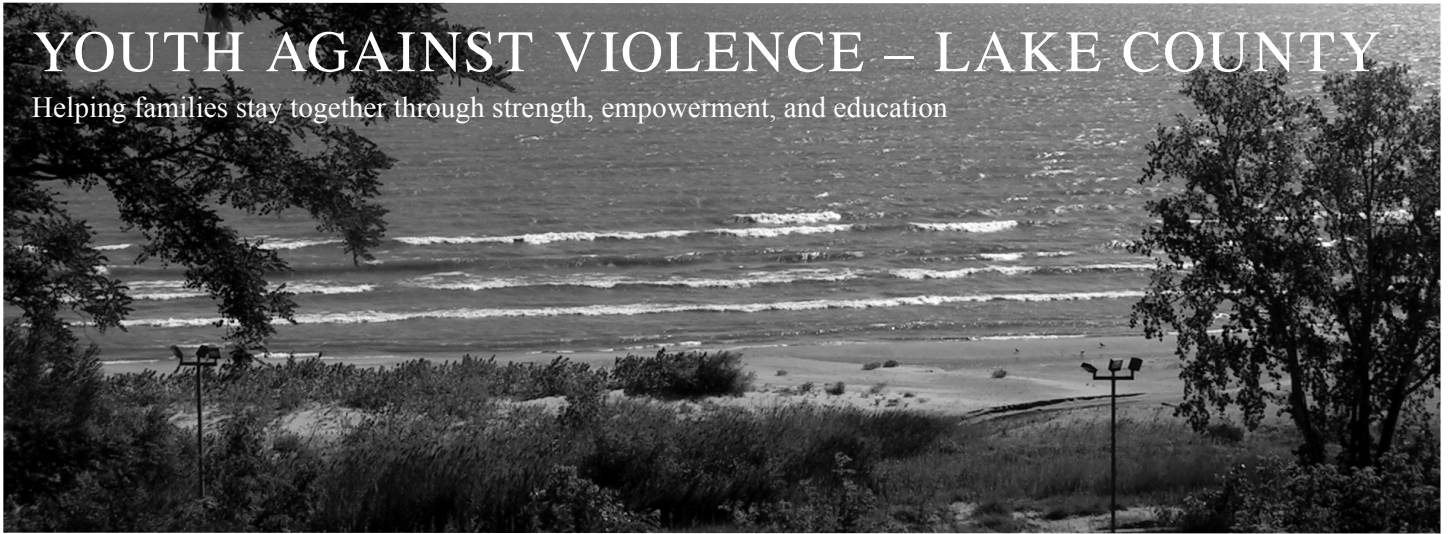


YOUTH AGAINST VIOLENCE – LAKE COUNTY

Helping families stay together through strength, empowerment, and education



Youth Against Violence – Lake County is a public education campaign to increase public health, influence peer behavior, change policy, and engage adults in dialogue regarding violence prevention in Illinois.



We are dedicated to reducing violence through educational workshops, youth projects, and community awareness. By influencing values and attitudes, Youth Against Violence strives to guide children toward a future that is free of the fear and pain caused by violence.

OUR PROGRAMS OFFER

Youth Against Violence – Lake County offers:

- Community organizing
- Coalition-building efforts to partner with youth service agencies in communities throughout Lake County
- Classroom-based Violence Prevention Workshop

OUR GOALS

Reduce the present and future dangers of violence in Lake County.

Increase community involvement in the fight against all forms of violence.

Empower youth to improve the quality of their lives and lead the way to a safer future.

CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

Our nine-week violence prevention/life skills curriculum is geared towards children in 3rd – 4th grade. Schools and other organizations are welcome to choose all of the following sessions or only those sessions that meet the needs of the children participating.

Week One – Making Positive Choices/Pre-Test

Week Two – Communication

Week Three – Self-Esteem

Week Four – Anger Management

Week Five – Cultural Identity

Week Six – Guns and Violence

Week Seven – Bullying I

Week Eight – Bullying II

Week Nine – Post-Test

Other programs for 7th-12th graders include:

Suicide Prevention

Suicide is a serious issue affecting many teenagers across Lake County. We offer three interactive classroom sessions concerning the warning signs of suicide and teen depression, where to go if help is needed and what to do if a friend seems

suicidal. We can also provide training sessions for parents and teachers interested in learning how to prevent the tragedy of suicide in their schools or communities.

Girls' Empowerment Series

This is a four-part series appropriate for girls ages 9-15.

Project Visible Man

A series of open and honest dialogues, "Candid Conversations," help young men of color address developmental needs. Sessions address, but are not limited to, topics such as anger/conflict management, leadership, self-esteem, sex, economics, manhood, spirituality, education, fatherhood, healthy lifestyles, cultural identity, and financial management.

We are happy to provide violence-prevention training to parents, educators, and other community organizations in need of such services.

We customize our offerings to match the needs of the audience.

We offer sessions in both English and Spanish.



ABOUT UCAN

For over a century, UCAN (Uhlich Children's Advantage Network) has served as a safe harbor for traumatized youth and families at-risk. We have helped thousands of children and families over the years and continue to be a leader in treatment and service options through our clinical philosophy.

We are unique among child welfare agencies in offering a full continuum of care including but not limited to Homeworks, Truancy Prevention, a Residential Treatment Facility, the Uhlich Academy, Hands Without Guns, Teen Parenting Services Network, Foster care/Adoption placement, Partners in Parenting, Professional Foster Parenting, Independent

Living Arrangement, Vocational Services, and the STARS program that provides internships for promising former wards of state.

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