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CRISIS CONNECTION OBTAINS 'SAFE DATES' CURRICULUM

Crisis Connection, Inc., the local not-for-profit, volunteer-based, victim assistance program has obtained an adolescent dating abuse prevention curriculum entitled, '**Safe Dates**'.

'**Safe Dates**' helps teens recognize the difference between caring, supportive relationships and controlling, manipulative, or abusive dating relationships. It works as a prevention and intervention tool and is proven effective for male and female youth. It addresses both perpetrators and victims of abuse. It is relevant for teens who have not yet started dating, as well as those who have dating experience. It equips youth with the skills and resources to help themselves or friends in abusive relationships including positive communication and conflict resolution.

'Safe Dates' is a research-based program with strong, long-term outcomes. It has been identified as a Model Program in the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) as well as many other federal- and foundation-funded publications.

Crisis Connection's Community Education Department will add this as a supplement to their current programming that includes 'Choose Respect'. Their website (www.crisisconnectioninc.org) also carries a host of materials on healthy relationships for both teens and adults.

To schedule free programming or to learn more, simply contact Joan Eckerle-Knies or Natalie Bolin at one of the local offices (Dubois County 482-1555; Perry County 547-8878; or Spencer County 649-2303).

