

session 13: **teacher resource**

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE STATISTICS

1. Approximately one in five high school girls reports being physically and/or sexually abused by the person they were dating.
2. Young women between 16 and 24 are nearly three times more vulnerable to relationship violence than women in other age groups.
3. Abused girls are four to six times more likely to get pregnant and eight to nine times more likely to have tried to commit suicide.
4. As many as 324,000 pregnant women are the victims of domestic violence each year.
5. In 2006, Texas law enforcement received 186,868 family violence reports. The same year, 120 women were killed by their intimate partner.
6. The effects of children witnessing violence in their homes range from temporary upset, to clear symptoms of post traumatic stress syndrome, to increased aggressive or violent behavior.
7. A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behaviors from one generation to the next.
8. One study found that children who grew up in violent homes had a six times higher likelihood of attempting suicide; a 24 percent greater chance of committing sexual assault crimes; a 74 percent increased incidence of committing crimes against a person; and a 50 percent increased chance of abusing alcohol or drugs.
9. As many as 10 million children witness domestic violence every year.
10. Half of young Texas adults said they'd experienced dating violence (sexual, physical, emotional or verbal abuse) either as the victim or the abuser.

Statements 1-4, 7, and 9 are cited on the Family Violence Prevention Fund web site: www.endabuse.org.

Statement 5 and 10 are cited on the Texas Council on Family Violence web site: www.tcfv.org.

Statement 6 is cited in The Future of Children, "The Impact of Violence on Children," Winter 1999, page 12 and 9.

Statement 8 is from the American Bar Association – Commission on Domestic Violence.