

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 means to be a leader, to be respectful and peaceful. I learned to have a positive attitude and to be willing to work. I am a leader. A leader to lead you without violence. I lead you without arguing, or fighting.”

—Tymeisha, 9th grade



“Life is a series of ups and downs. SAVESNet helps guide you through the valley’s and uplifts and motivates you. I learned to keep pressing on when I am stressed. In order to grow and travel far on my journey I have to keep moving on.”

“SAVESNet changed my life. I used to miss a lot of school and fight all the time. I did not listen to my mom and I said bad things. Then a friend invited me to join SAVESNet. It really changed my whole attitude. I learned how to be a peacemaker and how to deal with emotions and anger. I stopped fighting, listened to my mom and my grades improved. I started getting awards for doing well, and I made new friends.”

—L’oreal, 11th 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:

- Linden McKinley High School

How do I Get Involved or Volunteer?

Contact your SAVESNet Program Coordinator

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The South High School program began in August of 2003 serving 9-12th graders. Approximately 25 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. Just 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, how to deal with anger, conflict resolution, communication and solve problems in a fun interactive way.

"SAVES Net has made difference at South High. I have seen SAVESNet students display a more positive disposition. A greater ability to persevere against the odds they may face. I know the SAVESNet Program helps young people find within themselves the "better person" that they are. The results I see have had a positive influence on our students."

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