

“Love is Feeling Safe” Student Art Project

Nationally, February is recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and this year DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) is sponsoring a local art project for area high school aged students on the theme of “Love is Feeling Safe.” We are encouraging submissions from area youth and the artwork will be displayed in the “Absolutely Art” art gallery during the month of February.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month was created to help put a stop to dating abuse. Teen dating violence doesn’t just affect those victimized but also their families, friends, schools and communities. Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner every year. And we want to take a stand against violence right here in Dane County.

We encourage your participation in this project by soliciting art from teens in your program. We would like to have all of the art submitted by January 25th. The art should be two dimensional of varying size. Color or black and white images are acceptable. The art will become property of DAIS upon submission and will be non-returnable. Submitted artwork should include a permission form for use of the artwork (see attached). Artwork without an accompanying permission form will not be accepted.

This artwork should express what a future without violent relationships looks like. Students should be encouraged to imagine what it would be like if all people regardless of gender, age, ability, race or sexual orientation could feel safe in their relationships. How would that affect their friendships, school, community and world? And how could this world be portrayed through art?

If you are interested in having your students participate in this project please contact Jamie at 608-338-1045 or jamieq@abuseintervention.org.

Artwork should be submitted to Jamie Quam at DAIS, P.O. Box 1761, Madison, WI 53701 no later than January 25th. Please feel free to call Jamie if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping us raise awareness about teen dating violence.

You and DAIS. One. And for all.

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