

Anchorage: Anchorage youth carried out their project by hosting a community dinner, which featured a round table for businesses and organizations to provide resources and engagement and volunteer opportunities for youth. In addition to connecting youth and supporting adults, the community dinner featured two panels, one for youth, and one for professionals in the business and nonprofit fields. Both panels discussed ways to bridge the gap between youth and adults and create opportunities for mentorship, employment and for getting engaged in the community through volunteering.

Atmautluak: Lead On youth were able to host three community meetings on promoting respect and healthy relationships. Lakota Harden, a guest speaker, was able to connect with youth and adults, and to talk about the importance of positive connection between youth and adults. The entire community was invited to attend the community meetings, and youth and adults of all ages were present.

Bethel: Grant recipient accomplished their goal of working together to write and develop a script for a healthy relationship video. Members of TAAV held several youth planning meetings and follow up interviews with couples of different ages (elders, middle aged, young) as well as former TAAV members. They asked couples about their relationships and how they deal with conflicts, what they think makes a healthy relationship, how they deal with technology, how they deal with feelings of jealous and how they act when they see other people in an unhealthy relationships.

Bethel Teens Lead Ahead: The grant recipients were able to accomplish their goal of hosting a cultural camp to connect Bethel region youth to each other and to positive and supportive adults and elders. Through the project planning process, Teens Acting Against Violence members strengthened their relationships with villages in their region as well as their leadership and project implementation skills. Youth were part of workshops on storytelling and knowing yourself, on youth leadership and ways to promote respect in everyday life and the community.

Cordova: The grant recipients were able to accomplish their goal of bringing together Cordova youth leaders and adults in the community. While making connections in the community, youth grantees realized a similar youth group was also getting started at their school, and so the two groups combined into an organization called BIONIC (Believe It Or Not I Care). Together, the youth successfully planned and implemented an activity night and a two day youth summit to develop BIONIC's goals and objectives for the coming year.

Dutch Harbor: The grant recipients accomplished their goal of holding a community scavenger hunt to get youth and adults to know each other and to work together in a positive and healthy ways. Additionally, youth and adults also learned more about their community, with activities being focused on available local resources and volunteer opportunities in the community. During the activities, both youth and adults were exposed to information about local organizations and resources on healthy relationships. The adults and youth represented various organizations in the community, from industry to city government to the school to health care.

Homer: The purpose of this project is to promote youth leadership, respect and positive coping skills for youth and adults in Homer. Through a community wide event, youth will help promote respect for self and others, as well as provide positive and healthy coping mechanisms for stress, anxiety or depression. The project focuses on the Building a Peer Culture and Respecting Yourself aspects of the Stand Up Speak Up campaign.

Juneau: The grant recipients were able to accomplish their goal of creating a video around healthy relationships. Over the span of six months, 20 different teens contributed to the creation of this video. Their level of involvement varied greatly: some attended the Lead On! For Peace and Equality mini-summit in November of 2013 and came up with the original timeline while some only helped with filming. The end result is a video that teens will use to educate others on healthy relationships.

Ketchikan: Grant recipients were able to accomplish their goal of providing positive healthy choices for youth and creating community discussions around respect by holding a school lock-in and youth community meeting, and by helping plan and implement a One Billion Rising event. At the lock in, youth and adults discussed issues important to teens and connected with one another. CREW (Cultural Respect Embracing the World) members also held a cultural night and helped create and present materials around non-violence at the One Billion Rising Event. Over 450 individuals were exposed to the materials created by youth at One Billion Rising event, and saw youth in Ketchikan working to end violence.

Kotlik: The grant recipients were successful in carrying out a healthy relationship discussion and providing a healthy and positive alternative for youth in their community. The youth grantee held a community meeting for teens, at which food and activities were provided. Youth participants worked in groups to list values that helped them decide what was healthy in relationship and what was not. Youth discussion leaders then built a comprehensive list for both healthy and unhealthy behavior and values so that youth may be more aware of what they want in a relationship. They also discussed different ways to talk with friends about their relationships and how to give each other support.

Old Harbor: The purpose of this project is to promote the ideas of respect and healthy relationships in the community of Old Harbor. Youth and elders hope to plan community events and a Respect march at which youth and adults meet and discuss the respect and non-violence. Additionally, using footage from the Respect March and the date nights, youth hope to make a digital story on the meaning and importance of healthy relationships. The project focuses on the Relationships Basics and Keeping Respect Going aspects of the Stand Up Speak Up campaign.

Sitka: The grant recipients were able to accomplish their goals of to increase teen leadership opportunities and to use community events and activities to promote respect and non-violence in the community of Sitka. Grant recipients increased leadership opportunities for youth in the community by helping to plan a youth leadership retreat and a lock-in, and establishing an internship program and through a youth leadership recognition award.

Rebound (SE region): The grant recipients were able to accomplish this goal by planning and hosting an outdoor leadership retreat for youth. Nine youth participated in REBOUND. One foreign exchange student from Russia, four youth were Tlingit (two from Angoon and two from Sitka), two teens were from Gustavus and two teens were from Juneau. Youth worked with five supporting adults to help plan and implement all aspects of the retreat, including carrying out discussions with their peers on respect, leadership and the importance of knowing who you are. Additionally, youth explored Tlingit values and ways of life through workshops and discussions as well as traditional stories.