

Teens & Violence: Making the Connection

Violence is not random, uncontrollable, or inevitable. Neither are its effects.

On any given day in the USA:

- 480 women and children will be raped.
- 9,600 women will be assaulted and beaten by their male partner.
- 4 women and 3 children will be murdered by a family member.
- 3,456 teens will run away to escape violence in their home.
- 6 teens will die as a result of violence.
- 4 teens will commit suicide with a gun.

Violence hurts teens everyday:

- 1 in 3 teens experience some type of violence, whether peer, family, or dating violence.
- 1 in 3 females and 1 in 5 males are sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday.
- 1 in 8 high school students experience physical abuse in a dating relationship.
- 1 in 4 teen deaths are caused by gunshot injuries.
- Teens carry an estimated 27,000 guns to school everyday.
- Alcohol is used by the perpetrator and/or victim prior to 65% of all homicides.
- The most common factor among pregnant teens is growing up in a violent home.
- Teens are 2.5 times more likely to be victims of violent crime than people over 20.

Nebraska's Story in 2002:

- 19,367 shelter beds were provided to children and adolescents escaping the violence in their homes.
- 52,188 were received by the statewide domestic violence sexual assault hotline.
- 118,799 hours of counseling were provided to victims from domestic violence sexual assault programs throughout the state.