



Exposure to all types of violence can be life threatening, traumatizing, immobilizing, and enduring particularly for children, adolescents, and young adults living in impoverished or low-income families and communities. We educate youth about the risk factors that perpetuate interpersonal violence, and the protective and safety factors that can reduce their risks of becoming a victim or perpetrator.

Save the Youth, Inc. supports the national and state's initiatives to end interpersonal and domestic violence. In 2011, the agency implemented the family and teen dating violence prevention program, "Girl Talk" for girls who attend public and private middle, alternative, and high schools. In 2018, 398 students participated in the program. The program has been very successful, impactful, and over 3200 girls have attended and completed the program since its beginning. The program has sustained itself through our partnerships with Bessemer City Schools, Gunn Christian Academy, and New Horizon Alternative School.

Participants are taught the warning signs of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse; risk factors and perpetrator profiles; when and how to seek help; available community resources, as well as behaviors associated with safe, healthy relationships. Participation is voluntary. Presentations are conducted by Save The Youth staff and community experts during regular school hours and flexible to meet the needs of students and faculty. The content of the presentations are adopted from **The Centers for Disease Control's Veto Violence Program**. Students are provided lectures, films, information, and how to access websites regarding interpersonal violence and personal safety. They are also given the opportunity to be active participants by sharing their views, experiences, concerns, and ideas regarding solutions. Evaluation forms are provided to students at the end of each presentation for feedback and to determine effectiveness.

Save The Youth Alumnus, **Ammie Morgan** is the primary Facilitator of this program. At age 19, Ammie was stalked and viciously attacked by her ex-fiancé and suffers a debilitating spinal cord injury due to several gunshot wounds during the attack. Ammie's spirit remains resilient; her mind resolute, and she continues to encourage others to be unwavering and committed to ending all types of violence.

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