

The Tina Project™

EMPOWERING SCHOOLS TO PREVENT TEEN DATING VIOLENCE (TDV) RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

A simple checklist of recommended practices to consider for your school’s teen dating violence prevention efforts.

Compiled by The Tina Project, a multi-county collaboration of domestic violence and rape prevention educators in Northeast Ohio.

Contact your local Tina Project™ partner agency today to schedule a technical assistance meeting and learn about resources already available to your school.

	BEST PRACTICE	GOOD PRACTICE	SATISFACTORY PRACTICE	POOR PRACTICE
In the Classroom				
Invite your Tina Project partner agency to make recommendations about purchasing an evidence-based curriculum, host “train the trainer” sessions, and provide ongoing program support. Invest in training teachers and staff in program delivery.	✓			
Encourage teachers in all subject areas to integrate TDV content and lessons into all subject areas. See reference list for specific examples.	✓			
Dedicate 3-5 class periods per year to student education about TDV. Rely on Tina Project partner agency to train teachers on program delivery and provide ongoing program support.	✓			
Dedicate 3-5 class periods per year to student education about TDV. Rely on Tina Project partner agency to deliver content in classrooms.		✓		
Dedicate one class period per year for each student to learn about TDV. Rely on Tina Project partner agency to provide discussion guide and materials for distribution.			✓	
Rely only on health book and/or DVD to talk to students re: TDV.				✓

Teacher and Staff Training				
Integrate teen dating violence training requirements into teacher and staff performance evaluations. For example, require completion of an annual online training about TDV.	✓			
Make TDV part of your annual training and development plan for all teachers and staff. Invite a Tina Project partner agency to conduct trainings.		✓		
Host a one-time training for teachers and staff about teen dating violence and your school's response to the new mandate.			✓	
Provide staff with handouts only.				✓
Other Recommended Practices that can be Supported by The Tina Project				
Host customized programs for athletic teams, particularly male athletes.	✓			
Support a violence prevention club at your school, such as Men of Strength Club.	✓			
Host an educational forum for parents about TDV.	✓			
Regularly send "tips" and TDV "warning signs" home to parents and guardians via school newsletters and web sites.	✓			
Host a violence prevention event that involves the community, such as Take Back the Night.	✓			
Annually review your school policies about violence, bullying and harassment.	✓			
Host a student-run fundraising event or donation drive to benefit your Tina Project partner agency.	✓			
Offer bullying/harassment/violence prevention programs for students in grades K-6 too.	✓			

Best Practices and HB 19 require schools and communities to:

- Acknowledge that students in your school and community are impacted by teen dating violence (TDV).
- Be prepared to respond in a helpful way to disclosures of unhealthy or abusive relationships, sexual violence or abuse.
- Be connected to local resources that provide victims support outside of the school environment.
- Provide dating violence prevention education for students grades 7-12.
- Provide training in dating violence prevention for school staff and educators.
- Incorporate violence within a dating relationship into its policy prohibiting student harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

What NOT to do:

- Host a one-time, school-wide assembly about TDV and assume this is “enough.”
- Pass out flyers or written information about TDV to students and assume this is “enough.”
- Assume that TDV does not happen in your school or community.
- Blame victims for “getting themselves into this situation” or “engaging in risky behaviors.”
- Assume abuse is warranted.
- Ignore or tolerate behaviors that are part of or lead to dating violence, such as harassment, bullying, controlling or sexting.
- Think that 7th and 8th graders are too young to learn about TDV.
- Assume TDV prevention programs encourage or endorse dating, intimacy or sex.

Web Resources:

www.cadv-ohio.org

[Www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org)

www.thesafespace.org

www.breakthecycle.org

www.hazelden.org/safedates

www.loveisrespect.org

www.findyouthinfo.gov

http://www.ovv.usdoj.gov/teen_dating_violence.htm

www.abanet.org/unmet/teendating/teachersguide.pdf

www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/BreakTheSilence/

www.cdc.gov/chooserrespect

www.loveisnotabuse.com

www.ncadv.org

www.ndvh.org

www.njdc.info

http://www.tpronline.org/articles.cfm/Dating_Violence__Aggression

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