**Because We’re Dads:**

**Reaching and Mobilizing Father’s to Promote Gender Equality**

*Panel discussion and Community Conversation*

*Dads* ***Against*** *Dating Violence...*

*And* ***for*** *Dating Equality*

Description

 A panel conversation for the community the roles of dads (of daughters *and* of sons) in promoting preventing dating violence.

Sample Introduction:

The available evidence suggests that dating violence is prevalent. In New York, evidence indicates that one in three teenage women experience dating violence. This, of course, means that a significant number of teenage men are engaging in abusive behaviors, and that most likely a majority of teenagers know and care about other adolescents who are experiencing or perpetrating dating abuse.

Dads have a potentially powerful, and to date, largely untapped, role to play in helping support teenagers to “flirt and date with respect.” As one Father put it: “Dads can support their daughters to be strong empowered women, and their sons to be the kind of men that they’d want their daughters to date.”

The purpose of this panel is to engage in a conversation, for dads, about the dynamics and impact of dating violence; as well as explore the roles that dads, of daughters and sons, can have in helping to respond to and prevent dating violence.

Suggested Questions

1. As you look back on yourself as an adolescent, what do you wish you knew then about how to flirt and date?
2. What can dads do to support their daughters who are experiencing dating violence?
3. What can dads do to support their sons who might be engaging in abusive or hurtful dating behaviors?
4. What can dads do to reduce the risks of their daughters of being abused by a dating partner?
5. What can dads do to prevent dating violence and promote dating respect in our community as a whole?