

## Endorsements for Safe Dates

*“In my opinion, Safe Dates is clearly the best available program. We will be taking a major step toward prevention of family violence if every teenager has the benefit of this program.”*

— MURRAY A. STRAUS  
Professor of Sociology and Co-Director Family Research  
Laboratory, University of New Hampshire

*“The prevention of dating abuse is an important step in reducing the larger problem of violence against women. Reducing dating abuse requires effective prevention tools that are scientifically-based. Recognizing the lack of such tools, CDC funded the development of the Safe Dates program. We hope that the lessons learned from the program can be used by other communities in their efforts to prevent violence.”*

— DR. RODNEY HAMMOND, PH.D.  
Director, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for  
Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention

*“Safe Dates is the best evaluated program for changing attitudes and behavior. It is a program for general use for all students in a middle or high school, and follow-up data showed that the program had effects lasting four years.”*

— K. DANIEL O’LEARY  
Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Stony Brook University

*“Domestic violence is a serious health and safety issue for our country, and it often starts in adolescence. All involved agree that prevention is one of the most important ways to address the problem. Safe Dates is one of the only tested and supported prevention programs that can be used in schools for young adolescents. I recommend it highly, and I hope it will be used widely.”*

— JACQUELYN C. CAMPBELL, PH.D. RN, FAAN  
Domestic Violence Researcher and Policy Advocate  
Author of *Assessing Dangerousness and Empowering Survivors  
of Abuse*