

# EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

### Sexual Violence has No Boundaries!

Sexual violence is about predatory behavior and the availability and vulnerability of victims. In the Program's 40 year history, the youngest and eldest victims served were two months and 89 years old respectively.



### Let's Talk About It!

Sexual Violence continues to be a widespread public health concern. Unaddressed trauma has a ripple affect upon us all. The trauma experienced from sexual violence effects individuals, families, and communities as a whole.



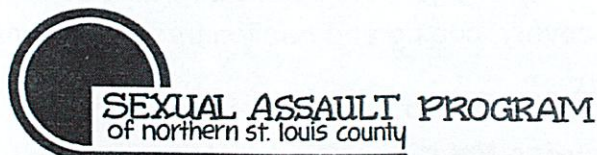
### Together We Can Make A Difference!

The Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County will be promoting awareness of sexual assault and child abuse prevention month by tying teal and blue ribbons around Iron Range Cities (with the cities' permission of course!).

### 2023 Statistics

Local Crime Victims from Northern St. Louis County

- 174 Child & Youth Victims
- 290 Adult Victims



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH NIGHT

- Reaching at least 300 children and their families
- Educated youth on Consent and Body Safety

### “SAFETY TOWN”

- Presentations with seven (7) area elementary classes

### LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS

- Receive several hours of generalized interactive training each year
- Individual Mock interviews with each cadet

### NOW MATTERS LATER

- Provided education to three hundred sixty-three (363) area High School students

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)

- Mayoral Proclamations in fourteen (14) communities declaring April as SAAM
- Law Enforcement vehicles display teal magnets during SAAM

### ELY BRANCH AAUW

- Educational presentation with fifty (50) area professionals on agency services and area statistics

### AEOA SENIOR CARNIVAL

- Reached over 500 area elders and their families.
- Provided information about our agency and personal safety

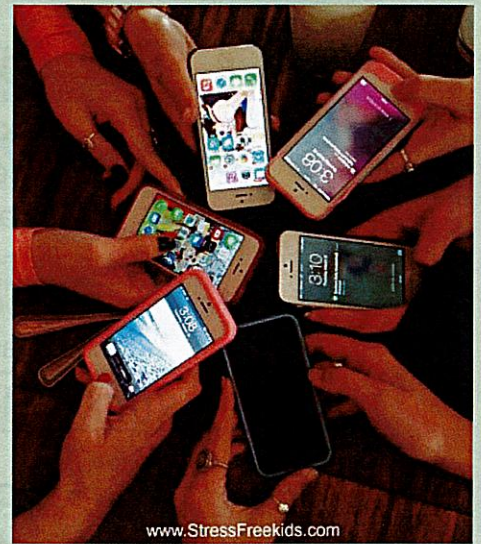
## SAFETY PROGRAMS

### EMPOWER ME

Teaches Personal Safety for Pre-K through 6th grade. Children will learn about Saying No, Body Boundaries, 5 Trusted Adults, Secrets vs surprises, and the UH-OH feeling!

### NOW MATTERS LATER

Teaches legal and emotional impacts of sexting and provides awareness of digital laws and safety.



### TEEN BRIDGES

Provides teens and youth the opportunity to acquire new coping and life skills, helps build self-esteem, set healthy boundaries and understand healthy relationships

### VOICES

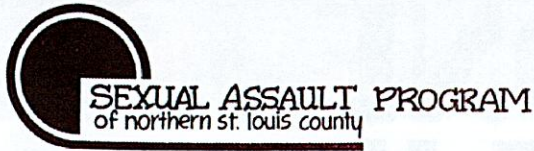
Gives young girls the opportunity for self-discovery, coping and healing through trauma.

### B.R.I.D.G.E.S.

**Building Relationships in Dedication to Girls Empowerment**

Gender Specific alternative for young women within the 6th District Juvenile Court System—  
"Girls Moving On" Curriculum

## ADVOCACY SERVICES



- ⇒ Offers 24-hour crisis intervention and direct services
- ⇒ Is available through calls or text
- ⇒ Will inform you of your rights and options
- ⇒ Can accompany a victim through the medical exam, police interview and all legal proceedings
- ⇒ Is an advocacy agency who offers free and confidential support for victims of sexual violence and, if requested, offer services for their friends & family
- ⇒ Can assist in providing a victim-centered coordinated response with other agencies to best meet your needs
- ⇒ Provides on-going services with children, youth, and adults (Individual, family and/ or group sessions)

*Sexual violence is defined as any unwanted or coerced sexual behavior - from sexual bullying to rape.*

**[WWW.STOPSEXUALVIOLENCE.ORG](http://WWW.STOPSEXUALVIOLENCE.ORG)**

## RESOURCES

- [BREAKTHESILENCE.ORG](http://BREAKTHESILENCE.ORG)
- [CONNECTSAFELY.ORG](http://CONNECTSAFELY.ORG)
- [END-ABUSE.ORG](http://END-ABUSE.ORG)
- [FUTURESWITHOUTVIOLENCE.ORG](http://FUTURESWITHOUTVIOLENCE.ORG)
- [JWRC.ORG](http://JWRC.ORG)
- [LOVEISRESPECT.ORG](http://LOVEISRESPECT.ORG)
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- [PLANNEDPARENTHOOD.ORG](http://PLANNEDPARENTHOOD.ORG)
- [PROTECTYOUNGMINDS.ORG](http://PROTECTYOUNGMINDS.ORG)
- [STOPITNOW.ORG](http://STOPITNOW.ORG)
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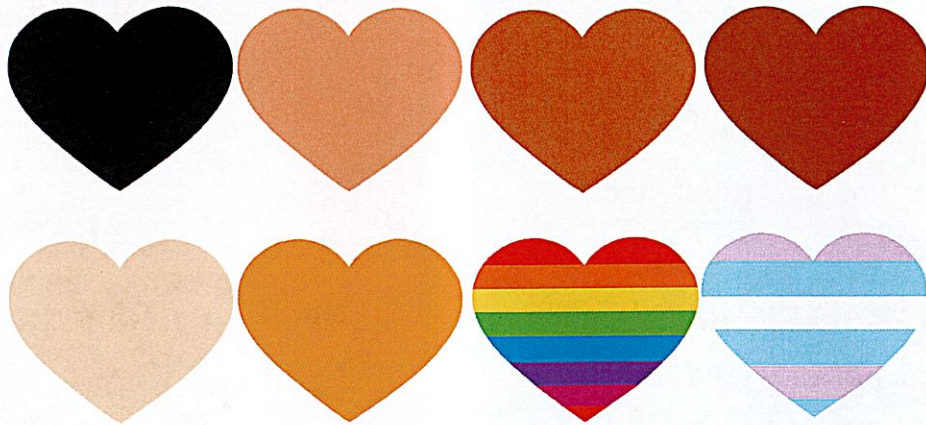




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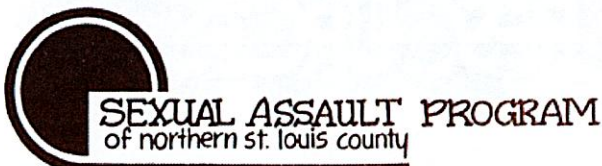
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