



## Healthy Relationships

In recent years, the Longmont Police Department along with other state agencies have identified an increase in domestic violence reports among teens. It was determined that to address the epidemic of teen dating abuse, the City of Longmont needed to provide our school district with foundational education regarding dating relationships. LEVI offers presentations in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and our partner agency, Safe Shelter of St. Vrain, dedicates its efforts to local high schools. Presentations are tailored to each school to fit their students.

LEVI (Longmont Ending Domestic Violence Initiative) provides a healthy relationships presentation to students as part of our prevention work in the St. Vrain Valley community. The purpose of this presentation is to illustrate that all relationships exist on a spectrum, and help students identify any unhealthy behavior or red flags that may indicate abuse is taking place. Our prevention efforts are focused on helping teens differentiate between healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships. Other related topics such as the importance of language, understanding and respecting boundaries, and cyberbullying will be discussed as part of the presentation. Resources and reporting options will be shared with students at the end of the presentation.