
THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Dear Colleague:

The New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) is pleased to announce and share information about the upcoming Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month. For years young people across the nation have organized to put a stop to dating abuse. With their adult allies, they achieved a major victory in 2005 when the importance of addressing teen dating abuse was highlighted in the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. TeenDVmonth reinforces the need to educate young people about dating violence, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.

Teen Domestic Violence Awareness Month, also known as the National Resource Center for Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, is sponsored by Break the Cycle and loveisrespect as a collaborative effort to promote February as "teenDVmonth". Now in its fourth year as a full awareness month, Break the Cycle recently folded their "Let Your Heart Rule" public campaign for teens into the overall teenDVmonth 2014 campaign.

This year the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) is launching their "Send a Candy Heart" campaign as a way to encourage teens and adults to send a candy heart pledging specific ways they will work to end teen dating violence. Please see the attached memo for more details.

To learn more about teenDVmonth, please visit www.teendvmonth.org. and www.opdv.ny.gov.

On behalf of the New York State Office of Victim Services, thank you for your commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victim so of crime in New York State.

Sincerely,

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