

expect RESPECT

Youth Leadership Programs

The Expect Respect Youth Leadership Programs train and empower youth to become positive role models and peer educators. Youth leaders mobilize their peers through campaigns, theatre, art, music and spoken word poetry to become active bystanders and to end bullying, sexual harassment and dating abuse.

Youth Leadership Training and Youth-led Campaigns

- 8-session curriculum on preventing bullying, cyber-bullying, sexual harassment, dating abuse, and promoting healthy relationships.
- Provided in classrooms, clubs, or other youth settings.
- Curriculum followed by a youth-led campaign utilizing art, video, and other media.

Changing Lives Youth Theatre Ensemble

- Collaboration with Theatre Action Project
<http://changinglivesyouth.blogspot.com>
- Youth create original scenes and perform for youth audiences in school and community settings.
- Topics include cyber-bullying, sexting, homophobia, controlling relationships and other relevant issues in teens lives.
- Stipends \$\$\$ provided.

Summer Youth Employment Program

- SafePlace serves as a work site for the Travis County/City of Austin Work-based Learning Program.
- 20 youth are employed for 5 weeks as SafePlace Youth Leaders and learn interviewing, resume writing, and job readiness skills.
- Youth participate in community arts projects to educate the public on healthy relationships.

Gender Matters

- Collaboration with Engender Health www.engenderhealth.org.
- Gender Matters is an emerging teen pregnancy prevention program for youth ages 14-15.
- Youth participating in the Travis County/City of Austin Work-based Learning Program participate in an additional week of paid employment to become peer educators for reducing teen pregnancy and increasing reproductive health.
- Gender Matters is undergoing a program evaluation funded by the Office of Adolescent Health.

Visit www.startstrongaustin.org to see examples of youth in action.

