



# COACHES AS PARTNERS

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## A Statement from the Sexual Violence Prevention Collaborative of Fairfield County:

Our hope as a collaborative working to eliminate sexual violence is that we are able to provide you with the tools to take part in raising awareness around the prevalence and impact of sexual violence in all its forms.

As we wrap up **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, we encourage you to keep engaging in conversations around the prevention of sexual violence. This newsletter includes tools for you to better understand the language and scope of sexual violence, resources to learn more, and ways you can join us in the huddle as we work to create an inclusive and respectful sports culture.

Join the huddle by following **#CoachesAsPartners**  
on your favorite social media platform.

Email [svprevention@fccfoundation.org](mailto:svprevention@fccfoundation.org) to bring one of these three trainings to your school today.

## TITLE

**UNDERSTANDING  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION WITHIN  
SPORTS CULTURE**

**DIVERSITY OF YOUTH  
IDENTITIES AND  
CHALLENGING GENDER  
STEREOTYPES**

**BYSTANDER  
INTERVENTION:  
CREATING SOCIAL  
CHANGE**

## DESCRIPTION

Through discussion, participants will explore the dynamics of sexual violence and the many attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that contribute to a culture that perpetuates and sustains sexual violence.

Participants will collaborate with facilitators to challenge stereotypes around gender that inform interactions, relationships, and student experiences in school and in athletics. This training also explores the diversity of youth identities with particular focus on gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation. Participants will gain knowledge and best practices to create a culture that provides equal opportunities for all students.

This training explores different bystander intervention techniques that coaches can utilize to challenge problematic beliefs and interrupt all forms of sexual violence. Participants are given the opportunity to brainstorm how they would intervene in realistic scenarios and how they can create a school culture of respect and inclusion.

## ON OUR RADAR

**AT THE HEART OF GOLD**

## CHECK IT OUT

At the Heart of Gold: Inside the USA Gymnastics Scandal debuting on HBO on May 3, explores how sports culture enabled Larry Nassar to get away with sexual abuse for years and features the stories of the women who were victimized by him.