

## **Preventing Dating Violence**

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County at the

## **Howard Community College**

Duncan Hall Building, Kittleman Room 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway | Columbia | MD 21044

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Registration & Refreshments

## Tuesday, February 19, 2013

FREE refreshments provided.

Pre-register to be eligible for exciting prize drawings!

For more information and to register visit www.dvcenter.org

The event will feature a dramatic reading, panel discussion and breakout sessions. Topics include—

Effects on Health & Academic Achievement

Dating and Campus Life

Men & Boys Taking Action to End Violence

Individual breakout sessions will focus on topics of specific interest to teens, young adults, parents and service providers.

## **Did You Know?**

Dating violence can have a negative effect on health throughout life. In addition to the devastating effects on academic achievement, campus safety, and selfesteem, dating violence puts teens and young adults (females and males) at risk for long-term health consequences, serious injury and even death.

- A comparison of Intimate Partner Violence rates between teens and adults reveals that teens are at higher risk of intimate partner abuse.
- The trauma of relationship violence can lead to depression, poor concentration, drug and alcohol abuse, suicidal tendencies, unhealthy weight management, and inappropriate sexual behavior.
- Patterns of dating violence behavior often start early and carry through into adult relationships.



