



**Family  
Violence  
Prevention  
Services, Inc.**

The Battered Women  
and Children's Shelter



## **YAC Parent Information and FAQ Sheet**

**FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES** knows that children and families come from all walks of life with various degrees of exposure or knowledge regarding Domestic Violence/Teen Dating Violence. Bexar county statistics state that 1 in 3 females will experience abuse. The number is even higher for teens. Adolescent males are experiencing involvement in teen dating violence/family violence at a high rate as well. Our goal is to engage youth around awareness and prevention in an effort to break the cycle of violence in our community. We are thrilled to have the chance to get to know you and your teens and invite any questions you may have regarding their involvement in Youth Advisory Council.

### ***Youth serving in Youth Advisory Council will:***

- Engage in group discussion regarding topics related to domestic violence/teen dating violence
- Hear from other teens regarding their knowledge or experience with teen dating violence
- Participate in group research involving real life situations of teen violence
- Participate in educational review of community, state, and national statistics
- Participate in conversations with stakeholders, ie. community officials, law enforcement, and other community providers regarding the impact of teen dating violence

### ***Questions from Parents:***

1. **What topics will my teen be learning about?**  
-Topics may include: Domestic Violence, Teen Dating Violence, Bullying, Consent, etc.
2. **Who will conduct meetings and guide conversations?**  
-Subject matter experts (FVPS counselors, teachers, facilitators, etc.) will engage with the teens in an age and developmentally appropriate manner. Questions or conversations deemed inappropriate for group discussion will be redirected and addressed individually.
3. **Will I have to pay for my child to participate?**  
-No! YAC is free of charge.
4. **Where are YAC Meetings held?**  
-Meetings are held in a hybrid format both in person and virtually. When in-person, they are held at a variety of locations including, our residential offices (Battered Women's and Children's Shelter), our non-residential offices (7911 Broadway) or other locations nominated by youth including, school gymnasiums, local community centers, and/or places of worship, etc. On occasions when there is a meeting with a community official or stakeholder where FVPS offers transportation, parents/guardians will be informed and signed permission slips will be required for the teen's participation.

*Virtual and in-person parent info-sessions will be available periodically throughout the year. Program staff are available if you have any questions regarding the council or your child's involvement with this initiative.*



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## **YAC Teacher/Administrator Information and FAQ Sheet**

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### ***Youth Advisory Council and Family Violence Prevention Services will:***

- Provide your school/organization with information regarding The Youth Advisory Council (YAC), Teen Dating Violence (TDV) and Domestic Violence (DV)
- Provide presentations for adolescents or staff on The Youth Advisory Council, TDV, DV, and Bullying
- Provide materials and handouts for your school/organization
- Facilitate interactive activities for adolescents and staff aimed at raising awareness around healthy friendships/relationships, promote healthy decision-making skills, and educate about existing community supports and resources

### ***Common Questions***

**1. What topics will be discussed?**

Topics may include: Domestic Violence, Teen Dating Violence, Bullying, Consent, etc.

**2. Who will conduct presentations/activities?**

Subject matter experts (FVPS counselors, teachers, facilitators, etc.) will engage with the teens in an age and developmentally appropriate manner. Questions or conversations deemed inappropriate for group discussion will be redirected and addressed individually.

**3. Is there a fee for these presentations/trainings?**

No! FVPS services are free of charge.

**4. Where will these presentations/trainings take place?**

FVPS staff working with Youth Advisory Council will come to you. We can tailor presentations for individual classes, assemblies/large gatherings or staff/team meetings.

## **Contact us for more information!**

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## **YACC Teacher Advisor Information and FAQ Sheet**

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### ***Youth serving in a Youth Advisory Council Chapter will:***

- Engage in group discussion regarding topics related to domestic violence/teen dating violence
- Hear from other teens regarding their knowledge or experience with teen dating violence
- Meet once a month
- Complete 2 Service Projects a school year

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- Provide presentations for adolescents or staff on The Youth Advisory Council, TDV, DV, and Bullying (**per request**)
- Provide materials and handouts for your school/organization (**per request**)
- Facilitate interactive activities for adolescents and staff aimed at raising awareness around healthy friendships/relationships, promote healthy decision-making skills, and educate about existing community supports and resources (**per request**)

### ***Common Questions***

**1. What topics will be discussed?**

Topics may include: Domestic Violence, Teen Dating Violence, Bullying, Consent, etc.

**2. Who will conduct the Chapter meetings?**

A Youth Advisory Council Chapter president and/or vice president.

**3. Where will they meet?**

They will meet in the allowable club space per your schools rules and regulations.

**4. What is needed from me?**

We anticipate being in contact with you only as much as you would like and/or necessary. The Chapters are designed to work as a club at the school/campus, therefore please follow school/campus rules and guidelines.

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