

ADOLESCENT HEALTH and YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Rape Prevention Education Program

What is the purpose of the program?

To reduce the incidence of sexual violence in Georgia.

What does the program do?

Provides a network of agencies that promotes the awareness of sexual violence. The program works with youth influencers and communities to change social norms and attitudes in an effort to prevent sexual violence.

How many people are helped by the program?

In Fiscal Year 2005, funded agencies conducted 4,496 sessions on the awareness of sexual violence. A total of 119,794 persons received these services - 51,493 males and 68,301 females.

Why is the program important?

Sexual violence is a major problem that affects millions of people every year and can have a devastating impact on the individual, their family, and the community at large. The social, emotional, physical, economic, and psychological impact can be far-reaching and long-term, and having the specialized expertise and quality services provided by the sexual assault centers available to the citizens of Georgia is of great importance. Additionally, prevention is the major focus of the program. The prevention program aims to change societal norms, attitudes and behaviors of Georgia citizens, in an effort to educate and increase awareness, as well as reduce the incidence of non-consensual sex and other forms of violence.

Who is eligible?

The rape prevention education program is targeted toward elementary, middle, high school, and college students.

Where are services located?

The prevention education program is available in 103 counties

Outcome measures

- Reduce the incidence of sexual violence in Georgia.
- Increase awareness of prevalence, prevention strategies and consequences of sexual violence.

Legislative authority

Title XIX, of the Public Health Law, Part A, Education and Prevention Grant to reduce Sexual Assault Against Women. Funded by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

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