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## **It's Time To Talk About Teen Dating Violence**

WAUKESHA, WI – February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. On Feb. 3, The Women's Center is participating in It's Time To Talk Day. Parents, teenagers, and school professionals are encouraged to use that day to call The Women's Center 24-Hour confidential hotline at 262-542-3828. Hotline staff can provide information on teen dating violence, discuss warning signs of abuse, and offer guidance on starting a conversation about healthy relationships.

Teen dating violence is widespread; the website Love Is Respect ([www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org)) notes that one in three teens in the U.S. experiences some form of abuse from a partner. "Those who are experiencing violence, or suspect that a loved one is being abused, are not alone. Help is available. By calling our Hotline, teenagers and parents will learn strategies for identifying and addressing unhealthy relationships" stated Angela Mancuso, The Women's Center Executive Director.

### **About The Women's Center**

Founded in 1977, The Women's Center is a non-profit human service agency that provides a wide range of free and comprehensive services designed to address the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse. These services include emergency shelter for abused women and their children, transitional living, 24-hour Hotline, group and individual counseling, onsite childcare, child abuse prevention programming, legal advocacy, employment counseling and life-skills development. The Center also provides translation and interpretation in any language, community education and violence prevention programming, and information and referral services. In 2014, The Women's Center came into contact with more than 12,200 individuals.

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*Providing safety and support to women and their families and facilitating their development.*

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