

## What Teens Need to be Violence Free?

There are known factors that put youth at risk for becoming violent. There are also protective factors that are associated with healthy youth development that can help kids not resort to violence.

Some of the protective factors that SAVESNet aims to develop are:

- Positive Peer Group
- High Self Esteem
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Adult Role Models
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Planning and Decision Making
- Positive Outlook on Future
- Engaged in Learning
- Resistance Skills
- Empathy
- Cultural Competency

## Words of PEACE



“Our positive peer group is held in meetings every week as well as in program activities. This is a chance for students to build friendships and at the same time practice communication skills, conflict resolution and teamwork.  
—M., 12<sup>TH</sup> grade

“The organization (SAVESNet) has taught me a whole lot. For example it has taught me the ability to use resilience. Also it has taught me how to use empathy. When I began to learn these skills and many others I began to look on the brighter side of things. My self-esteem rose high and I can proudly say I was able to hold my head up.”

—L., 10<sup>th</sup> grade

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for grades 9-12



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# SAVE Students Network ( SAVESNet )

The SAVE Students Network (SAVESNet) is a school based youth development program designed to effectively prevent youth from becoming victims or perpetrators of crime and violence, and live resilient responsible lives.

## 1. Prevention Education

This strategy comes in the form of specially chosen curriculum and learning opportunities that address social and development needs.

## 2. Community Service

is implemented to create bonds across community members and give the students useful roles in their community.



**3. The Positive Peer Group** is created through weekly meetings and program activities that help students build bonds and friendships while practicing communication skills, conflict resolution skills and teamwork.



## 4. Leadership Development

opportunities come in the form of school wide or community activities, planned and implemented by SAVESNet members, that promote peace, nonviolence and overall positive behavior.

## 5. Mentoring

is done by the program coordinator who is available in school to listen and guide students through any issue that may arise.

### How do Students Get Involved?

Contact your SAVESNet Program Coordinator

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## SAVESNet @ Linden McKinley STEM Academy

The SAVESNet @ Linden McKinley High School program began in August of 2000 serving 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Approximately 50 students volunteer to meet weekly to learn and practice positive behaviors and life skills that will help them in and outside of the classroom.

Student activities have included:

- Peace Week Campaign
- Adventure Education
- Teen Outreach Program  
(Model Curriculum of the US Office of Juvenile Justice)
- Tutoring Elementary Students
- Resiliency Training
- Food and Clothing Drives

