



Press Release

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DOVE Center encourages community to wear orange for love

St George, UT – February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, a national awareness month aimed at bringing attention to teen dating abuse and the importance of healthy relationships.

Associated with the awareness month is ‘Wear Orange Day’, which falls on Tuesday, February 12. The event encourages people to wear orange and spread messages about healthy relationships vs unhealthy relationships throughout their networks as well as on social media. Participants can pick any kind of orange accessory, including but not limited to: orange shirts, nail polish, hats, face paint, ribbons, sunglasses and shoes.

“It’s a great opportunity to start a dialogue with your peers,” Adele Pincock, director of community outreach at DOVE Center, said.

According to loveisrespect.org, dating violence among youth is extremely common. 1.5 million high school students – or 1 in 3 teens – will experience interpersonal violence in the U.S. every year.

“The goal is to start having conversations on what healthy relationships look like. We can’t fix the problem if no one is talking about it,” Pincock said.

It was also revealed that fifty-seven percent of college students said they didn't know how to identify dating abuse and fifty-eight percent said they didn't know how to help someone who was experiencing it.

Loveisrespect.org labels trust, respect and healthy communication among the top three qualities present in healthy relationships. These qualities are illustrated in acts like consent and boundaries. [Read more about healthy relationships [here](#).]

“We hope that everyone – not just teens – will take time this month to learn what is and isn't acceptable behavior from their partners,” Lindsey Boyer, executive director of DOVE Center said.

DOVE Center is Washington and Kane County's area service provider dedicated to serving survivors of domestic abuse, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault. The agency provides confidential services for teens include counseling, support groups and advocacy. Additionally, DOVE provides healthy relationship curriculums free of charge to area schools.

www.dovecenter.org | Access services at DOVE's 24-hour helpline: 435-628-0458

To inquire about healthy relationship curriculums, email outreach@dovecenter.org

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Note for the editor: DOVE Center is a 501.c.3 not-for-profit organization committed to cultivating an informed community free from domestic and sexual violence. Our mission is to empower survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault through education and resources to increase safety and promote healing from trauma.



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