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 prevention 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 Programs

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAPP) K-6th Grade
This program done in 90 minute sessions. The program covers:
- Bullying & Cyberbullying
- Stranger Abduction
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

*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 (7th & 8th Grade)
This program is done in three 50 min sessions:
- Identify healthy and healthy relationships
- Types of Force
- Sexting, bullying & cyberbullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Child Sexual Assault

Acquaintance Rape Awareness
This program is done in two 50 minute sessions.
- It includes dispelling the myths of rape, qualities in a healthy relationship,
- Dating violence, sexual harassment, sexting and child sexual abuse.

Adolescents with Awareness, Resources & Education (AWARE)
This is a collaboration with Teen Parent Connection to teach high school students about:
- It includes dispelling the myths of rape, qualities in a healthy relationship,
- Dating violence, sexual harassment, sexting and child sexual abuse.
- This is a 4 session program done in 45 – 50 minutes per session.
Professional Training Programs

We provide seminars and workshops designed to prepare professionals to effectively intervene on behalf of children who are victims of sexual abuse/assault and their families.

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.

Community Workshops & Parent Trainings
Content includes, but is not limited to,
• Sexual assault,
• Sexual harassment,
• Dating violence,
• Sexting and bullying/cyberbullying.

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

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

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When scheduling please provide the following:
• Name of YWCA program you are requesting
• Number of classrooms per grade level
• Number of students in each classroom
• Classroom numbers
• Times of presentations
• Address and information of the school /organization requesting programming
• Parking arrangements if necessary