



DOVE's Healthy Relationship Education and Abuse Prevention Program

Program Elements:

- ◆ **Summer Youth Advocate Summit**
Over four days, students from schools all over Norfolk County are invited to come together to discuss and learn about healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationship dynamics, media literacy, consent, and active bystander skills.
- ◆ **Training for School Staff**
In a 60-90-minute workshop, school staff (guidance counselors, teachers, coaches, nurses and administration) can learn how to identify and address unhealthy and abusive behaviors when they see them, as well as how to support students that may come forward to report incidents.
- ◆ **School Wide Assembly & Showcase**
The Yellow Dress Play on Dating Abuse, *The White Ribbon Campaign* on healthy masculinity and *The Clothesline Project* showcase featuring artwork from survivors and victims can be used to raise awareness in the school community, generate discussion in the classroom, and recruit students interested in becoming peer leaders.
- ◆ **Peer Leader Training**
Students interested in promoting healthy relationships in their school are invited to join DOVE for a full day, in-school training to learn about healthy/unhealthy relationship, abusive, consent and active bystander skills.
- ◆ **Classroom Presentations**
Peer leaders that have completed training with DOVE are invited to co-facilitate an interactive workshop on healthy relationships to their peers in the classroom.
- ◆ **Parent Information**
In a 60-minute virtual presentation, parents can learn to how spot unhealthy and abusive dynamics in their child's relationships and how to have open discussions that promote healthy relationships.
- ◆ **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month; February**
During the month of February, peer leaders work with DOVE staff to operate an awareness and information table in the cafeteria. Peer leaders hand out healthy relationship quizzes, offer prizes for relationship trivia, invite students to fill out valentines for their friends or partners, and offer other fun engagement opportunities.
- ◆ **Peer Leader Developed Awareness Project**
Peer leaders work with the support of DOVE to develop an awareness campaign that they implement in their school community. Examples include filming a PSA, hosting a documentary viewing & discussion, and a donation drive for DOVE's shelter.

