

What is Brightway Center? ★

Brightway Center is a Christian Leadership Development facility located in Smithfield, Ohio in Jefferson County. Our plans include building state-of-the-art facilities including football, baseball, softball and soccer fields, basketball courts, a swimming pool, auditorium, concert venue and more! But just as Kara Bright envisioned it will be much more than that! We're building a place where you can come to participate in academic activities, athletic competition, bible studies, seminars and workshops that will help you deal with the problems and fears that most concern YOU. The best part is that it's a place for everyone. Our goal is to build a place where we can help you become the person that you want to be!

Who Was Kara Bright?

Kara Bright, the founder of Brightway Center, dedicated his life to kids.. Kara lived in Smithfield, Ohio, where he was a high school teacher and head basketball coach. Not only did he produce many successful teams during the 60s and 70s, he also started the Ohio Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Kara was passionate about their mission of using athletics as a way to introduce youth to Christ. But his vision for how best to reach out to kids went further: he felt that it was just as important for kids to have a place where youth could compete and challenge themselves, not only through sports and athletic competition, but also through the arts, discussion/debate and more!



Who Should Participate? ★★

The Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop is for boys and girls, ages 14-18 and is open to anyone who

would like to participate. The workshop is not only for those who have already been a victim of violence but rather to any and every teen you know! By helping youth realize their own worth, the worth of their friends and peers and the worth of those with whom they are in a relationship, we can help eliminate teen dating violence. The workshop aims to not only help potential victims but also potential abusers.

When is the Next Workshop?

Primarily workshops will be conducted at Brightway Facilities located in Smithfield, Ohio. However, we will also be conducting workshops throughout the tri-state area. Check www.brightwaycenter.org to learn about upcoming workshop dates, locations and times. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, or if you would like to schedule a workshop at your school, church or other organization, please call Jennifer Trehar at (347) 601-8000.



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Bright S.T.A.R. Program

Students Tackling Abusive Relationships

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop



END THE VIOLENCE

What is the Bright S.T.A.R Program?

At Brightway Center, we focus on the mind, the body and the spirit. As we begin programming that focuses on these three areas in 2011, we will also launch Brightway Center's Bright S.T.A.R. (Student's Tackling Abusive Relationships) Program. The Bright Star Program will include a series of workshops and discussions for students, focusing on bullying, dating violence and more.

The purpose of the program is to inform our youth as well as their parents, guardians, teachers and other adults who are in their lives about the risks and dangers of youth violence. By sensitizing the community on the increasing number of violent incidents we can help reduce the degree of violence that our youth experience and help them grow into strong adults who not only respect their own minds, bodies and spirits, but also those of the people around them.



What is the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop?

As part of Brightway Center's Bright STAR Program, the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop is an 8 hour workshop designed to equip participants with the skills needed to recognize the warning signs and patterns of an abusive relationship. It will also arm them with the proper resources to seek help for themselves or a friend. This workshop creates a safe environment where youth have open discussions regarding personal experiences and concerns with dating abuse without the fear of bullying, judgement or shame. The Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop also provides positive healthy dating tips to encourage safe dating practices.

Workbooks will be given to each participant to take home. The workbooks are designed to be used as a tool for the participant to follow along with the facilitator, to spark conversations, to provide a place for the participant to take notes as well as give information for the participant to take home for reference. In addition, the workbooks contain a special journaling section where students are invited and encouraged to keep the conversation going.

Why the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Workshop?

Consider these startling facts from the 2006 American Bar Association's National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative:

- ★ When comparing rates of intimate partner violence, the rates revealed a higher risk for teens than adults.
- ★ Females ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group
- ★ Approximately 1 in 5 female high school students report being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- ★ Between 1993 and 1999, 22% of all homicides against females ages 16-19 were committed by an intimate partner.
- ★ 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or they admit they don't know if it is an issue.
- ★ Nearly 25% of 14-17 year olds surveyed know at least one student who was a victim of dating violence and 33% have actually witnessed such an event.



STOP THE ABUSE