

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

<https://www.csvanw.org/resources/what-is-teen-dating-violence/>

Campaign and Advocacy

[CSVANW - Coalition to STOP Violence Against Women](#)



At CSVANW, we believe that each of our Native youth carry within them, the hopes, visions, prayers and songs of their ancestors. We believe that they carry within them, the resilience of their families and their communities. We honor our Native youth, as the future leaders of our communities and as a vital contributor to mobilizing strength-based solutions to the challenges our communities face today. And we empower our Native youth to join us in eliminating violence against our Native women and children.

What is Teen Dating Violence?

Teen dating violence is a type of violence that happens between two young people in a relationship. The nature of the harmful and aggressive behavior can be physical, emotional, sexual or technological abuse:

Nearly 1 in 11 female & approximately 1 in 15 male high school students report having experienced physical dating violence in the last year.

About 1 in 9 female & 1 in 36 male high school students report having experienced sexual dating violence in the last year.

Violence, including intentional injuries, homicide and suicide, account for 75% of Native youth deaths.

[92% of American Indian girls](#) who reported having sexual intercourse have been forced against their will

More than [40% of children](#) experience [two or more acts of violence](#) by the age of 18.

Nearly [1.5 million high school students nationwide](#) experience [physical abuse](#) from a dating partner each year.

1 in 10 high schoolers have been hit, slapped or hurt by a partner.

Over 60% of children witness violence yearly.

Learn the warning signs of abuse

Relationships exist on a spectrum and it can sometimes be hard to tell when a behavior goes from healthy to unhealthy or even abusive. Typical warnings signs include:

(source: loveisrespect.com)

Learn what's essential in a healthy relationship

While no two relationships look the same and different people may define relationships in different ways, there are a few key things that must be present in all relationships for it to be healthy:

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Dating violence can have a negative effect on health throughout life. Teens who are victims are more likely to do poorly in school. They may engage in unhealthy behaviors, like drug and alcohol use. The anger and stress that victims feel may lead to eating disorders and depression. Some teens even think about or attempt suicide.

Although the challenges that our tribal communities face may be staggering, there is a light of resilience building up within our Native youth. They are powerful, creative, innovative and passionate.

Below we find some information on teen dating violence

Mission: love is respect is an initiative that engages, educates, and empowers young people to prevent and end abusive relationships.

love is respect was established in 2007 by the National Domestic Violence Hotline in response to a national discourse about the need for prevention services, especially among teens.

love is respect is a safe, inclusive space where teens and young adults can access information and get support in an environment designed specifically for them.

Learn more: All of our resources, including live-advocate support, are free, confidential and 24/7/365.

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For a safe, confidential way to talk with someone right now, please call:

Rape Abuse Incest National Network: 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE) www.rainn.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) www.ndvh.org

Strong Hearts Native Helpline: 1-844-762-8483 www.strongheartshelpline.org

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