



Grades 11-12

The Yellow Dress is a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. Speaking in an intimate and honest monologue, Anna describes her relationship that started out as young love full of passion and promise that ultimately ends in tragedy. This carefully constructed play allows the audience to learn about the cycle of dating violence. The audience watches as Anna describes the different types of abuse that she experienced, the effects that abuse has on the victims of dating violence, and how difficult it is to leave an abusive relationship. (*The Yellow Dress was written by Deborah Lake Fortson and originally produced by Sydney Patten*)

Major Learning Points:

- Define and Identify the different types of abuse
- Recognize the early warning signs of an abusive relationship
- Learn how to help someone in an abusive relationship
- Understand the importance of the role of the bystander
- Identify local resources and reporting options

Post-Performance Discussion:

Following the performance, the actress facilitates an interactive discussion to reinforce the educational points of the play.

Performance Logistics:

- Recommended maximum audience size is 300
- Program approximately one hour (includes show and discussion)
- One wireless microphone on thin metal stand and one folding chair
- A place for the actress to change close to the stage
- A sound system and staff or student that can facilitate the music (provided by actress in CD format)
- Staff available to actors 30 minutes prior to performance and throughout the program

Additional Information:

A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due with the signed contract. Sponsors book travel arrangements for actors. If sponsor chooses to have DET make travel arrangements all travel costs must be paid in full 60 days prior to the show date. DET accepts checks, credit cards and purchase orders as form of payment.

Deana's Educational Theater (DET) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization DET was founded in 1994 by the family and friends of Deana Brisbois, a victim of dating violence. For more information about the play or any of Deana's Educational Theater performances and/or programs please contact us.

