

Straight Talk

Dating Violence on Campus

Know the Facts...

- Nearly 1 in 3 (29%) college women report having been a victim of an abusive dating relationship in her life.
- 57% of students who report having been in an abusive dating relationship indicate it occurred in college.
- 52% of college women report knowing a friend who has experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, digital, verbal or controlling abuse.
- Further, 58% of students said they would not know how to help if they knew someone was a victim.
- Between 20 and 25 percent of women in college will be the victim of a completed or attempted rape before they graduate.
- Men and women age 18 and 19 experience the highest rates of stalking.

Statistics courtesy of Dr. Karen Singleton, Director of Sexual Violence Response, a program of Columbia University Health Services

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Abuse ~~&~~ Love

College is a time when we take chances and explore new relationships. Far too often, however, some of these relationships take a dark turn. Relationship violence is prevalent on college campuses. Many times, victims suffer in silence, but they don't have too.

Know the Signs

When you begin a relationship with someone it can be hard to tell what the person is really like. It's natural to want to show the person that we are interested in our best side, but sometimes you can see very early on when a relationship has the potential to become unhealthy. Be careful if your boyfriend/girlfriend:

- Belittles You
- Questions Your Every Move
- Is Jealous of Your Friends
- Always Turns Up
- Demands Intimacies from you that you are not Ready to Give
- Becomes Physically Aggressive with You

If you, or anyone you know, needs help contact Jenesse Center 24/7 at 1-800-478-7328

Speak Out!

Many college students don't speak out about being abused because they are in a new environment and often don't know who to turn to. If you or anyone you know is a victim of relationship violence you HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Seek Legal Action: Talk to a Lawyer about a Restraining Order
- Go to Your School Officials
- Call the Police
- Tell Someone You Trust
- Find Campus Resources that Can Help
- Call Jenesse 24h/7 Days a Week for Help and Referrals

Stay Safe!

Remember to NEVER confront the person who is abusing you. They could become dangerous. Just get help as soon as possible.

Jenesse Center, Inc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

History and Mission

Jenesse Center was founded more than 30 years ago with the goal of ensuring that families in crisis have options available to them to escape violence and create lives full of hope and possibility. Founded by five African-American women who were survivors of domestic violence, Jenesse Center serves a unique purpose because we primarily serve families of color, a population that has been traditionally underserved or unserved.

During our years of service to the community, Jenesse Center has housed more than 15,000 victims and survivors of domestic violence in our emergency shelters and transitional housing apartment facilities. Through our domestic violence legal clinic, and other outreach and educational programs, we have educated more than 100,000 women, children, young adults and men about the issue of domestic violence. Through media outlets—including capitalizing on the reach of the Internet through our website, www.jenesse.org, we have been able to reach more than a million people about the issue of domestic violence and its effect on American families.

We have grown from a community and grassroots effort with an operating budget of approximately \$436,000 to a full-service, professional operation with local, state, national and international recognition. Our current operating budget is approximately \$2.7 million.

Our mission is to provide victims of domestic violence with a comprehensive, centralized base of support to assist them in addressing their immediate crisis and towards changing the patterns of abuse in their lives.

Who We Serve

A Year At A Glance

Total Participants Receiving Domestic Violence Supportive Services: 2500



A Year At A Glance -- Housing
Emergency Shelter Families: 300
Transitional Housing Families: 90



A Year At A Glance -- Mental Health Services

Approximate Number of Participants Receiving Mental Health Services: 2500

A Year At A Glance -- Legal Services

Approximate Number of Program Participants receiving Legal Services: 2500

Approximate Number of Temporary Restraining Orders (TRO): 1500

Approximate Number of Immigration Issues, Child Custody, Divorce and Landlord Tenant Issues: 885

A Year At A Glance -- Case Management

Approximate Number of Program Participants receiving Case Management Services: 2500

A Year At A Glance -- Vocational Program

Approximate Number of Program Participants Receiving Vocational Education: 2500 (for shelter and non-shelter participants)