



**Community Education
Peer Education through Arts and Creative Expression (P.E.A.C.E.) Project
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Project Description

Peer Education through Arts and Creative Expression (P.E.A.C.E.) is a successful component of Northland Family Help Center's community education program. The PEACE Project is a collaborative effort with local Flagstaff community theater, Theatrikos. The actors and actresses are local high school students working together as a traveling theater troupe, writing, producing and performing original works around the themes of domestic and relationship violence. The actors and actresses receive more than 20 hours of prevention education including topics such as domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, and hate crimes. They also receive over 20 hours of instruction on intervention and communication strategies.

PEACE Project was voted the 2004 Arizona Daily Sun Organization of the Year. Since its development six years ago, the project has reached more than 6,000 people from diverse audiences in Northern Arizona including local high school, middle school, and charter school students, college and university students, health and social service professionals, and other local organizations. After each performance, PEACE participants facilitate small group discussions with their audience, answer questions, and provide information about local resources. Positive outcomes include:

- Young people educate young people about violence through an effective and unique approach
- Project members become well-versed in rape prevention, domestic violence issues, basic crisis intervention, non-violent communication, reflective listening and community resources
- Northland Family Help Center, through PEACE, collaborates with other local agencies, broadening the scope of community involvement and education

Contact Northland Family Help Center's Community Educators at (928) 774-4503 to discuss presenting for your organization. Visit our website at www.northlandfamily.org for more information.