

RAPP Overview

Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)

RAPP is one of the most extensive domestic violence prevention programs in NYC, and is based in schools throughout the city. RAPP's central mission is to end relationship abuse among young people. Its curriculum helps students to identify destructive patterns of behavior before they become repeating patterns in adult relationships.

Since 1999, HRA's innovative RAPP program has helped teens attending public high schools develop healthier relationships. RAPP Social workers (MSW) use many different methods to combat relationship abuse, including: prevention classes, intervention counseling, staff development and training, and community outreach.

RAPP's goal is to make your school a place with zero tolerance for any kind of abuse and to promote 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 61 middle and high schools.

Summer Peer Leadership Program

Peer education is an important part of the RAPP program. One of our goals is to get students involved as peer partners, peer educators and mentors. For seven weeks 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, and participants need to have proper work place etiquette and responsibility. If you participate, you will receive a salary. During the summer of 2009, approximately 200 students participated.

Brooklyn | Bushwick, Sheepshead HS, F.D.R., Satellite Three (IS 103), South Shore HS, Automotive HS, Franklin K. Lane HS, George Gershwin JHS, High School for Global Citizenship

Bronx | Lehman HS, Roosevelt HS, Stevenson HS, Truman HS, Academy for Public Relations (MS 298), John F. Kennedy HS, Health Opportunities HS

Manhattan | Brandeis HS, Manhattan Center for Science and Math, University Neighborhood HS, Urban Peace Academy, Inwood JHS, Marta Valle HS, The Academy of Environmental Science, Washington Irving HS, HS for Environmental Studies

Queens | Beach Channel HS, August Martin HS, Springfield Gardens HS, John Bowne HS

Staten Island | Tottenville HS, George Egbert School (IS 2)

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