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AAUW Issue Forum Examines Date Violence

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner, according to a 2001 article in the “Journal of the American Medical Association.” A 1995 poll by Children Now/Kaiser Permanente shows that 40 percent of girls, ages 14 to 17, report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.

The statistics are not going down for this nationwide problem. The 7th Annual Issues Forum, presented by the Glendale, Phoenix and West Valley chapters of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Glendale Public Library, will focus on “Date Violence: Healthy vs. Unhealthy Relationships.” It will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Janet Olson, RN, MN, of Arizonans for the Protection of Exploited Children and Adults (APECA) will begin the program with a discussion of traumatic relationships. A short film, “Teen Date Abuse: Matters of Choice,” will be shown, followed by a discussion. Hannah Kaplan and Judi Gross of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) will wrap up with a dialogue about healthy vs. unhealthy relationships.

The event is free and open to the public. Parents, teens and other interested community members are welcome.

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