

Meeting Minutes

Coalition to Prevent Teen Dating Violence

Thursday, October 8th, 2009, 8am-9:30am
Children's Peace Center, Our Lady of Peace

Attendance

Denise Troutman, The Center for Women and Families (CWF)
Tim Brady, Our Lady of Peace (OLOP)
Jennie Hulette, Children's Peace Center, OLOP
Alice Bridges, Jewish Hospital/St. Mary's Healthcare (JHSMH)
Sharon LaRue, UofL PEACC Program
Natalie White, The Center for Women and Families Board Member/Humana
Sheila Kelley, Catholic Charities
Cathy Palmer-Ball, Catholic Charities
Rus Funk, MensWork, Eliminating Violence Against Women Inc.
Ann Coffey, Women4Women
Karen Weathers, Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS)
Jessika English, GE Upward Bound
Taylor Ewing, Planned Parenthood
Kristen Riddick, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Dina Bartlett, Mary Byron Foundation
Marsha Esarey, Maryhurst
Jo Ann Thomas, KY Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)
Amanda Houpt, The Center for Women and Families
Steven Bowling, The Center for Women and Families
Pam Helms, Family & Children's Place
Danielle Etter, Family Scholar House
Chris Haden, Stites & Harbison, PLLC
Deborah Barnes-Byers, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
Nicole Fields, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
Chris Locke, Metro United Way (MUW)
De' Andrea Dillard, Family Scholar House
Ryan Irvine, Dept. of Public Health & Wellness
Lora Reinhardt, Dept. of Public Health & Wellness
Elizabeth Carter, Dept. of Public Health & Wellness
Bob Wheatley, Sacred Heart Schools
Emmanuel Muyenza, Catholic Charities
Sherry Rowe, Children's Peace Center, OLOP
Cynthia Crowe, Jefferson County Public Schools
Deborah Mapp-Embry, Louisville Urban League (LUL)

Welcome

Denise Troutman, President/CEO (The Center for Women and Families) and **Tim Brady**, President/CEO (Our Lady of Peace) said a few words expressing their enthusiasm and excitement over being rewarded with and partnering together in the *Catholic Health Initiative, 2009 Mission & Ministry Fund, Violence Prevention Grant*. Both feel the need to start a Planning Coalition that specifically addresses Teen Dating Violence **Primary** Prevention within the city of Louisville.

As well, **Alice Bridges** from Jewish Hospital/St. Mary's Healthcare and **Jennie Hulette** from Children's Peace Center/OLOP explained their roles with the program planning of this Grant. Both will be helping manage the direction of the Grant's progress.

Lastly, **Emily Sandlin**, **Amanda Houpt**, and **Steven Bowling** of The Center for Women and Families introduced themselves as managers of the Grant's progress as well. Mainly, Emily Sandlin will take on the role of Project Coordinator and will direct the majority of the progress of the Coalition and later Implementation.

Connection

Participants were asked to anonymously write on a scrap sheet of paper their connection to the issue of Teen Dating Violence. Amanda Houpt picked out a few examples and shared them with the group as a whole after Introductions. This activity gave everybody a sense of purpose by realizing how we are all, either directly or indirectly, connected to the issue of Teen Dating Violence.

Introductions

Participants went around individually introducing themselves with the following information:

Name
Organization/Job Title
Sector of the Community Representing
Neatest Place Ever Visited

Participants were able to pick from a "Sector List" that included:

Education
Healthcare
Social Work
Legal/Judicial
Law Enforcement
Policy/Government
Other – What?

Emily Sandlin emphasized the value of this exercise by highlighting how useful it was for each participant to hear all the different organizations surrounding the table and to hear what everybody else in Louisville is doing within the field of Teen Dating Violence Prevention. This activity was a highly valuable networking tool.

Prevalence

Emily Sandlin spoke to the subject of prevalence of teen dating violence currently among today's youth. For example, **1 in 5 female high school students** reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner (Journal of the American Medical Association [JAMA]). Moreover, **1 in 4 teens** reports verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse each year (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]). These statistics demonstrated the gravity of this issue for the Coalition.

Causing Pain: Real Stories of Dating Abuse and Violence

The Coalition viewed the *Choose Respect* video to visualize what dating abuse looks like among teens. The link to the video is provided below.

<http://www.chooserespect.org/scripts/materials/videos/videos.asp>

Primary Prevention

Emily Sandlin spoke about the topic of primary prevention and its application to Teen Dating Violence Prevention. She also spoke about how the identification of **Risk and Protective Factors** is essential to Primary Prevention of Teen Dating Violence. Please look at the CDC web link for examples of Risk/Protective Factors pertaining to sexual violence.

http://www.cdc.gov/NCIPC/dvp/SV/svp-risk_protective.htm

Emily also did a visualization reading exercise entitled *The River* to help folks envision what Primary Prevention is through the tool of an analogy.

Culture Change

Emily Sandlin spoke about how the Primary Prevention of Teen Dating Violence requires **Culture Change**. She gave examples of Culture Change through the years including: women's fashion, cigarette smoking, & civil rights/racism. This demonstrated that Culture Change is possible!

Catholic Health Initiative (CHI) Grant

Emily Sandlin spoke about the CHI Grant and its **2-Pronged Initiative**. The over-arching goal of the grant is to launch a multi-tiered prevention effort in order to increase community awareness, engagement, and endorsement of Primary Prevention. As well, the grant calls for a reduction in primary perpetration of teen dating and sexual violence.

The Coalition's goals were outlined in a handout and include:

- 1) to assess the **prevalence** of Teen Dating Violence, both quantitatively & qualitatively
- 2) research & identify **culturally competent** prevention strategies
- 3) oversee the piloting of Green Dot in 2 public schools, 2 parochial schools, and 2 at-risk, youth groups

The Green Dot Program

Emily Sandlin spoke about the *Green Dot* program and curricula that will be implemented in up to 6 sites. The program is based on scientific theories including the **Social Diffusion Theory** and the **Bystander Intervention Theory**. The Social Diffusion Theory explains how popular opinion and behavior are propagated through a population by the use of **Popular Opinion Leaders**. The example of the *Live Strong Bracelets* was given. Moreover, the Bystander Intervention Theory recognizes that the majority of people is bystanders to violence and, thus, plays a pivotal role in intervening in high-risk situations through the **3 D's**: **Directly** Intervene, Create a **Distraction**, or **Delegate** the Responsibility to someone else. For more information on *Green Dot*, please visit the following site:

<http://www.greendotkentucky.com/>

Goals & Roles/Who Are We Missing?

The Coalition participated in 2 activities. First, participants wrote on a sheet of scratch paper what they thought their contributory role could be for the Coalition. Secondly, participants wrote down who they thought was missing from the table. Then, participants were asked to share their responses to who they thought was missing. Some examples included the Boy Scouts, high school athletic coaches, Seven Counties, nurses, doctors, teenagers, and Child Protective Services. These responses will be synthesized into a group report for participants to view at a later date.

HomeWork Assignment

Emily Sandlin challenged all the participants to complete a homework assignment before the next Coalition Meeting. Participants were to engage 2 individuals within their **Circle of Influence** about the 1st Meeting. Participants were asked to talk about *Green Dot*, the Coalition's Main Goals, and/or Primary Prevention applied to Violence Prevention. Participants were also asked to talk to potential community partners, family, and friends in hopes that 1) the community will be more aware of the Coalition to Prevent Teen Dating Violence and 2) that the Coalition might network strategically to find community resources for the success of the Coalition's Broad Goals.

Commitment Letter

Participants were asked to read and sign a **Commitment of Participation Letter** for dedicated membership within the Coalition to Prevent Teen Dating Violence.

Evaluation

Participants were asked to fill out an evaluation over the presentation given.

Charge

Participants were asked to wear their new *Green Dot* pins as a signal of their commitment to the Primary Prevention of Teen Dating Violence within Louisville, KY.

Next Meeting

Friday, November 6th, 2009, from 9am-10:30am @ The Center for Women and Families, 927 South 2nd Street Louisville, KY 40203.