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GULF COAST WOMEN'S CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE

P. O. Box 333
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(228) 436-3809

SHAHER CENTER

Box 10016
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0016
(601) 264-7078
~~(601) 649-1721~~

DOMESTIC ABUSE FAMILY SHELTER

P. O. Box 273
Laurel, MS 39411
(601) 428-1707

CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER

Division of Behavioral Health
210 Hospital Circle
Choctaw, MS 39350
(601) 656-9125

CARE LODGE

P. O. Box 5331
Meridian, MS 39302-5331
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(601) 482-8719

JACKSON RAPE CRISIS CENTER

P. O. Box 2248
Jackson, MS 39225-2248
(601) 948-4495

Participating Sites

THE GUARDIAN SHELTER

126 S. Commerce St., Ste. 103
Natchez, MS 39121
(601) 446-8668

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

P. O. Box 286
Oxford, MS 38655-0286
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GRENADA MIDDLE SCHOOL

670 Rolling Oaks Drive
Grenada, MS 38901
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SHELTER FOR BATTERED FAMILIES

Catholic Charities, Inc.
P. O. Box 2248
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MS COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

P. O. Box 2248
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YOUTH PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN (YPAC)

**Piloted Program
of the**

**MS Coalition Against Sexual Assault
(9 MS Rape Crisis Centers)**

&

**MS Coalition Against
Domestic Violence
(11 MS Domestic Violence Shelters)**

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Overview of the Program

The Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) and the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence (MCADV) introduced the Youth Public Awareness Campaign (YPAC) curriculum in 1997. They focused their efforts on developing a violence prevention program for youth. The YPAC program is designed to emphasize individual rights and responsibilities in a positive manner while clarifying the role these play in the prevention of violence.

The YPAC program has been delivered to hundreds of students across the state of Mississippi. The piloted groups are Mississippi students in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, and the goal is to heighten these students' awareness of violence.

An evaluation instrument has been developed to measure the effectiveness of the program. A pre-test is administered during the first lesson to gauge students' awareness of the subject areas before the program, and a post-test is administered during the last lesson. The results are analyzed to implement and enhance the program for future presentations throughout various schools in the state. The results of the YPAC program have been tremendous, with measurable changes in attitudes and behavior, evident not only in post-program testing, but also in the testimony of teachers who have seen improvements in the behaviors of students and reported fewer incidents of violence and disruption in their classrooms.

The curriculum is presented by trained advocates, teachers, and community leaders.

The program is presented in six sessions with each session designed to last fifty to fifty-five minutes:

Lesson 1	Respect
Lesson 2	Personal Rights and Responsibilities
Lesson 3	Anger Management and Violence Prevention
Lesson 4	Violence Prevention Trivia Game & Sexual Harassment, Part A
Lesson 5	Sexual Harassment, Part B
Lesson 6	Community Building Activity

Program is comprised of:

- * class discussions
- * brainstorming sessions
- * small group activities
- * handouts and checklists to encourage student participation

**RESPECT
YOUR KEY TO THE FUTURE**

SELF SCHOOL FAMILY COMMUNITY

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Define self-esteem
2. Identify personal rights
3. Define gender respect
4. Identify responses to harassing behavior
5. Practice appropriate ways to deal with anger
6. Identify methods to prevent violence against other people
7. Identify available resources for help when confronted by potential or actual violence

The curriculum is age-appropriate, pro-active, and is implemented in participating school districts, boys and girls clubs, youth centers, and faith organizations across the state.

Over 2,000 students have participated in the RESPECT Curriculum