

Take a look at what we did in February!



Activities TPN promoted for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) and each year it's critical that we take special time to remember that domestic violence affects more than just adults. TDVAM is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen relationships and promote programs that strive to prevent it. Over the course of the past 4 weeks, TPN has been doing just that.



Teen dating violence is more common than most people might think. One in three adolescents in the United States will be a victim of physical, emotional or sexual abuse by a dating partner before they become adults and it can happen to anyone. Even though teen relationships may differ from adult relationships, teens can experience the same types of abuse and control that occur within abusive, adult relationships. Unfortunately, technology has only amplified the source and frequency of abuse.

In addition to TPN's comprehensive prevention education throughout the academic year, a special connection was made in February with students at Stevens High School. Students who wished to participate, brainstormed motivational prevention statements while discussing the topic of teen dating and domestic violence and the popular awareness campaign "NO MORE". These messages will be displayed later in March for NO MORE Week. Stevens Crisis Counselor, Ashley Miller noted "Reaching high school students about these issues is vital; our students are at an age where dating is commonplace and education on teen dating violence is often limited. They need to know the signs for both themselves and their peers."

[Click here](#) for more information about the NO MORE campaign.

TPN wants to remind you that there are ways you can help prevent violence from happening. As a parent or guardian, one of the most important things you can do is keep the lines of communication open with your children. Take steps to make a difference: be a role model and treat others, including your partner and your children with respect. Start talking to the young people in your life about healthy relationships early, before they start dating. Lastly, get involved with efforts to prevent dating violence at local schools. TPN educators provide programming

about healthy and unhealthy relationships to help students establish their boundaries and identify unhealthy dating behaviors. For more information about these and other programs TPN provides, [click here](#), or call TPN at 603-543-0155.

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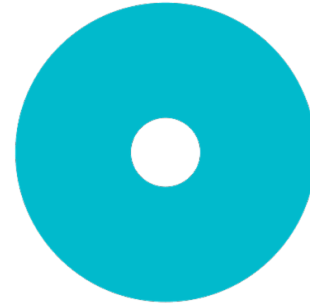
Upcoming Events

NO MORE Week:

NO MORE Week is a national action event aimed at making domestic violence and sexual assault awareness and prevention a priority year-round. Keep an eye on TPN's facebook page for updates and additional information. Mark your calendars - the NO MORE Week of Action is March 6th - 12th! Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run:

The 10th annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run is Saturday, April 30th! "Steppin' Up" is TPN's signature fundraiser, bringing in critical funds that allow TPN to continue to provide Sullivan County prevention education as well as support victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Learn more by clicking [here](#).



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