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## THE CDC INJURY CENTER SUPPORTS RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION (RPE)

### Sexual violence is a serious public health problem.

- Every hour, 45 people in the U.S. become a victim of sexual assault or rape. This includes more than 390,000 victims each year. Many more victims do not report their assaults to anyone, including police, friends or family.
- Among high school students surveyed nationwide, about 7% reported being forced to have sex.
- An estimated 20% to 25% of college women in the U.S. experience an attempted or complete rape during college.
- Overall, one in six women and one in 33 men reported experiencing an attempted or completed rape at some time in their lives.

### RPE strategies include:

- Raising awareness of the problem of sexual violence.
- Supporting efforts to prevent first-time perpetration and victimization.
- Bringing together diverse partners to develop, implement, and evaluate statewide sexual violence prevention plans.

### Rather than responding to violent events *after* they occur, the CDC Injury Center is unique among federal agencies in its efforts to prevent violence *before it starts* by:

- Using funding from the *Violence Against Women Act* to fund 57 state and territorial health departments to conduct RPE activities.
- Funding six states through the program, Enhancing and Making Programs and Outcomes Work to End Rape (EMPOWER), to build capacity to evaluate and sustain sexual violence prevention strategies.

### State sexual violence prevention efforts to date have been widely successful. Recent successes include:

- New Jersey is conducting a statewide study to measure norms related to sexual violence.
- Virginia developed *Guidelines for the Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence* as a technical assistance tool in developing primary prevention initiatives at local sexual and domestic violence agencies.
- California is implementing a statewide social marketing initiative called the *MyStrength Campaign*, which has improved respectful attitudes and created healthier social climates in high schools.

### Over the next five years, the CDC Injury Center could strengthen the RPE Program by:

- Continuing support for a national RPE infrastructure that provides base funding to all states and territories.
- Developing a tracking system for state RPE programs to monitor and measure successes.
- Identifying and disseminating promising state programs.

*By preventing rape and sexual violence, we can help all people live to their full potential.*

