

The Gilroy Innovators is a team of community members dedicated to creating a safer Gilroy. The Innovators will use the Close to Home approach to design community-led initiatives and solutions to prevent domestic and sexual violence from happening in our community. Everyone plays a role. Youth and adults; people of all genders; family, friends, and neighbors; professionals and politicians all combine their voice and efforts to create change together.

How does this program work?

This program focuses on community engagement at all levels on the Spectrum of Prevention. The Gilroy Innovators will address these issues in four phases. These phases are:

Assess

During this phase the Innovators' team will gather, learn and understand how issues of violence impact the community of Gilroy by asking and surveying our community members

Talk

During this phase the Innovators' team will talk with community members about how they are impacted by these issues and areas they see for improvement

Build

During this phase the Innovators' team will work in teams to envision, propose and create campaigns that are specific to Gilroy

Act

During this phase the Innovators' team will engage the community through campaigns and actions specific to Gilroy's needs

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?

- Increase in community involvement and community members' abilities to prevent sexual violence
- Increase in safe, equitable and respectful relationships
- Reduction in sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic violence and teen dating violence perpetration and victimization in our community

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Become a youth or adult leader. Check out our website at www.communitysolutions.org/volunteer for more information.
- Help us spread the word by hanging a flyer, making an announcement, and spreading the word about this amazing new project.
- Invite the Gilroy Innovators to talk at your work team, sports teams, social groups, faith-based meetings, and any other gatherings to promote this amazing new venture. Get connected by calling Community Solutions at 408-776-6246.
- Be an ally of the change by supporting this exciting new project through providing space, materials, food and/or any other contributions you can.