

expect RESPECT

Building Healthy Teen Relationships

SafePlace's Expect Respect Program engages young people and adults in building safe and healthy relationships.

Building Skills for Healthy Relationships

- The *Expect Respect Support Group Program* provides 24-weekly sessions at school for youth who have been hurt by violence or abuse.
- Support groups at middle and high schools are curriculum-based and led by licensed counselors and trained facilitators.
- Boys and girls participate in separate-sex groups to learn skills for healthy relationships.

Mobilizing Youth Leaders

- The *Expect Respect Youth Leadership Training* engages youth in ending harassment and abuse.
- The *Changing Lives Youth Theatre Ensemble*, a collaboration with Theatre Action Project, creates original performances on teen relationships.
- As a work site for the *Austin/ Travis County Summer Work-based Learning Program*, the *Expect Respect Program* provides job readiness training and youth leadership development for preventing dating and sexual violence.

Engaging Schools, Parents and Community Partners

- *Expect Respect* provides training for school personnel, parents, and other adults to promote healthy relationships.
- SafePlace is the lead partner for *Start Strong Austin*, a collaboration to prevent dating abuse before it starts. Austin is one of 11 communities nation-wide participating in the National *Start Strong* Initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- Visit www.startstrongaustin.org.



Program Recognition and Evaluation

- Recognized by the U. S. Department of Justice, the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, the National Center for Victims of Crime, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and other organizations as an innovative and promising practice.
- Featured in Parade Magazine, Teaching Tolerance, ABC News Day One and Good Morning America, Oprah, National Public Radio and other media.
- Currently receiving assistance for program evaluation from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For information on the Expect Respect Program Manual and Training contact expectrespect@SafePlace.org