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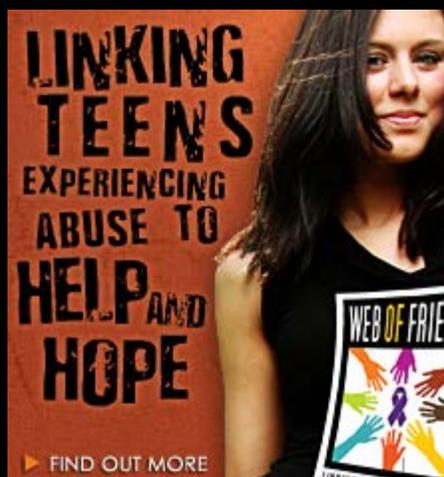
LINKING TEENS EXPERIENCING
ABUSE TO **HELP** AND **HOPE**

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Only 33% of teens in
abusive relationships have
told anyone about it.

Click Here
to tell us your story



WELCOME TO WEB OF FRIENDS

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Welcome to **Web of Friends**, a safe and secure place to help you get the support you need for building healthy relationships. Whether it's for you or someone you know, this site is designed to help you get the information you need for dealing with a situation at home or with your boyfriend or girlfriend.



Testimonials

If you have experienced dating violence, and you'd like to share your story with teens so they will know they are not alone, please tell us your story. We will collect stories over the next several months and post at least some of them [here](#). We are looking for stories of personal experience, your thoughts, and your advice to teens who may be struggling with a violent personal relationship.

Public Service Announcement (PSA) Competition

The 2008-09 PSA Competition invited teens to create print ads and Web banners encouraging other teens to visit this Web site. The competition ended on Dec. 14, 2008. The winning entries have been selected. [Check them out!](#)

News From Our Community Partners

- [Take Back the Night Creative Expression Contest!](#)

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Get help.

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In an emergency call 9-1-1. For non-emergency assistance,
call the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at
1-866-331-9474 or www.loveisrespect.org

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TAKE A BRIEF SURVEY!

- [Please tell us what you think of these resources.](#)

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE RESOURCES

- [Web of Friends News Release](#)
- Protective Orders
 - [The Plaintiff Guide Sheet](#)
 - [General Petition](#)
- [Teen Focus Group Results](#) (PDF)
- [Teen Survey Results](#) (PDF)
- [The Facts on Teenagers and Intimate Partner Violence](#) (PDF)
- [Teen Power and Control Wheel](#) (PDF)
- [Teen Equality Wheel](#) (PDF)
- [Help for Teens That Does Not Require Parental Permission](#) | [En español](#) (PDF)
- [Help for Teens that Requires Parental Permission](#) | [En español](#) (PDF)
- Ad Contest: [Public Service Announcement \(PSA\) Competition Materials](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Quick Facts](#) (PDF)
- [Teen Safety Plan](#) (PDF)
- [Teen Dating Bill of Rights](#) (PDF)
- [Mesa Teen Dating Violence Presentation](#) (Powerpoint)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Reporting Teen Dating Violence](#) | [En español](#) (PDF)

CONTACT US

- For more information contact [Rena Tenney](#)
- Visit the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Web Site for a list of [Arizona Domestic Violence Shelters](#).

WEB LINKS

National Teen Dating Organizations:

- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [Choose Respect](#)
- [See It and Stop It site](#)
- [Teen Relationships](#)
- [Love is Not Abuse](#)
- [Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network](#)

YEP TOOLKIT

Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) Planning and Measurement Tools

- [Teens' Awareness of Dating Violence Measurement Tool - PSA Competition Participants \(Post-test\)](#)
- [Teens' Awareness of Dating Violence Measurement Tool - PSA Competition Participants \(Pre-test\)](#)
- [Teens' Awareness of Dating Violence Measurement Tool - Focus Group \(Post-test\)](#)
- [Teens' Awareness of Dating Violence Measurement Tool - Focus Group \(Pre-test\)](#)
- [PSA Competition Evaluation Tool](#)
- [PSA Competition Flyer \(Example\)](#)
- [PSA Competition Guidelines \(Example\)](#)
- [Teen Survey on Domestic Violence](#)
- [Youth Empowerment Project Frequently Asked Questions \(Example\)](#)

Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Project Public Service Announcements

- [That's Not Love, That's Abuse](#) (Print)
- [That's Not Love, That's Abuse](#) (Radio, ZIP)
- [Never OK](#) (Video, Quicktime/ZIP)
- [How Do You Feel?](#) (Web Banner, ZIP)

Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Youth Empowerment Project Resources

- [Dating Violence: Teens Tell Their Stories](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Facts](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Facts \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Where Can Families Find Help For Teens in Abusive Dating Relationships? \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Where Can Families Find Help For Teens in Abusive Dating Relationships?](#)
- [What Happens When Teen Dating Violence is Reported to the Authorities? \(Spanish\)](#)
- [What Happens When Teen Dating Violence is Reported to the Authorities?](#)

- National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
1-866-331-9474
- www.loveisrespect.org
- [The Dating Violence Resource Center at The National Center for Victims of Crime](#)
- [National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women](#) - Collaborative and multi-level approaches to the prevention of and response to teen dating violence.
- [The Emily Fund](#)

Local Teen Dating Organizations:

- [Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)
- [Childhelp](#)
- [Teen Lifeline](#)
- [Peer Solutions](#)
- [Empact](#)
- notMYkid.org

Local Domestic Violence Related Organizations:

- [Regional Domestic Violence Council](#)
- Parents Anonymous 1-866-267-2333
- [National Council of Jewish Women](#)

Where Can Teens in Abusive Dating Relationships Find Help?

- [Where Can Teens in Abusive Dating Relationships Find Help? \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Poster: Verbal/Emotional Abuse \(High Resolution\)](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Poster: Verbal/Emotional Abuse \(Low Resolution\)](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Cards: Web of Friends Web site](#)
- [Teen Dating Violence Awareness Cards: Web of Friends Web site \(Spanish\)](#)

Teen Dating Violence Prevention: Smart Date Activity - Empowering Teens to Build Healthy Relationships

- [Sample Agenda](#)
- [Sample Agenda \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Sample Parent Release Form](#)
- [See the Signs. Stop the Abuse. Stop Sign](#)
- [Recognizing the Signs of Healthy Relationships Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Recognizing the Signs of Healthy Relationships Flyer](#)
- [Caution Discussion Cards](#)
- [Go Discussion Cards](#)
- [Stop. Caution. Go Discussion Cards \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Stop Discussion Cards](#)
- [Sample Seat Assignment Signs](#)
- [Smart Date Activity Rules](#)
- [Smart Date Activity Rules \(Spanish\)](#)
- [What Are The Signs In Your Relationship Telling You? Flyer](#)
- [What Are The Signs In Your Relationship Telling You? Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)
- [See the Signs. Stop the Abuse. Statement Signs](#)
- [See the Signs. Stop the Abuse. Stop Sign Stickers](#)

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Check back for more local volunteer and civic engagement opportunities for teens in your communities.

Jump to opportunities: [Valley Wide](#) - [West Valley](#) - [East Valley](#) - [Central Phoenix](#) - [Casa Grande](#)

Valley Wide

Name: **A New Leaf**

Address: 868 E. University Dr.
Mesa, Arizona 85203

Phone Number: 480-464-4648

Contact Person: Kat Connelly, Volunteer

Email Address: Coordinator

Website: kconnelly@turnanewleaf.org
www.turnanewleaf.org

A New Leaf has various opportunities at different times of the year with several of their programs. These opportunities are both in the East Valley and West Valley. Individual and group youth can contact the numbers listed for more information about scheduling. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Name: **Big Brothers Big Sisters of**

Address: **Central AZ**
1010 E. McDowell Rd.

Phone Number: Phoenix, AZ 85006

Website: 602-264-BIGS (2447)
www.bbbsaz.org

Email Address:

bbbs@bbbsaz.org

Teens 18 years old and older can volunteer to be a Big Brother or Big Sister to provide a positive role model for younger children. School-based programs available during lunchtime. Participating schools Valley-wide.

Name: **Boys & Girls Clubs**

Address: Several locations Valley wide.
Access online club finder for

Phone Number: details.

1-800-854-CLUB

Website: AZ Alliance State Club Finder

Email: <http://www.azabgc.org/locations.asp>
info@azabgc.org

In addition to providing safe and healthy environments for youth, Boys & Girls Clubs offer two peer leadership programs specifically designed to incorporate volunteer civic opportunities. The Boys & Girls Clubs' **Keystone** (older teens) and **Torch Clubs** (ages 11-13) are small groups of Club members who agree upon, develop and implement their own programs and activities. Groups typically involve between 10 and 15 youth, and have as a primary focus the development of character and leadership skills. Service activities allow Club members to identify **Club** and community needs, develop programs and activities, and actively participate in the communities in which they live. They provide experience in the democratic process, and give young people a chance to contribute something of value to others.

Name: **Hands on Greater Phoenix**

Address: 5151 N 19th Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Phone Number: 602-973-2212

Website: www.handsonphoenix.org

HandsOn Greater Phoenix is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that empowers people to become engaged, take action and create positive change in their communities. For the last 15 years, HandsOn Greater Phoenix volunteers have been mentoring children, revitalizing neighborhoods, providing meals

Email Address: info@handsonphoenix.org

to the homeless, supporting seniors, caring for animals and protecting our environment.

Name: **Peer Solutions** P.O. Box 24148
Address: Phoenix, AZ 85074-4148
Participating schools across
Maricopa County.

Peer Solutions is an Arizona-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that cultivates healthy communities through STAND & SERVE (S&S), a primary prevention initiative fostering safety, equality and respect as norms. S&S partners with schools in Phoenix and Tempe. S&S weekly peer led activities include lunch meetings in high schools; afternoon and summer workshops for elementary, middle and high school students; monthly S&S Coalition meetings; and on-going services projects.

Phone Number: 602-225-0942
Contact Person: Jennifer Rauhouse
Website: www.peersolutions.org
Email: info@peersolutions.org

Name: **Municipal Youth Councils**

Many cities and towns in Maricopa County have Youth Councils that provide opportunities for teens to actively participate in their local government. Contact your own city/town to inquire about opportunities.

Name: **Gay, Lesbian and Straight
Education Network, Phoenix**
PO Box 2386
Phoenix AZ, 8500

We strive to create safe and respectful K-12 schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. Volunteer opportunities to create and sustain Gay/Straight Alliance student clubs and work on GLSEN Phoenix educational programming, fundraising, governance, etc... All welcome!

Phone Number: 602-705-9780
Contact Person: Madelaine Adelman
E-Mail: info@glsenphoenix.org
Website: www.glsenphoenix.org

West Valley

Name: **Avondale Youth Advisory
Commission**
11465 W Civic Center Drive
Phone Number: Suite 100, Avondale, AZ 85323
Email Address: 623-333-2719
Contact Person: clopez@avondale.org
Website: Chris Lopez
www.avondale.org/youth

The Avondale City Council officially adopted the Avondale Youth Advisory commission in March of 2004 to promote positive change in the lives of Avondale youth by identifying the needs of youth in Avondale, and to change the community's attitude about youth through positive action.

Name: **Tolleson Teen Council**
Address: 9555 W. Van Buren St.
Tolleson, AZ 85353
Phone Number: 623-936-2754
Email Address: mwhite@tollesonaz.org
Contact Person: Michael White
Website: www.tollesonaz.org

The Tolleson Teen Council provides teens with meaningful roles in city government, connects them with caring adults and allows them to contribute to the progress of the city.

East Valley

Name: **City of Scottsdale Mayor's Youth
Council**
3939 Drinkwater Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Phone Number: 480-312-0106
Contact Person: Daniel Morgan
Website: Youth & Family Services
E-Mail: dmorgan@scottsdaleaz.org

The Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council (SMYC) provides Scottsdale high school youth the opportunity to learn about how local government works and how services are provided; tour various city facilities and meet with key city staff and city officials; participate in various meetings and/or events as they arise; share their ideas about local government and local issues with the Mayor, Mayor's staff and City Council members. Juniors and Seniors are eligible if they are attending a high school in Scottsdale, or are Scottsdale residents currently enrolled at a high school.

Name: **City of Tempe Mayor's Youth**

The City of Tempe Youth Council provides Tempe youth with

Advisory Commission

Address: 3500 S. Rural Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85282

Phone Number: 480-858-2462

Contact Person: Kim Bauman

an opportunity to get inside look at the way their municipal government functions. Contact Kim Bauman for more details.

Name: **Save the Family**

Address: 450 W. 4th Place
Mesa, AZ 85201

Phone Number: 480-898-0228 x 201

Email Address: MichelleA@savethefamily.org

Contact Person: Michelle Alvis

Website: www.savethefamily.org

Family homelessness is damaging to everyone it touches. Save the Family empowers families to conquer homelessness and achieve life-long independence. We envision communities free from family homelessness. Visiting Save the Family's website is the best starting place to determine your volunteer interest with Save the Family. You can start by visiting [the Save The Family volunteers page](#) for a list of current opportunities. Just click on the opportunity for more information or to sign up.

**Central
Phoenix**

Name: **Teen Lifeline**

Address: P.O. Box 10745
Phoenix, AZ 85064-0745

Phone Number: 602-248-8337

Contact Person: Nikki Kontz

Website: www.teenlifeline.org

Assist other teens by becoming a trained peer counselor. Teen Lifeline's peer counselors operate a 24-hour crisis hotline for troubled youth. From 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. daily the hotline is answered by trained teen counselors. The Hotline is supervised by a Master's level mental health clinician and training is provided. Teen Lifeline is holding four Life Skills Trainings this year. Teens from all over the Valley are welcome to participate. Registration packets to become a Peer Counselor and participate in training are available by contacting Nikki, Clinical Coordinator.

Casa Grande

Name: **Against Abuse, Inc.**

Address: 119 N. Florence St.
Casa Grande, AZ

Phone Number: 836-0858

E-Mail Address: sylviaprocela@against-abuse.org

Contact Person: Sylvia Procela

Website: www.against-abuse.org

The Against Abuse Volunteer Program provides a variety of opportunities to those interested in donating their time and talent. Volunteers are always needed. Completion of the Volunteer Application helps align volunteers with available opportunities including helping with the Animal Safe Home Network. The application is available online at [the Against Abuse volunteer page](#).

1st Place: David Payan & Andrea Davila
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[JPEG PRINT](#) (1.2 MB)

*No other awards were presented in this category due to a limited number of qualifying entries.

2008 Public Service Announcement Competition Winners

Radio Spot PSA:

1st Place: Final Production

[FLASH AUDIO](#) (1.2 MB)

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1st Place: Tanji Vines & Brandi Lighten
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[FLASH AUDIO](#) (6.7 MB)

2nd Place: Martyna Sawicka
Avondale Youth Advisory Commission
[FLASH AUDIO](#) (6.7 MB)

3rd Place: Atzhiri Romero
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[FLASH AUDIO](#) (6.7 MB)

Electronic Invitation:

1st Place: Final Production

[FLASH](#) (1.2 MB)

1st Place: Tamra Holmburg & Jacqueline Cabrera
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[SLIDESHOW](#)

2nd Place: Daniel Ramos, Maria Quiroz & Michael Garcia
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[SLIDESHOW](#)

3rd Place: Jaime Guerrero, Jovanno Leon,
Jose Manuel Gomez & Richard Beltran
Suns-Diamondbacks Education Academy
[SLIDESHOW](#)

2007 Public Service Announcement Competition Winners

Storyboard Category:

1st Place: Rebecca Frost

[SLIDESHOW](#) - [PDF](#)

2nd Place: Lynsy Smith

[SLIDESHOW](#) - [PDF](#)

3rd Place: Sarah Johnson

[SLIDESHOW](#) - [PDF](#)

Video Category:

1st Place - Final Production

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1st Place: Ian Carlson, Corey Kinsinger, Bianca Hansrote

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2nd Place: Trevor Harvey, Diego Dimas, Brandon Paredes

[FLASH VIDEO](#) (6.2 MB)

3rd Place: Elizabeth Lawless, Joe Garcia, Vincent Palladino

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READ THE TESTIMONIALS:

The Only Voice I Heard Was His | Respecting Boundaries | Now I Know - I Deserve More | It started when I was in eighth grade | I still love him, but I love myself and my daughter more

VIEW THE VIDEOS:

Testimonial One - 13 minutes | Testimonial Two - 23.5 minutes, 6 parts

Tell Us Your Story

Local and national research shows that dating violence among teens is very common. In fact, nearly half of teens who participated in focus groups in Maricopa County in 2006 reported that they, or someone they knew, had been involved in a violent dating relationship.

It is also clear that teens feel most comfortable talking to their peers about these issues. They will go to a trusted friend before anyone else – even their own parents. Teens like to hear from people their own age who have been through similar experiences, and who can provide needed advice and support.

If you have experienced dating violence, here is an opportunity to share your story with teens so they will know they are not alone. We will collect stories over the next several months and post at least some of them here. We are looking for stories of personal experience, your thoughts, and your advice to teens who may be struggling with a violent personal relationship.

According to Arizona State Law, we are required to report current abuse when we receive identifying information, such as your name, in these submissions. Providing your age and/or email address will not result in reporting, unless your full name is listed in your email address. Your privacy is important to us and we will not post any identifying information with the stories.

If you have questions regarding this project, please contact: [Renaë Tenney](#)



Share your stories and thoughts about dating violence here.

Thank you for your participation!

Are you at least 18 years old? *

Yes No

Are you from Arizona? *

Yes No

May we contact you about your story? *

Yes No

Email address (optional):

Enter your story here. Please limit the length of your submission to 6500 characters.

*These answers are required.

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