It’s Time to Fund Prevention

Imagine, a Virginia where every community can engage in evidence-informed work to...

- Teach young people how to have healthy relationships, foster positive norms, and build empathy and communication skills
- Connect community leaders and young people with tools and resources, problem solving spaces, and safety and support networks
- Strengthen economic supports for families
- Educate parents and adults on how to teach consent, model respect, and support healthy youth development
- Build coalitions to make neighborhoods, schools, places of worship, and communities healthy and safe

Virginia currently invests $0 toward preventing sexual and domestic violence. And with limited federal funds, only 16 of our 65 sexual and domestic violence agencies (SDVAs) can engage in this life-saving work.

With just $750K in annual state funds, we can double Virginia’s prevention impact.

- 31% of SDVAs could expand their current work to reach more people in their community
- 50% of SDVAs could establish a first ever prevention program in their community
- 19% of SDVAs could replace a limited or short term funding source to sustain long-term prevention work in their community

Now, more than ever, funding for sexual and domestic violence prevention work is urgently needed to reduce family and community risk factors for violence and to ensure the future safety and wellbeing of all Virginians.

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