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## 'HURT PEOPLE, HURT PEOPLE'

GROUP TREATING PERPETRATORS OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

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No one thinks to themselves as a child, 'I'm going to grow up to be an abusive partner one day.'

And yet, it is happening, said Kelsey Harford, program co-ordinator and clinical therapist at Radius Child and Youth Services, a Halton-based mental health organization specializing in the treatment of children and families affected by abuse.

"Studies have shown that unless intervention happens for young people using violence in a relationship, the violence is likely

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Kelsey Harford (foreground), program coordinator and Bente Skau, director of clinical services at Radius Child and Youth Services, have started a pilot project to help stop the cycle of youth dating violence.

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