Stop the Violence/ PTO Presentation

Intended Audience: Parents with children Kindergarten-Grade 8

Objectives: Parents will:

1. Gain increased awareness of the violence their children are exposed to.
2. Share time and participate with their children by viewing nonviolent material together.
3. Monitor their child's use of the internet.

Overview: Parents will have an opportunity to see the relationship between video games, TV, movies, music and violence.

Needed Materials/Resources: TV/DVD player and Virus of Violence DVD.

Video Description/Length: View Virus of Violence video- estimated time 44 minutes.

Activities:

1. View video
2. Group Discussion
3. What's Next?
    a. What is your impression after viewing the video?
    b. Are video games to blame for the increase in violence?
    c. What switches off this safeguard of not killing in these children?
    d. Are violent video games teaching our children to accept increased violence as a way of life?
    e. Does news coverage encourage copycat crimes by making celebrities of kids who kill?

Follow Up/ Next Steps/ Actions:

1. Discuss possible solutions to the question, What do parents feel is the next logical step to help stop the violence?
2. Parental screening of children's exposure to harmful video.
3. Checking with parents of friends for concerns.