



# Preventing Sexual Violence

This matrix provides examples of interventions to prevent violence before and after it occurs.

	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>Societal</b>
<b>Before</b>	Implement and evaluate discussion groups among men that explore prevalent notions of masculinity and their relationship with sexual violence; healthy and respectful relationships; and men's role in preventing sexual violence.	Implement and evaluate a discussion group based intervention with male peer groups (e.g., fraternities, athletic teams) to change group norms that support and condone sexual harassment and violence. Men will learn to hold their peers accountable for attitudes and behaviors that support sexual violence.	Engage youth as agents of change to affect their school's climate of tolerance for sexualized bullying by leading classroom-based conversations and school-wide special events.	Assist in educating legislators about the importance of economic and educational policies that promote the economic status of women and reduce inequalities in employment.
<b>After</b>	Provide offender treatment services for perpetrators.  Provide crisis intervention services for sexual assault survivors.	Provide services to family members of sexual assault survivors to assist them in resolving the impact of the assault and to help them be sensitive and supportive of the survivor.	Develop police protocols for responding to and investigating reports of sexual assaults.  Hold "Take Back the Night" rallies to raise community awareness of the scope, nature, and impact of sexual violence.	Assist in educating legislators about the importance of mandatory legislation that ensures all survivors of sexual assault the provision of a forensic medical exam at no charge.

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