



Resources Against Violent Encounters (RAVE) empowers middle and high school teens with the knowledge they need to prevent relationship violence. RAVE uses the Safe Dates research based curriculum. Highly engaging and interactive, RAVE ensures teens gain the skills needed to build healthy relationships.

- ***Unit 1: Defining Caring Relationships***
 - Students will learn to identify what is most important in a dating relationship and how each person should be treated. They will be challenged to look past the physical characteristics of their dating partner to the inner character traits that each poses.
- ***Unit 2: Defining Dating Abuse (required)***
 - Students gain a thorough understanding of what relationship abuse is, how to identify it, and what steps they can take if they, or someone they know, become involved in it.
- ***Unit 3: Why Do People Abuse?***
 - Students will understand the motives that drive an individual to abuse a dating partner. They will also learn about the many reasons that a victim of abuse stays in the relationship.
- ***Unit 4: How To Help Friends***
 - Students will be taught how to recognize the warning signs of a friend caught in an abusive relationship and what steps they should take. They will also learn of the many resources available in the community to support them in this process.
- ***Unit 5: Media's Impact On Gender and Dating Stereotyping***
 - Students will learn about how various forms of the media affects gender and dating stereotypes, as well as the impact it can have on relationships. They will also discover how the media influences violence in our society.
- ***Unit 6: Digital Drama***
 - Students will gain insight into how technology impacts today's dating relationships by discussing how textual harassment, sexting, privacy problems, and digital cruelty impact relationships.
- ***Unit 7: Sexual Harassment***
 - Teens will define and identify sexual harassment, learn to talk about how harassment makes them feel, and assist them in developing options and responses to sexual harassment.
- ***Unit 8: Sexual Assault***
 - Students will learn what sexual assault is, including the legal definitions for the State of Michigan, what resources are available for victims, and prevention techniques that may protect them from becoming a victim.
- ***Unit 9: Putting it all Together***
 - The unit ends with a game reflecting on what students have learned in the first eight units and writing a letter to themselves about what they have learned.

Any middle/high school or youth program in Kent County can sign up for the sessions of their choice. This is a **FREE** community program. To sign up online, visit www.familyfutures.net/programs/rave or call 616-454-4673.