

The Summer Institute is a week long retreat for teens to meet other teens in Westchester who are interested in teen dating violence and other social issues and who want to learn how to advocate for change in their own communities.

This year's Summer Institute will provide a series of guest speakers, workshops, and fun activities focusing on teen dating violence; forces of oppression that impact teen dating violence; how media can contribute towards teen dating violence as well as how media can be used as a tool for activism to end teen dating violence; and lastly what it means to be a teen activist.

All participants will have the opportunity to sign up for various volunteering roles with DVEP Program's volunteer program, Students Advocating for Equality in Relationships (SAFER), where they will be able to put what they learned into action with different community service projects.

When: Monday August 1, 2011 through Friday August 5, 2011

Where: the My Sisters' Place Office at 487 So. Broadway, Yonkers

Time: 10am- 3pm

Who: 25 students between the ages of 14-18

RSVP: July 22, 2011

Background on My Sisters' Place and the Domestic Violence Education and Prevention Program

For more than 34 years My Sisters' Place has worked to end violence in intimate relationships and combat the effects of domestic violence and human trafficking on survivors and children throughout Westchester County. MSP is a cutting edge leader and resource in the field of domestic violence and human trafficking advocacy, shelter, legal services and education prevention.

The Domestic Violence Education and Prevention Program (DVEP) provides an array of teen dating violence prevention and service programming, including educational presentations, individual counseling for teen victims, and the SAFER volunteer opportunity. Our team works with schools and community organizations throughout Westchester County to provide teen dating violence and bullying prevention education presentations to teens, serving both middle and high school students. DVEP's Community Educators work with students, using various techniques, such as discussion, role play and other supplemental materials, to expand students' knowledge of teen dating violence and healthy friendships.