

Dear Community Partner,

Thank you for joining us in recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month (TDVPM). Each year, Prevail highlights teen dating violence and recognizes the steps each and every one of us can take toward creating a community that is safe for everyone.

We are happy to share our 2021 TDVPM Toolkit. This is now in its 4th edition and includes resources, talking points, activities, and reproducible handouts that can be used to provide information and start conversations about healthy relationships. The toolkit can be found at www.prevailinc.org. We will also share content through our social media accounts as a way to provide information that we hope you will share with others.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention classifies teen dating violence as a public health issue because it impacts millions of youth each year. A foundational understanding of what healthy, respectful, and non-violent relationships are is vital for youth. The impacts of teen dating violence are numerous: depression, anxiety, using drugs and alcohol as a coping skill, thoughts of suicide, and the understanding of abusive behaviors as typical and acceptable.

We encourage you to “Go Orange” with us by wearing an orange article of clothing on February 12th and post a picture to social media using the hashtag #GoOrangePrevail

Thank you for your support and active involvement with the youth in our community. We really cannot bring about change without you! If you would like more information about Prevail’s TDVPM Toolkit or teen dating violence, contact Youth Advocacy Supervisor Kelly Ferriell at kferriell@prevailinc.org or Primary Prevention Specialist Kelly Growden at kgrowden@prevailinc.org. Both are available via phone by calling our office at 317-773-6942.



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