

How Can I Tell if my Teen is an Abuser?

- Is your son or daughter jealous or possessive?
- Does your teen have an explosive temper?
- Does he/she consistently ridicule, criticize or insult his/her partner?
- Does your teen blame others when he/she gets angry?
- Does your teen exhibit any abusive behaviors toward you, family or friends?

For Parents of Abusive Teens

- Recognize and confront the abusive behavior. Be sure to have specific examples.
- Use the communication tips provided in *"THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN HELPING YOUR ABUSED TEEN."*
- Let him/her know what is not acceptable. While being supportive of your teen as a person and his/her efforts to overcome the abusive behavior, you may have to make the difficult decision to report your teen's violence to law enforcement.
- Be a role model for supportive, healthy relationships with your own partner.

Where to go for Information and Help

- Local battered women's shelters or rape crisis centers
- Legal Aid Foundation in your area
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233
- Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network Hotline 1-800-656-4673
- Victims of Crime Resource Center 1-800-VICTIMS

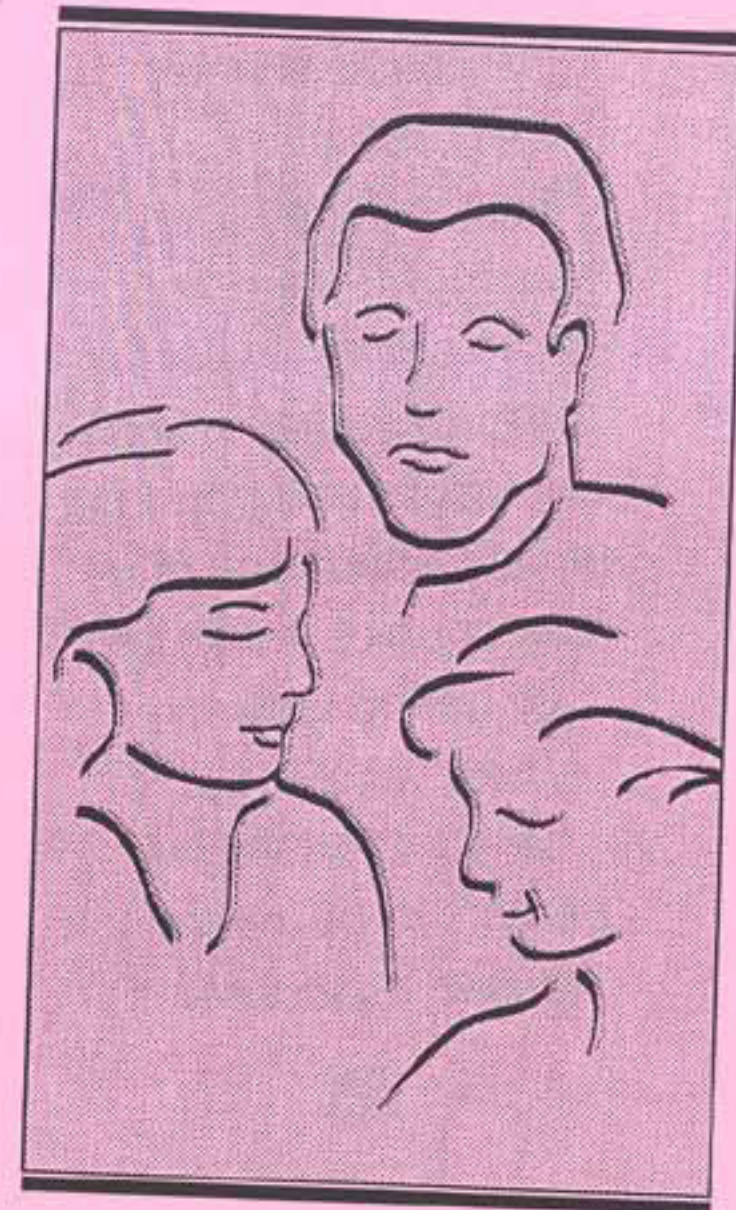
For further information on this program and other crime prevention material, write to:

Crime and Violence Prevention Center
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