

What is POWER?

The POWER program was developed by Casa staff with funding provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services. POWER is an acronym for Positive Outcomes Within Every Relationship. The program is funded as a Date and Acquaintance Rape Prevention Program, but also touches on topics such as healthy relationships, dating violence, sexual harassment, sexual abuse/assault, gender stereotypes, anger management, cultural diversity, and empowerment, to name a few. POWER is offered to students in grades 7 through 12 in Maricopa County. Casa's Prevention Specialists have also facilitated POWER programs on college campuses, various community forums, and in Shelters for victims of abuse and violence. The POWER program varies in length, depending on the needs of the school and the amount of available time in the classroom.

Cool POWER Happenings.

So far, 2002 has been awesome. The POWER program was presented to the entire student body of Borman Junior High School in Phoenix during January and February. POWER was also presented to students at Washington High School in Phoenix, Stapley Junior High in Mesa, Greenway Middle School in Phoenix, and Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix. The POWER team is particularly proud of the work that was done at Sunnyslope High School. The program was provided to members of Sunnyslope's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). These students will, in turn, provide presentations regarding dating violence and date rape to their peers on campus, allowing the message of the POWER program to reach every student at Sunnyslope High School. These presentations will take place during the week of April 8 – 12, prior to Sunnyslope's Junior/Senior Prom.

In the coming months, the POWER program will be offered to schools such as Trevor Browne High School and North High School in Phoenix, as well as Barry Goldwater High School in Glendale, Mesquite High School in Gilbert, and at various community organizations.

For more information about the POWER program, please call Tom Reardon at 602-254-6400 x1049.