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# Press Release

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### PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK, MARCH 19-23, 2018

XENIA, OH – Everyone can play a role in supporting young people – all year long. National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 19-23, 2018) is a great time to get involved. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. Greene County Public Health is proud to show support for and bring awareness to this important issue.

National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 19-23), organized by Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) and Sandy Hook Promise, is celebrating its fifteenth year. During this week-long national education initiative various activities will demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their schools and communities safer. With the support of national premier youth-serving organizations, each day of the week focuses on a specific violence prevention strategy. These include: **knowing the signs, promoting respect and tolerance, being an upstander, resolving conflicts peacefully, and uniting in action.** Campaign strategy sponsors offer activities and information to support each day's focus. We also are delighted to announce that a number of other organizations have joined as community partners to bring a variety of perspectives and resources to the campaign.

Each day of the week highlights a specific challenge to prevent youth violence:

- Monday, March 19: **Know The Signs**, sponsored by the National Association of School Psychologists
- Tuesday, March 20: **Promote Respect & Tolerance**, sponsored by Teaching Tolerance
- Wednesday, March 21: **Be An Upstander**, sponsored by The Allstate Foundation
- Thursday, March 22: **Resolve Conflicts Peacefully**, sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Friday, March 23: **Unite in Action**, sponsored by Discovery Education

By visiting the campaign's website, [nationalsave.org/NYVPW](http://nationalsave.org/NYVPW), you will be able to access activities, information and resources to help you prepare for National Youth Violence Prevention Week. Download the Action Kit that serves as a step-by-step guide to planning for the event, as well as suggestions for how each

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sector of your community can support the campaign, message boards, sample social media posts and images to promote the event, and much more!

We are excited for you to join this nationwide effort with us to show that our youth and our communities are committed to being violence-free!

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