



Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the month of March, Compass will be presenting Directions: Navigating to Prevent Sexual Violence education program for your child/children. Topics for discussion will include healthy and unhealthy relationships, prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment, human trafficking, social media, bullying, cyberbullying and gender stereotypes. Our goal is to provide primary prevention education to all students grades K-12 with the hope of eliminating future violence. Due to the fluctuating nature of each school and county, topics listed above are not exhaustive of all that may be discussed or covered with your child/children. Please be aware that any topic discussed will be done with a primary prevention approach and will relate to eliminating future or current violence.

Compass is a non-profit organization funded by the Ohio Department of Health and Rape Crisis Fund to provide sexual violence prevention services in Carroll, Tuscarawas and Stark counties. We strive to offer programs with information sharing, discussion, and investigating techniques for prevention of violence.

If you have concerns with Directions: Navigating to Prevent Sexual Violence education program, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling Morgan Parslow or Caleb Prange (prevention educators) at 330-339-2504 or 330-437-3705. All parents/guardians or concerned citizens are invited to attend Directions: Navigating to Prevent Sexual Violence education program sessions.

If you do not want your child/children to participate please notify the school and your child/children will be excused from class.

Sincerely,

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T-4-C

“HEALTHY CHOICES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM”

Curriculum Overview

Format: 5 days of presentations in each classroom, 45 minute periods

History:

The Healthy Choices for Youth Program started in 1990 as the RSVP Program. Through cooperation with all the school districts, a community-wide survey was conducted, which resulted in the realization of a need for teen pregnancy prevention education and substance abuse awareness. T-4-C picked up the gauntlet and through state and federal grants, developed a curriculum and trained educators to address the need.

Sixth Grade:

Sixth grade lessons and activities encourage the development of positive character and promote healthy choices regarding the topics of alcohol, drugs, tobacco use and premarital sexual activity. Positive and negative consequences are discussed including peer pressure, future goals, internet safety, basic STI information and teen pregnancy. The curriculum offers ways to say “no” in real life situations on these four topics. In addition, sexual development, including anatomy, puberty, and conception are discussed. In the context of self-respect and respect for others, students are guided to acceptance and understanding of the physical and emotional changes occurring in their bodies. This topic is discussed in a gender-based setting.

Seventh Grade:

Seventh grade lessons inspire the development of positive character. The students participate in discussions and activities relating to self-worth, individuality, peer pressure, and the importance of goals. The teens are encouraged to consider their futures when making immediate decisions. The progressive nature and consequences of alcohol and drug use are discussed. Appropriate dating behavior and characteristics of healthy friendships are addressed. Basic facts regarding sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancy are presented. Students are directed to the acceptance of abstinence regarding pre-marital sexual activity, alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.

Eighth Grade:

Eighth grade lessons and activities reinforce the development of positive character. Additionally, the lessons promote the critical need for mature decision-making regarding alcohol, drugs, tobacco and sex, with the primary focus on the latter. Both the physical and emotional consequences of premarital sexual activity are discussed. Topic aspects include: setting limits, self-control, importance of communication, STI’s, exploring current media traps, positive attitudes regarding a marriage relationship, whole-self theory, realistic views of parenting, and teen parenthood. Students are challenged to uphold a set of positive sexual values and to make a commitment to remain sexually pure and drug free.