

# TEEN DATING ABUSE AND VIOLENCE



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*A Suite Of Resources For  
Judges, Court Personnel,  
Justice System  
Professionals And Others*

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## OVERVIEW

Teen Dating Abuse & Violence is a scourge that is as epidemic, harmful, and potentially lethal as adult domestic violence. Unchecked, teen dating abuse and violence can entrench a lifetime pattern of perpetration by abusers and acceptance of abuse by victims. The rapidly growing awareness of teen dating abuse and violence presents an opportunity for judges, courts, and court-related professionals to protect victims, intervene with perpetrators, and educate the communities they serve on their role in prevention.

The teen years are a period of peak learning capacity and potential for change. The National Judicial Education Program has developed a suite of resources that provide an introduction to many of the issues involved in teen dating abuse and violence and its intersections with other areas of the law, as well as resources for courts and communities.

- Slide Decks to be used as a curriculum or individually
- Myths v. Facts Presentation Formats
- Information Sheets
- Webinars

## RESOURCES

### Slide Decks for In-Depth Presentations on Teen Dating Abuse & Violence (TDAV):

1. Dynamics and Consequences
2. The Teenage Brain, Nature vs. Nurture, Neuroscience and ACEs
3. Sexual Abuse & Assault
4. Issues for LGBTQ+ Teens
5. Technology, Social Media and Electronic Evidence
6. Victim Safety, Offender Accountability and Judicial Leadership

*These slide decks include suggested commentary for each slide and are intended to be adapted to local law and practice.*

## ***How these Slide Decks can be Used:***

- As a series for a comprehensive program about Teen Dating Abuse & Violence.
  - Integrated into Related Programs. The individual slide decks can be integrated into programs on a wide variety of related issues **for example:**

### **Adult and Teen Domestic Violence**

The TDAV Dynamics and Consequences slide deck can be utilized in comprehensive programs about adult and teen domestic violence.

### **Sexual Abuse and Assault and the Intersection of Sexual and Domestic Violence**

The TDAV Sexual Abuse & Assault slide deck can be integrated into programs about sexual abuse and assault and programs about the intersection of sexual and domestic violence.

### **Trafficking**

The TDAV slide deck on Sexual Abuse & Assault can be utilized in programs about trafficking to explore how teens are often lured into “romantic” relationships as the prelude to being trafficked.

### **Juvenile Justice and Other Criminal Justice Programs**

All the TDAV slide decks have relevance to the ways in which teens being subjected to abuse and violence in a “romantic” relationship may become involved in the criminal justice system.

### **Issues Specific to LGBTQ+ Teens**

The TDAV Issues for LGBTQ+ Teens slide deck can be part of programs about other issues confronting LGBTQ+ Teens

### **Social Media and Electronic Evidence**

The TDAV Technology, Social Media and Electronic Evidence slide deck can be integrated into programs about electronic evidence.

### **Judicial Outreach, Community Education and Areas of the Law Needing Judicial Leadership**

The TDAV Victim Safety, Offender Accountability and Judicial Leadership slide deck can be utilized in programs about all aspects of Judicial Outreach, Community Education and Judicial Leadership. What can judges do within their state codes of judicial conduct to educate parents, teachers, teens themselves and the community about the seriousness of teen dating abuse and violence, and the ways to prevent it?

## ***Other Formats***

- A sample 60-minute comprehensive overview presentation in a Myths vs Facts format.
- A sample 2.5 hour comprehensive overview presentation in a Myths vs Facts format with time for exercises and discussion.

## **Exercise:**

### ***Texting Exercise:***

Teens' constant use of technology to engage with peers and the world at-large has meant that most forms of technology and internet platforms have become tools for perpetrators of abuse. Social media, text and messaging applications and other technologies provide an easy mechanism for constantly keeping tabs on the victim and exerting power and control and are a common feature of teen dating abuse and violence. The TDAV slide deck about electronic evidence, and the sections of the two sample formats that address that issue, include an exercise about obsessive, abusive texting that demonstrates how disruptive this is.

## Teen Dating Abuse & Violence Information Sheets:

These **Information Sheets** provide an introduction to many of the issues involved in teen dating abuse and violence and its intersections with other areas of the law, as well as Resources for courts and communities.

The **Information Sheets** are provided in two formats.

### ***Complete Set:***

The eight Information Sheets are downloadable as a set.

- *The Dynamics and Consequences of Teen Dating Abuse & Violence*
- *The Teenage Brain: Nature & Nurture, Neuroscience & ACEs*
- *The Role of Social Media & Electronic Evidence: Glossary*
- *The Role of Social Media & Electronic Evidence*
- *LGBTQIA2s+ Issues in Teen Dating Abuse & Violence – Glossary*
- *LGBTQIA2s+ Issues in Teen Dating Abuse & Violence*
- *Achieving Both Accountability and Protection: The Need for Judicial Leadership*
- *Teen Dating Abuse & Violence: Resources for Judicial Leadership*

### ***Individual Sheets:***

Each of the eight Information Sheets is downloadable individually.

## **Webinars For the Minnesota Judicial Branch:**

Working closely with the Minnesota Judicial Branch Domestic and a Sexual Violence Analyst, the National Judicial Education Program created three webinars to be posted on the Minnesota Judicial Branch website. These webinars utilize the information developed for the six in-depth slide decks. They include video clips made by Minnesota judges and court personnel, a Minnesota licensed social worker with extensive experience with teen dating abuse and violence, and representatives of the Violence Free Minnesota Youth Advisory Board, who worked with NJEP as we developed these webinars.

### ***Webinar I - Teen Dating Abuse & Violence: Dynamics & Consequences***

Topics Covered are:

- Defining Teen Dating Abuse and Violence (TDAV)
- Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse
- Incidence and Prevalence
- Cyber-Facilitated Teen Dating Abuse & Violence
- Lethality

[https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP\\_Courses/Dynamics\\_and\\_Consequences/story.html](https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP_Courses/Dynamics_and_Consequences/story.html)

### ***Webinar II - Teen Dating Abuse & Violence: The Teenage Brain and Victim Impact***

Topics Covered are:

- The Teen Brain: Knowledge from Neuroscience
- Victim Impact
- Grace: A Survivor's Story
- Resilience
- Traumatic Bonding

[https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP\\_Courses/Teen\\_Brains\\_and\\_Victim\\_Impact/story.html](https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP_Courses/Teen_Brains_and_Victim_Impact/story.html)

### ***Webinar III - Teen Dating Abuse & Violence: Victim Safety & Offender Accountability with Recommendations for Court Personnel and Judicial Leadership***

Topics Covered are:

- A Moment of Opportunity
- Challenges for Victim Safety
- Orders of Protection
- Offender Accountability
- Judicial Leadership

[https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP\\_Courses/Victim\\_Safety\\_and\\_Offender\\_Accountability/story.html](https://mjbstream.courts.state.mn.us/Courses/NJEP_Courses/Victim_Safety_and_Offender_Accountability/story.html)

## **TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The National Judicial Education Program (NJEP) is available to provide training and technical assistance to judges, judicial educators and others planning programs using these resources. Please contact us if you need technical assistance or have any questions about using these resources.

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