and risky sexual behavior and continues the cycle of violence. YOUR LOVE STOPS THE CYCLE!

3. Bystander intervention...Protect their innocence

- a. Silence implies approval
- b. Speak up if you see anyone treating another person disrespectfully or abusively
- c. Engage friends, family, and children on how to resolve disagreements appropriately
- d. Use opportunities to create dialogue

