

Healthy Relationship Advocacy Services Now Available at Cleveland and Franklin

There is growing recognition of the prevalence of teen relationship violence and its impact on the social, emotional, and educational well-being of students. In an effort to provide comprehensive resources to students seeking support in developing healthy relationships, Cleveland and Franklin High Schools will begin offering relationship advocacy services on April 16, 2018. Healthy Relationship Advocates provide necessary and trauma-informed services to students needing support due to dating and sexual violence.

Healthy Relationship Advocates provide the following services:

One-on-one support for students	School community support
<p>Confidential and ongoing assistance when requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety assessment and planning • Referrals for community, health, and educational resources • One-on-one emotional support 	<p>School-wide support to create a culture that promotes safe and healthy relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational programs and workshops for students, teachers, and parents • Resources and trainings for teachers, faculty, and school health center staff

Healthy relationship advocacy services are provided by Raphael House of Portland and VOA Home Free, two Portland-based nonprofit organizations that have been teaching healthy relationship curriculums in Portland Public Schools classrooms for over 12 years. This resource is being offered as part of the Healthy Teen Relationship Act Implementation Project, managed by the Oregon School-Based Health Alliance in partnership with Raphael House of Portland, VOA Home Free, Portland Public Schools, and the Cleveland and Franklin Student Health Centers.

Healthy Relationship Advocates are bound by regulations to maintain the confidentiality of all who share information with them, thus they are not mandatory reporters. They will help a student disclose information to another party if and when the student chooses to. If someone discloses information to a Healthy Relationship Advocate that leads them to believe that the disclosing person or another person is in danger, the advocate will make every effort to help the discloser make a report to the appropriate authorities, provide support, and safety plan as needed. Healthy Relationship Advocates are also available to help parents navigate difficult questions and situations. They work closely with the schools to maintain the safety of every student, and follow collaborative best practices.

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