

Youth Violence

I believe that teen violence is a big issue everywhere. I have been both a victim of teen violence and the perpetrator. Society can do a better job of both preventing and dealing with teen violence. To prevent it, I believe that we need more places like the Dam for teens to go. One reason is so that teens aren't on the streets, bored, and causing trouble. Another reason is so that teenagers have people to listen to them and help them cool down. I also think that having fun affordable programs, like basketball, hockey, football, and soccer teams as well as art programs would give teens an outlet for their problems.

To deal with teen violence that has occurred I think it is important to get youth help. Not just in the form of doctors but mentors as well. This has been incredibly helpful to me. Police could be more willing to understand where a youth has come from, and spend less time judging them for what they do. Youth who have been violent or victimized can go into schools and talk to students about the effects of it.