PARENT ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. is the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County, Florida. Our mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education, and advocacy.

The Education and Prevention Department at Women In Distress is committed to providing quality prevention education and resources to all members of the community in order to break the recurring cycle of violence.

PARENT EDUCATION & AWARENESS

We know that youth-centered violence prevention is more effective when we involve people from different areas of a teens life - their teachers, coaches, community leaders and, most importantly, their parents and guardians.

In order to cultivate a stronger network of awareness that will support a violence free future, WID is working to increase parent and



adult engagement in teen aating violence prevention through partnering with schools to host Parent Education Nights.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHTS

Education & Prevention staff will work with your school to host a virtual or in-person event to include a brief TDV & Healthy Relationships presentation followed by a question and answer conversation where parents can learn and ask questions about how to best support their children to have healthy, non-violent relationships and assist them if they are experiencing TDV or unhealthy relationships.

WID is also happy to work with you to meet the needs and goals of your specific group!

Teen Dating Violence Statistics*

1 in 3 teens will experience an abusive relationship.



When tested, a majority of parents parents (58%) could NOT correctly identify common warning signs of abuse.



Only 35% of abused teens tell someone about it. Usually it is their closest friend.





81% percent of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an



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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

CONTACT: volunteerdept@womenindistress.org

While some volunteer opportunities are limited at Women In Distress because of confidentiality and safety rules, WID does offer the following options for students to gain community service hours:

AWARENESS PROJECT

Students can work with WID personnel and/or their teacher or other school personnel to conduct a teen dating violence awareness project.

Some example project ideas include: a poster or art campaign, statistics or highlights on the morning announcements, table in the cafeteria at lunches, virtual movie night, and more!

High school students can complete the <u>Protect Your Heart</u> program for service hours (email Danielle Liberal, Teen Dating Violence Specialist, for more info!)

DONATION/SUPPLIES DRIVE

Students can organize and complete a school-based donation drive. Donation items can be survivor welcome baskets, non-perishable foods, pet supplies, school supplies, clothes, and more!

Other ideas include: empowering cards and messages for survivors and/or their children, art projects, and more!

THRIFT STORE

Students can volunteer their time at the WID Blooming Sales Thrift Store. Volunteer tasks include sorting incoming donations, and cleaning and other organizational tasks. Volunteer shifts are a minimum of 2 hours during open hours (10a-6p, Tuesday-Saturday).

<u>Location:</u> 1372 State Road 7, US-441, Margate, FL 33063 <u>Maximum **5** volunteers per shift</u>

Awareness +
Action =
SOCIAL CHANGE





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