Sexual Violence & Support Services

Education & Training Services

The YWCA is the largest non-for-profit organization that provides comprehensive services to survivors of sexual assault. We offer crisis intervention, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, and education services.

The YWCA offers education services to schools and community organizations around the Chicagoland area. These prevention education services prepare students, teachers, parents and community members so that abusive behaviors can be prevented.

- 1 in 3 girls & 1 in 6 boys are victims of child sexual abuse before the age of 18
- 1 in 6 women & 1 in 18 men are victims of sexual assault in their lifetime

**Rape Crisis Hotlines**
- Chicago: 888-293-2080
- South Suburban: 708-748-5672
- West Suburban: 630-971-3927

**Education Services**

**Talking About Touching**

Kindergarten – 5th grade *

This is a 4-session program done in 30-45 minutes per session.
The program covers:
- Social-emotional learning basics, appropriate vs. inappropriate touching, how to identify abusive behavior,
- How students can report abuse.

*This program is meant to be delivered after teachers have received our 1-3 hour professional training on child sexual abuse & mandated reporting.

**Teens Taking Charge (TTC)**

6th-8th Grade

This is a 4-session program done in 50-60 minutes per session:
- Identify healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Types of Force
- Sexting, bullying & cyberbullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Child Sexual Abuse

**Prevention, Awareness & Teen Health (PATH)**

This is a 4-8 session program done in 45 - 50 minutes per session.
- It includes dispelling the myths of rape, qualities in a healthy relationship,
- Dating violence, sexual harassment, sexting and child sexual abuse.
Training Services

We provide seminars and workshops designed to prepare professionals to effectively intervene on behalf of victims of sexual violence.

Erin’s Law Training
Designed for education personnel, clergy, and medical professionals.
Erin’s Law Training includes:
• child sexual abuse facts and laws,
• Mandated reporting and how to handle a disclosure of sexual abuse.
• The extended version includes a discussion on vicarious trauma and self-care, as well as role plays to practice handling disclosures.

Customized Workshops & Trainings
Content includes, but is not limited to:
• Sexual Assault
• Sexual Harassment
• Dating Violence
• Sexting, Bullying & Cyberbullying
• Early Childhood Empathy Training
• Creating a Healthy Workplace

40+ Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training *
• Approved provider of 40+ Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Training
• The training provides:
  • Comprehensive understanding of sexual violence
  • Skill enhancement on how to appropriately respond to survivors of sexual violence.
  • Illinois State recognized certification
• Expert Training that supports candidates interested in SANE Program.

*Fees for this training are discounted for individuals who volunteer for our hotline, advocacy, or education programs

When scheduling please provide the following:
• Name of YWCA program you are requesting
• Number of classrooms per grade level
• Number of participants per session
• Location & Room number(s)
• Times of presentations
• Address and information of the school /organization requesting programming
• Parking arrangements if necessary

Note: Educators average 4-5 classrooms per day.

To schedule or if you have any questions, please contact:

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