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## Teen Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)

This school-based program is one of the most extensive domestic violence prevention programs in New York City, and is critical to ending relationship abuse among young people. Since 1999, HRA's RAPP has helped public high school and middle school students develop healthier relationships. Social workers (MSW) deliver an innovative array of relationship abuse services through four components: prevention classes, intervention counseling, staff development and training, and community outreach. Through a comprehensive curriculum, students learn to recognize and change destructive patterns of behavior before transitioning into adult relationships. RAPP fosters a climate that discourages abusive behavior in all of its forms—promoting a safe and productive learning environment for students and staff. For several years, RAPP has also focused on pregnancy prevention efforts. RAPP serves 94 schools including 78 high schools, 12 middle schools and 4 combined high schools and middle schools.

## Summer Peer Leadership Program

Peer education is an important component of Teen RAPP. One of its goals is to promote active student involvement as peer partners, peer educators and mentors. During the summer, the RAPP coordinator from each high school chooses up to 10 students to participate in the 7-week Peer Leadership Program. Together, RAPP coordinators and students work to develop trainings for their peers throughout the city. After completing this program, the students are prepared to discuss relationship abuse with their classmates when returning to school. The summer program emphasizes professional development, responsibility and it provides a salary to participants. In Summer 2017, 125 students participated.

## Providers: [Center Against Domestic Violence](#), [Day One](#) and [STEPS to End Family Violence](#)

**Bronx** | Health Opportunities HS, John F. Kennedy Campus, Morris HS Campus, Truman HS, William H. Taft Campus

**Brooklyn** | Abraham Lincoln HS, ACE HS, Bushwick Campus, Edward R. Murrow HS, Franklin K. Lane Campus, George Westinghouse HS, Midwood HS, MS 50, Prospect Heights Campus, School for Democracy and Leadership

**Manhattan** | The Beacon School, Brandeis Campus, Essex Street Academy, George Washington Campus, HS of Fashion Industries, HS for Environmental Studies, Manhattan Center for Science and Math, Marta Valle HS, MS 256 - Academic and Athletic Excellence, Murry Bergtraum HS, Park West Campus, M964 – Central Park East II, MS328 – Community Math and Science Prep

**Queens** | August Martin HS, Frank Sinatra School of the Arts HS, Grover Cleveland HS, IS 10 - The Horace Greeley School

**Staten Island** | Ralph McKee HS

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