Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.

Middle School Classroom Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the reasons we don't say something when we know that someone needs help?
2. Does anyone have an example of when you wish someone would have helped you or a friend?
3. Who would you feel comfortable talking to when you need help?
4. What do you think our school can do to create a safer environment for students?
5. What would you like to see happen in our school to keep students safe?
6. Who has seen someone get bullied on the Internet? What would you do if it happened to you?
7. Why it is important to be careful what you put in electronic messages?
8. What can you do to increase your own safety when using the Internet?
9. How would you respond if you heard someone make a threat to hurt someone else at school?
10. What are some behaviors that you know other students are involved in – that you didn't think were that big of a deal until you heard about it today?
    a. Why do you think it is important for you to speak-up and help them make different choices?
    b. What would you say to that person if they were sitting next to you right now?
    c. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to say those things to each other?
11. How does keeping our school safe affect academics/grades? Why is that important?
12. How would you explain when to use OK2SAY to your younger sibling, cousin, or friend?

High School Classroom Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the reasons we don't say something when we know that someone needs help?
2. At what age do we learn the "Code of Silence"?
3. Does anyone have an example of when you wish someone would have helped you or a friend?
4. What do you think the outcome would have been if someone had been told?
5. Who would you feel comfortable talking to when you need help?
6. Who would like to share what you heard that makes OK2SAY important?
7. What do you think our school can do to create a safer environment for students?
8. What would you like to see happen in our school to keep students safe?
9. Who has seen someone get bullied on the Internet?
    a. Would anyone like to share an example of Internet bullying they have witnessed?
    b. What would you do if it happened to you?
10. Why do you think people say things in emails, texts and web-posts that they wouldn't say to your face?
    a. How can we change that behavior?
11. Why it is important to be careful what you put in electronic messages?
12. What can you do to increase your own safety when using the Internet?
13. What would you do if a friend told you they were considering taking their own life?
14. Why is it important for an adult to intervene rather than students handling everything themselves?
15. How would you respond if you heard someone make a threat to hurt someone else at school?
16. Why is it important to take every threat seriously?

17. Why is it important that we tell someone when a guy or girl can't let go of a break-up or they become possessive, jealous, hurtful or even violent?
18. What are some behaviors that you know other students are involved in – that you didn't think were that big of a deal until you heard about it today?
    a. Why do you think it is important for you to speak-up and help them make different choices?
    b. What would you say to that person if they were sitting next to you right now?
    c. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to say those things to each other?
19. What are ways that we can resist getting involved in things we don't want to be a part of?
20. How can we overcome our fears and use our voices to have a positive influence on one another?
21. How does keeping our school safe affect academics/grades? Why is that important?
22. How would you explain when to use OK2SAY to your younger sibling, cousin, or friend?
23. Why do you think our school should promote OK2SAY?
24. What are some creative ways that we can encourage students to use OK2SAY?