



County Executive Bellone's Suffolk County Task Force to Prevent Family Violence Announces:

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Young adult dating violence is a big problem, affecting youth in every community across the nation. One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner.

*Did you know in an abusive relationship, one partner gains & maintains power & control over the other through abusive behavior? The following are some examples of **ABUSIVE** behavior:*

- Hitting/Punching
- Possessiveness
- Not listening to "NO"
- Throwing things
- Jealousy
- Demanding online passwords
- Yelling/Shouting/Cursing
- Threatening suicide
- Looking through partners phone

WHO CAN YOU TELL? Abuse is likely to reoccur and escalate as time goes on. **Tell an adult you trust!** A teacher, friend, parent – just be sure to tell someone. **You are NOT alone.**

Help spread awareness by participating in the nationwide orange-out this February. Wear orange on **February 11th** and get as many people as you can to wear something orange in honor of **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month** to promote respect and healthy relationships! Tell people why you are wearing it and post pictures and updates on social media using hashtags #Orange4Love and #RespectWeek2020.



Want to do more? Create a **GIF or meme** that promotes positive, respectful behavior on digital platforms and social media pages. See attached flyer for information and rules.

For more information and links to helpful organizations on Domestic Violence, visit County Executive Steve Bellone's website:

<http://scaf.v.suffolkcountyny.gov> .

Or get additional resources at: www.loveisrespect.org