WOMEN IN NEED, INC.

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program Objectives

Session One – Define the Relationship

- 1. Introduce the work of WIN.
- 2. Consider the challenges of relationships today.
- 3. Understand the difference between "talking" to a potential dating partner and being in a dating relationship.
- 4. Understand a process for choosing healthy dating relationships instead of sliding into potentially unhealthy dating relationships.
- 5. Understand the risks of becoming physically affectionate too soon with a potential dating partner.
- 6. Examine the benefits of pacing a relationship more slowly.
- 7. Identify negative communication patterns and contrast them with healthy communication patterns.

Session Two – Red Flags

- 1. Identify characteristics of a healthy dating relationship.
- 2. Identify characteristics of unhealthy dating relationships.
- 3. Understand that "red flag" behavior in a dating relationship is a warning sign that the relationship might be abusive.
- 4. Help participants understand the impact of technology and social media on relationships and how it can be used to control a partner or disguise an unhealthy relationship.
- 5. To give participants the tools they need to intervene if they see unhealthy behavior exhibited by a friend or in a friend's relationship.
- 6. Understand the role brain chemistry and hormones play in decisions about dating relationships.



Session Three – Types of Violence

- 1. Identify and understand the different types of violence which can occur in a dating relationship.
- 2. Understand the risks involved in sexting.
- 3. Identify tips for internet safety.
- 4. Understand what consent for sexual activity means.
- 5. Analyze the impact of emotional abuse.
- 6. Identify the reason for ending a dating relationship with someone as soon as "red flag" behavior is detected.
- 7. Understand the proper attitude toward types of violence that can occur in dating relationships.

Session Four – Breakups

- 1. Understand healthy principles for breaking up with a dating partner with respect.
- 2. Identify helpful techniques to recover from a breakup.
- 3. Understand the danger of breaking up with a "red flag" dating partner.
- 4. Identify helpful techniques to remain safe when breaking up with a "red flag" dating partner.
- 5. Identify a strategy for remaining as safe as possible when the choice is made not to break up with a "red flag" dating partner right away.

Session Five – Setting Goals

- 1. Identify the consequences of involvement in unhealthy dating relationships.
- 2. Identify the benefits of involvement in healthy dating relationships.
- 3. Set goals for choosing healthy dating partners and healthy dating relationships.
- 4. Understand one's rights in a dating relationship.



WIN provides Refuge, Empowerment and Restoration to families affected by domestic violence in Hunt, Rains and Rockwall Counties.

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