



## the yellow dress

- College
- Military

recommended audience size:

- 300

**The Yellow Dress** is a dramatic one-woman play based on the stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. The carefully constructed program stimulates thought-provoking discussion about relationships — a topic important to everyone. Audiences are clearly moved by the story of a young woman who warmly tells us of her relationship — that begins as young love, full of passion and promise and ends in tragedy. (*The Yellow Dress* play was written by Deborah Lake Fortson and originally produced by Sydney Patten, who wrote the music.)

### Major Learning Points:

- Identify types of abuse and recognize early warning signs
- Learn how to help those who are victims or perpetrators of abuse
- Understand the important role that bystanders play in prevention and in establishing healthy cultural norms
- Discuss reporting options and local resources
- Define sexual assault in the context of relationships
- Discuss the role of alcohol and drug use on intimate partner violence

### The performance:

Speaking directly to the audience, in an intimate and honest monologue, Anna describes the different types of abuse as she recounts her relationship with her boyfriend Rick. Following the course of their relationship, audiences are exposed to the effect that jealousy, possessiveness, and sexual and physical assault have on victims. Anna tells us how Rick romances and then isolates her, portraying the cycle of abuse. Finally, Anna describes the ultimate abuse at Rick's hand.

### Post performance discussion:

After the performance the actress/educator (male facilitator optional) moderate a structured interactive discussion with the audience to reinforce the learning points of the play. Specific military/campus reporting systems and resources are highlighted at this time.

### Additional Information:

Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options, for leadership and enlisted personnel or students. **The Yellow Dress** script is also available through our Limited Performance Rights Program. For more information about **The Yellow Dress** or any of our performances or training programs call: 339-203-4837, email:

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