



## Media Alert

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### **February is Teen Dating Awareness Month**

*Sojourner to host a "Healthy Dating Youth Summit" with local high school students to deepen the dialogue about teen dating violence.*

**WHAT:** Sojourner will host a "Healthy Dating Youth Summit" with high school students from Banner Preparatory School of Milwaukee and Washington High School of Information Technology. The Sojourner Healthy Dating Youth Summit will include breakout sessions about fundamentals of healthy relationships, warning signs of abusive relationships, understanding power and control, how to speak up about dating violence, and how to date in the digital age. Special thanks to Verizon's grant funding, which allows us to continue to have these important discussions with Milwaukee youth.

**WHEN:** **Thursday, February 28, 2019**  
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM – Interviews

**WHO:** **Interviews Available with:**

Carmen Pitre, Sojourner President and CEO

Corrie Warning, School Social Worker, Milwaukee Public Schools

*(Potential)* One or two High School students in attendance

**WHY:** One in ten teens who have been on a date have also been physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the last year. One of the most important things we can do is keep the lines of communication open with youth in our community.

**WHERE:** **Sojourner Family Peace Center**  
619 W. Walnut St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**About Sojourner**

The mission of Sojourner is to transform lives impacted by domestic violence. Sojourner provides crisis housing, system advocacy, and individual support to people who are hurting. Sojourner is the largest provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 12,000 clients annually. Our primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and to provide a pathway out of violence for victims and abusers through opportunities to make positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Sojourner is committed to creating communities where people live peacefully. For more information, visit [www.familypeacecenter.org](http://www.familypeacecenter.org) or call Sojourner 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: 414-933-2722.

**About Family Peace Center**

Sojourner is one of the first in the nation to house holistic services for survivors of domestic violence, all under one roof. Sojourner and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin formed a unique partnership to create one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country. The Family Peace Center accommodates a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations including the Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Unit, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Aurora Healthcare Abuse Response Services, and others. Families receiving services at the Family Peace Center have access to a wide array of services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self-sufficiency and freedom from abuse.

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