

What do Your Kids Need to be Violence Free?

There are known factors that put youth at risk for becoming violent. There are also protective factors that are associated with healthy youth development that can help kids not resort to violence.

Some of the protective factors that SAVESNet aims to develop are:

- Positive Peer Group
- High Self Esteem
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Adult Role Models
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Planning and Decision Making
- Positive Outlook on Future
- Engaged in Learning
- Resistance Skills
- Empathy
- Cultural Competency

Words of PEACE

"SAVESNet made me more socially active and responsible."
—M., 11th grade



"Our positive peer group is held in meetings every week as well as in program activities. This is a chance for students to build friendships and at the same time practice communication skills, conflict resolution and teamwork."
—M., 12th

"The organization (SAVESNet) has taught me a whole lot. For example it has taught me the ability to use resilience. Also it has taught me how to use empathy. When I began to learn these skills and many others I began to look on the brighter side of things. My self-esteem rose high and I can proudly say I was able to hold my head up."
—L., 10th grade



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The Five Protective Factor Building Strategies of SAVESNet

The SAVE Students Network (SAVESNet) is a school based youth development program designed to effectively prevent youth from becoming victims or perpetrators of crime and violence. Program activities emphasize appropriate conflict resolution skills, an intolerance for violence and positive social skills. The 5 strategies that are used to bring about a positive impact on youth are:

Prevention Education

This strategy comes in the form of specially chosen curriculum and learning opportunities that address social and development needs.



Community Service is implemented to create bonds across community members and give the students useful roles in their community.

The **Positive Peer Group** is created through weekly meetings and program activities that help students build bonds and friendships while practicing communication skills, conflict resolution skills and teamwork.

Leadership Development

opportunities come in the form of school wide or community activities, planned and implemented by SAVESNet members, that promote peace, nonviolence and overall positive behavior.



Mentoring is done by the program coordinator who is available in school to listen and guide students through any issue that may arise.

SAVESNet is also in these Columbus Public schools:

- South High School

How do I Get Involved or Volunteer?

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McKinley High School

The Linden McKinley High School program began in August of 2000 serving 9-12th graders. Approximately 50 students volunteer to meet weekly to learn and practice positive behaviors and life skills that will help them in and outside of the classroom. Student activities are purposeful and engaging. Some of the past activities of SAVESNet have included, planning and implementing Peace Week, Peace Marches, and several community service projects. SAVESNet students learn how to be resilient, deal with anger, conflict resolution, communication and solve problems, in a fun interactive way.

"The program benefits its members by having activities and mentoring that is tailored directly to address members' needs and focusing on issues that impact teenagers on a daily basis. This provides members with unique learning opportunities that other students may not get but in some ways are necessary to produce productive and positive adults. Members receive an education in life that focuses on developing character and personal traits while building resilience which is greatly needed at LMHS."

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