NOTICE SIGNS

You're around teens all the time. So, you've probably noted times they could use a little help understanding what **ARE** and **AREN'T** healthy relationships and ways to act, right? For example, maybe you've observed them:

HEALTHY SIGNS

- ✓ Respecting each other's identities
- Keeping up relationships with friends and family even when they're dating
- ✓ Asking a peer if it's ok to post their photo ... and respecting their answer
- ✓ Safely intervening to help someone being bullied
- ✓ Really listening, even when disagreeing
- ✓ Taking care of themselves and having good selfesteem independent of their relationships
- ✓ Speaking kindly about other cultures
- ✓ Showing interest in their partner's activities

YES? Point it out to them. Tell them you noticed, why you're proud, and why their action is healthy.

UNHEALTHY SIGNS (aka red flags)

- X Treating others like they don't matter
- X Reading a peer's texts without their consent
- X Wanting the person they're dating to stop doing the things they like to do
- X Telling rape jokes
- X Making hateful comments about certain groups
- Expecting their partner to "prove" they can be trusted
- X Feeling scared to disagree with their partner
- X Neglecting themselves in the "name of love"
- X Telling their partner, "If you really loved me, you'd ..."

YES? Time to start a conversation.

Mentors: Tips to Prevent Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is a broad term and includes rape, incest, child sexual abuse, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism.

(National Sexual Violence Resource Center)

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