

## **Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)**

This school-based program is one of the most extensive domestic violence prevention programs in New York City, and is critical to ending relationship abuse among young people. Through a comprehensive curriculum, students learn to recognize and change destructive patterns of behavior before they are transferred to adult relationships. Since 1999, HRA's innovative RAPP program has helped teens attending public high schools and middle schools develop healthier relationships. Social workers (MSW) deliver an array of relationship abuse services through four components: prevention classes, intervention counseling, staff development and training, and community outreach. RAPP fosters a school climate with zero tolerance for abusive behavior in all of its forms, thereby promoting a safe and productive learning environment for students and staff. In September 2005, the program was expanded to include middle schools, as well as additional high schools. The Department of Education is gradually creating smaller schools within larger school buildings. Due to this change, RAPP is currently in 67 middle and high schools.

## **Summer Peer Leadership Program**

Peer education is an important component of the RAPP program. One of the goals of the RAPP program is to promote active student involvement as peer partners, peer educators and mentors. For a seven-week period during the summer, the RAPP coordinator from each high school chooses up to 10 students to participate in the Peer Leadership Program. During this program, the RAPP coordinators and students work together to develop trainings for their peers throughout the city. After completing this program, the students will return to school in the fall prepared to discuss relationship abuse with their classmates. The summer program is offered in a work setting with emphasis placed on proper work place etiquette, responsibility and participants receive a salary. During the summer of 2011, approximately 150 students participated.

**Providers: CAMBA, Center Against Domestic Violence and STEPS to End Family Violence**

### Brooklyn:

Bushwick Campus, Sheepshead Bay HS, Automotive HS, Franklin K. Lane Campus, The Willamsburg Middle School Academy, Prospect Heights Educational Campus, Abraham Lincoln HS, Franklin D. Roosevelt HS, Edward R. Murrow HS, IS 228 David A. Boody MS, South Shore Campus.

### Bronx:

Angelo Patrie MS (MS 391), TAPCO HS, Truman HS, Academy for Public Relations () Lehman HS, Roosevelt HS, Stevenson HS, Truman HS, Academy for Public Relations (MS 298), John F. Kennedy Campus, Health Opportunities HS, Soundview Academy for Culture and Scholarship

### Manhattan:

Brandeis Campus, Manhattan Center for Science and Math, Seward Park HS, Inwood JHS, Marta Valle HS, High School of Fashion Industries, Washington Irving HS, HS for Environmental Studies

### Queens:

Beach Channel Campus, August Martin HS, John Bowne HS, IS 10 The Horace Greeley School

### Staten Island:

Tottenville HS

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