



Hazelden Publishing and Break the Cycle Join Forces to Create New Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program

Hazelden Publishing, the leading publisher of evidence-based violence prevention programs and Break the Cycle, the nation's leading organization addressing teen dating violence, have jointly created Respect WORKS!, a comprehensive model of teen dating violence prevention programming. The new online, interactive program provides key information about dating violence and offers guidance to help students form healthy, violence-free relationships.

Center City, MN ([PRWEB](#)) December 21, 2011 -- Dating abuse is a serious health concern for many students, and the prevalence of dating violence among high school age students is very high.

- One in three high school students will be involved in an abusive relationship.
- Forty-five percent of teenage girls ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.
- Nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their intimate relationships continue to date their abuser.
- Both girls and boys can be abused by a dating partner, and both girls and boys can be abusers.

“It’s not an issue of if or when an incident of dating violence will happen,” said Marjorie Gilberg, executive director at Break the Cycle. “Dating violence is happening now. That’s why Break the Cycle and Hazelden Publishing decided to come together to create Respect WORKS!, a new, best-practices model and program to address teen dating violence.”

Respect WORKS! integrates Hazelden’s evidence-based "Safe Dates" with Break the Cycle’s "School Policy Kit, [Ending Violence]" and "Speak.Act.Change" programs to give middle and high schools, youth service providers and domestic violence agencies the tools they need to respond effectively to teen dating violence issues on and off campus.

“Interactive quizzes, video clips, graphics, true stories, and online references make this combination of programs one-of-a-kind,” said Gilberg.

Break the Cycle and Hazelden Publishing are trusted organizations in violence prevention, advocacy and evidence-based youth programming. By combining their top dating violence resources, these two organizations are able to offer a comprehensive, best-practices model that empowers educators and students to make a difference. Visit Hazelden’s [Violence Prevention Works](#) website for more violence prevention information and resources.

[Hazelden’s professional education website](#) provides information about this and other online courses for counseling and education professionals.

About Hazelden Publishing

Hazelden Publishing is the leading publisher of evidence-based prevention programs. Hazelden has a full line of K–12 violence prevention and alcohol and other drug prevention resources that are recognized by the federal government for their strong research base and ease of use.



Along with the award-winning Safe Dates dating violence prevention program, Hazelden also publishes these evidence-based programs: the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, Lifelines: A Suicide Prevention Program, Project Northland and Protecting You/Protecting Me.

Hazelden Publishing is part of the larger Hazelden Foundation, one of the world's largest and most respected private not-for-profit alcohol and drug addiction treatment centers. Thousands from every state and more than 40 countries have turned to Hazelden for quality care and expertise on addiction and recovery issues. Hazelden is headquartered in Center City, Minnesota with additional facilities in Oregon, New York, Illinois and Florida.

Read about Hazelden's award-winning [violence prevention programs](#) here or call 1-800-328-9000 for more information.

About Break the Cycle

Break the Cycle is the leading national advocacy organization working exclusively on teen dating violence. Break the Cycle advocates for policy and legislative changes that will better protect the rights and promote the health of teens nationwide. Engaging, educating and empowering youth through prevention and intervention programs, Break the Cycle helps young people escape abuse and build healthy relationships.

Break the Cycle operates from offices in Los Angeles, California and Washington, DC.

Read about Break the Cycle's [dating violence prevention programs](#) and resources, or call 310-286-3383 for more information.

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