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Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)

This school-based program is one of the most comprehensive domestic violence prevention programs in New York City, and is critical to ending relationship abuse among young people. Through a comprehensive curriculum, students learn to recognize and change destructive patterns of behavior before they are transferred to adult relationships. Since 1999, HRA's innovative RAPP Program has helped teens in 20 public high schools develop healthier relationships. Social workers (MSW) deliver an array of relationship abuse services through four components: prevention classes, intervention counseling, staff development and training, and community outreach. RAPP fosters a school climate with zero tolerance for abusive behavior in all of its forms, thereby promoting a safe and productive learning environment for students and staff. In September 2005, this program was expanded to five (5) additional high schools and five (5) additional middle schools for a total of 30 schools.

Summer Peer Leadership Program

Peer education is an important component of the RAPP program. One of the goals of the RAPP program is to promote active student involvement as peer partners, peer educators and mentors. For a seven-week period during the summer, the RAPP coordinator from each high school chooses up to 10 students to participate in the Peer Leadership Program. During this program, the RAPP coordinators and students work together to develop trainings for their peers throughout the city. After completing this program, the students will return to school in the fall prepared to discuss relationship abuse with their classmates. The summer program is offered in a work setting with emphasis placed on proper work place etiquette, responsibility and participants receive a salary. During the summer of 2006, approximately 130 students participated.

Brooklyn | Bushwick, New Utrecht, F.D.R., Paul Robeson HS, Halsey IS 295, South Shore HS, Automotive HS

Bronx | Lehman, Roosevelt, South Bronx, Stevenson, Truman, Walton HS, Eugene T. Maleska MS

Manhattan | Brandeis, Manhattan Center, MLK, Park West, Seward Park, Urban Peace Academy, Inwood JHS, Marte Valle HS

Queens | Beach Channel, August Martin, Franklin K. Lane, Springfield Gardens, John Adams, John Bowne

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Teen RAPP Facts

Teen RAPP is administered by the Human Resources Administration Office of Domestic Violence and Emergency Intervention Services. The services are provided by contracted providers: Center Against Domestic Violence, CAMBA, Safe Horizon and STEPS to End Family Violence.

During the 2005-2006 School Year

- 6,600 students received intervention services and counseling
- 9,300 students completed the prevention curriculum
- Peer Leaders at the school participated in 1,180 outreach activities
- 130 students were trained as peer leaders during the summer of 2006

During FY06, the Safe Horizon Teen Hotline received 12,830 calls from teens seeking services for relationship abuse issues. The Teen Hotline for New York City is (800) 621-HOPE.

NYC Domestic Violence Facts

During FY06:

Each day, 650 families were served in the New York City emergency domestic violence shelter system.

The Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Hotline received 128,294 calls from people seeking services.

Each month, Non Residential Domestic Violence providers serve an average of 2,879 clients

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