Innovative theater helps youth recognize, avoid and change violent acts

Lives Saved

After “The Outrage” was performed at a Kansas middle school, 2 students came forward to let a member of the school staff know that they were the victim of rape and forced oral sex.

After seeing ‘The Outrage’, I realized what was going on...That night my boyfriend and I sat down and had a LONG talk...I told him I will not be controlled – I have a need to be independent and make decisions on my own...  High School Student

I once got stopped by a lady who told me, quite proudly, that ‘The Outrage’ had opened her eyes to the fact that someone close to her was in an abusive relationship, and ‘The Outrage’ had given her the knowledge on how to stop it from getting much worse.  High School Student Performer in “The Outrage”

TEEN DATING & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Nationwide
- 54% of parents surveyed say they have not talked to their child about dating violence.

In Kansas in 2012, according to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation:
- 888 rapes were reported by law enforcement in the state
- 10-19 year olds were the most common (44.8%) age group of rape victims and the most common (26.6%) age group of rape suspects
- In 75.4% of the cases, the offender was known to the victim

PROGRAM
“The Outrage” is an innovative, interactive theatrical performance addressing sexual violence with youth. It is delivered by high school student volunteers, who have completed domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault training. Begun in metro Kansas City and replicated in communities across the U.S., “The Outrage”:
- gives current statistics on teen dating and domestic violence, and sexual assault,
- depicts realistic dating scenarios that highlight relationship violence, controlling behaviors, boundaries, media influence, and stereotypical gender roles that support sexual violence,
- demonstrates positive bystander behavior that youth can use to respond to teen dating violence and abuse,
- promotes peer-to-peer communication by engaging middle and high school student audiences in Q&A sessions and “talkback” discussions, and
- evaluates the program’s impact on student attitudes, knowledge and behavior.

IMPACT
Since “The Outrage” began in 2006, its impact includes:
- 19 communities in 13 states have replicated “The Outrage” program,
- 164 performances in Kansas City and surrounding areas,
- over 28,000 people reached, including 18,393 students at 39 schools, and
- 94 students from 10 area schools completed “The Outrage” training and performed with the SAFEHOME troupe.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM FEATURED ABOVE
www.kdheks.gov/rpe
www.safehome-ks.org

TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD:

20 Lives Saved
To mark its recent 20th anniversary, the Safe States Alliance is highlighting 20 of the many lives saved through injury and violence prevention over the last two decades. These examples show the significant impact that injury and violence prevention has on the lives of real people, every day.