

## **AVP FOR YOUTH**

The first AVP workshop was organized due to a perceived need to counter youth violence. However, during its early years, AVP focused on adults. The program as presented in the general Manuals works well down to 16 y.o., and some of 14 and 15 have fit in well in a workshop with older participants.

Due to widespread interest in youth workshops, an AVP Youth Manual has been published. This manual, and the workshops it addresses, are tailored to 10-16 year-olds.

AVP has always had an association with other youth and children's programs, such as CCRC (Children's Creative Response to Conflict) and HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Project, see: [www.afsc.org/hipp.htm](http://www.afsc.org/hipp.htm)). An emerging youth entity comprised of AVP facilitators, RAVE (Real Alternatives to Violence for Everyone), has been conducting workshops in New Jersey.

### **Where, and for whom have Youth Workshops been done?**

- Juvenile Justice "clients" & Young Offender Centers
- School Rooms: part of the curriculum or special class
- Teen Moms groups
- Retreats