

Policy Recommendations & Action Steps Specifically for Anti-Police Violence and Anti-Sexual/Dating Violence

Police Policy Recommendations:

1. Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, and Multnomah County Sheriff Department should develop or promote existing anonymous reporting of law enforcement officials who abuse their authority.
2. Educate police and work to address racial profiling of young people.
3. Promote better police/youth relations. **(Contact us if you are interesting in hosting a Youth-Police Workshop series at your school/ organization!)**
4. Educate young people on what to do when they encounter law enforcement and what their rights are during the encounter.
5. Eliminate all non-mandated school exclusions. Avoid making school discipline issues criminal justice issues.
6. When Police violence is reported, respond quickly and seriously to maintain trust of the community.

Action Steps:

1. Ensure that all police officers receive 40 hours of mental health training, and an additional 40 hours if needed.
2. Create System Integration Resource Network training about youth by youth.
3. Address foul language, rude behavior, and excessive use of tasers and mace.
4. Create a youth oversight committee to improve relationships between police and young people, and hold officers accountable.
5. Host community events where police officers can attend and get to know area residents. **(Contact us if you are interesting in hosting a Youth-Police Workshop series at your school/ organization!)**
6. Set up a meeting between Commander of Transit Police and interested youth.
7. Make a "Know Your Rights" document to help youth, youth of color, and youth with disabilities.
8. Increase transparency for students and teachers regarding school police background checks.

Sexual/Dating Policy Recommendations:

1. Support organizations which provide victim services and resources to survivors of dating violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking, so that survivors have safe and confidential spaces.
2. Provide education for youth, while also raising public awareness on safe/healthy relationships, and what survivors and bystanders can do when relationship and sexual violence happens.
3. Provide support and training for parents on how to talk to their children about sexual and dating violence.
4. Increase the number of non-mandatory reporters in organizations that support youth, and allow them to work with youth.

Action Steps:

1. Invite the appropriate people from SUN and Women's Strength to have a discussion about offering Women's Strength activities in SUN schools.
2. Advocate against violence- Facebook event/group, decide mission statement, gather & present stats, possible news article, present to City Hall, media coverage of sexual violence, broadcast online/TV.
3. Inform males that they don't have to fall into societal roles of aggression.
4. Develop appropriate education for younger youth, to teach about sexual issues, including violence.
5. Increase access and rights for single fathers.
6. Create opportunities for youth to share with people they know and trust.

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