



**Teen dating violence is a pattern of behaviors used to exert power and control over a partner and refers to relationships in which the partners are not living together and do not have a child in common, but are in a dating relationship.**

## PREVALENCE

- In 2007, in New York City, 11% of male and female high school students reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend/girlfriend within the past year. (*NYC High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2007*)
- From 2002-2006, almost 4% of New York City adults ages 18-24 reported being frightened for their safety or that of their children or friends because of the anger or threats of an intimate partner. (*Department of Health and Mental Hygiene NYC Community Health Survey, 2002, 2004-2006*)
- In 2006, it was estimated that 80 of every 100,000 young women between the ages of 12 and 19 visited an emergency room department because of injuries resulting from intimate partner violence. (*Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Injury Surveillance System, 2006*)
- In a 2005 study of incoming freshmen at a New York City college, almost 40% of the students responding to the survey reported being in a violent relationship within the past year. (*Katie Gentile, PhD., Director, Women's Center, John Jay College*)
- In 2007, 16,861 teen telephone calls were received by the City's Domestic Violence Hotline; 9,462 teen calls were received in 2006; and 12,645 telephone calls were received in 2005 (*Safe Horizon, 2008*).

## NEW YORK CITY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP TRAINING ACADEMY

The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) have established the New York City Healthy Relationship Training Academy. The Academy teaches young people and service providers in New York City about the dynamics of abusive relationships and the characteristics of healthy relationships.

Since its inception in 2005 through 2007, the New York City Healthy Relationship Training Academy has reached over 1,400 young people through peer education workshops. The Academy has also partnered with the New York City Housing Authority, the Administration for Children's Services, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to educate both young people and staff about healthy relationships.

## RELATIONSHIP ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (RAPP)

RAPP is a comprehensive, school-based teen relationship abuse program administered by the Human Resources Administration. Through a comprehensive curriculum, students learn to recognize and change destructive patterns of behavior before they are transferred into adult relationships.

RAPP is currently in 61 middle and high schools throughout New York City. Last school year (September 2006 through June 2007) approximately 6,000 students completed the three-day RAPP curriculum. In addition, approximately 6,200 students received individual and/or group counseling through RAPP.

**If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call 911 for emergencies; call NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) TTY: 1-866-604-5350 or 311 for general City services information. Help is available in all languages. Callers will receive immediate assistance including crisis counseling, safety planning and referrals.**