

CGTI Blog Posts, February 2016

February: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month February 2, 2016

February is Teen Dating Violence (DV) Awareness Month. Teen DV Month (sometimes called TDVAM) is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February. Dating Violence is more common than many people think. 1 in 3 teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults.

This year's theme is "Love is Setting Boundaries"

GET IN ON THE ACTION!

- February 8-12 is Respect Week 2016 #RespectWeek2016
 - Post pictures on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using our "Love Is..." poster and use the hashtag #DVmonthCGTI
- February 9 is Wear Orange Day #Orange4love #CGTIorange
- February 12 you can help distribute the National Respect Announcement

Your Community Action Team (CAT) can get involved this month! Visit Teen DV Month's website and learn how.



LOVE IS...



CGTI Staff Applications February 4, 2016

Staff applications for the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute are now available! To apply for Staff, you must be 18 years or older. Graduates from the class of 2016 would apply for Staff (Co-Facilitator), only if they will be 18 by July 15, 2016 and have completed the Youth Staff program.

Staff applications will be completed online this year. There is no registration fee and transportation is not provided for volunteer staff. All staff are required to attend the mandatory Staff Training, Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17. Staff will remain on campus for CGTI through Thursday, July 21.

Click the link below to fill out your online application. Make sure after you click submit, that the confirmation page appears for your application to be completed. Applications are due by Monday, May 2 at 4:00PM. If you have any questions about applying for Staff, please email awebb@iadda.org.

Call for Presenter Proposals February 9, 2016

In July 2016, CGTI is conducting its 42nd annual Teen Institute, a 5-day leadership conference sponsored by IADDA. It is an award-winning program that offers opportunities for youth around the state to learn about leadership, healthy choices, and working with others to create better communities.

Our theme this year is "Ignite Your Passion" and we are excited to ignite the passion of youth and adults to create positive change in their schools and/or communities.

We are looking for dynamic presenters to empower our participants and communities, as they seek opportunities to be catalyst for change. We have several workshops available for middle school and high school participants, as well as workshops for adult mentors. We would love for you to present at CGTI this summer at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

Our budget for presenters is limited, but we will consider your request for an honorarium and/or reimbursement for travel and expenses. Presenting at CGTI is a great way to get your message (and your name) out to hundreds of youth and adults from across the state of Illinois.

Presentation topics should be related to underage drinking prevention, youth leadership, health, wellness, safety, skill building, life skills training or similar topics.

Teens Reaching and Achieving Excellence (TRAX) Workshops will be held Monday, July 18 and Wednesday, July 20. Round Robins will be held Tuesday, July 19. General Sessions will be held Sunday through Wednesday for one hour.

A firm deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, April 22, 2016 at 4:00PM. Should you have any questions regarding CGTI 2016, please contact Ashley Webb, Prevention Program Manager, via awebb@iadda.org.

Kick Butts Day, Wednesday March 16 February 25, 2016

As March quickly approaches, I want to remind you of a very important date coming up. **Wednesday, March 16, 2016 is Kick Butts Day!**



Kick Butts day is a day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control against Big Tobacco at more than 1,000 events planned by independent organizers across the United States and around the world.

On their website, <http://www.kickbuttsday.org>, you can access the activities database that highlight tobacco's toll and raise awareness of the tobacco problem in your community. Your Community Action Team can create an event and then register it.

Maybe your event is focused on trying to get your city to go smoke-free in all parks. Start a petition targeting the city council. Maybe your event is focused on changing school policy on e-cigarettes. Start a petition targeting the principal/school board to adopt a policy ban on e-cigarettes. Make a plan with your CAT for Kick Butts Day and get started!

Once your CAT decides on an event and you register it on the Kick Butts website, you can begin publicizing your event. After you register your event, the Kick Butts Day media team will contact you for details and work with you to get media attention. They also provide you with logos and templates to use. There is a webinar on March 9 about starting your campaign on social media. Previous webinars are also available for you to review.

Share your plan for Kick Butts Day with us! We want to highlight and share the positive change your CAT is making in their school and/or community!