

# Teen Dating Violence: "What Trusted Adults Should Know"

***If you are a parent, grandparent or trusted adult, this presentation is for you AND your teenager!***

The New Lenox Safe Community Coalition and Guardian Angel Community Services are offering a **FREE** virtual program titled "Teen Dating Violence: What Trusted Adults Should Know."

This virtual presentation helps raise awareness about teen dating violence in support of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, and will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 starting at 7pm.

Please register via Eventbrite at:

**<https://tinyurl.com/teendatingpresentation>**

## Teen Dating and Domestic Violence Professional Presenters:

***Jenny Guiney, Groundwork Community Outreach Supervisor, Guardian Angel Community Services***

Jenny will define teen dating violence, discuss the different types of domestic violence relationships, define abusive behavior, explain why some victims remain in abusive relationships, share myths surrounding domestic violence and provide information regarding available resources.

Jenny Guiney has worked in healthcare and social services for over 25 years. She has been with Guardian Angel Community Services since 2021 and is a Certified Domestic Violence Professional. Jenny is currently the Program Manager for Groundwork where she leads the Groundwork team to provide comprehensive programming for survivors and their families that includes a 24- Hour Emergency Hotline and Emergency Shelter, Crisis Intervention & Safety Planning, Individual and Group Counseling, Legal and Medical Advocacy and Prevention Education and Community Outreach.

***Johannah Vargas, Domestic Violence Prevention Education Specialist, Guardian Angel Community Services***

Johanna graduated from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL with a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology in 2003. She volunteered at Guardian Angel Community Services' Sexual Assault Service Center for one and a half years before making the decision to join the Domestic Violence Program as an employee. Johanna is a Domestic Violence Prevention Education Specialist, which includes providing education on the issue of Domestic Violence.

**For questions regarding this presentation OR our Safe Community Coalition event offerings, please contact:**

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