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In shorts and t shirts 24 young men ages 15-18 participated in Expect Respect education program at the Volusia Halfway House. Brian Willard, Education Coordinator with the Domestic Abuse Council presented the hour long program which is part of a nine session series.

The session topic reviewed stereotypical gender roles from job choices to household chores to how these societal roles impact our interpersonal relationships.

The teenagers were in four roundtable discussions to decide how power is structured and divided in society and a lively discussion followed.

“I think there’s going to be a huge benefit. But the result isn’t going to be immediately identified,” Kristin Green, BHOS therapist said.

After the first session, Green said she had a healthy conversation with one of the residents about how music and music videos, lyrics portray women in a negative way. She said the young man said it wasn’t reality, showing he comprehended and applied Willard’s message.

The program last week focused on violence. When asked where the young men learned about violence several of them said on the streets. Willard asked where else they learned and other group members mentioned from their parents.

The purpose of the educational program is to identify acceptable interpersonal relationships and teach at risk youth how to cope with new behaviors and change their violent behaviors to a healthy environment.

The young men are housed at a level 6 facility for juvenile crimes. Their residential stay lasts about six months. Each participant had a black binder with worksheets and Willard assigned homework that encourages the young men to be introspective and reflect on their own attitudes and behaviors. Through the Domestic Abuse Council, Willard presents a variety of healthy relationships classes to youth throughout Volusia County. For more information call 386-257-2297. The hotline number is 386-255-2102.

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