

# Community of Caring National Program

**Community of Caring** is the program that *caring* schools select. The Community of Caring program is an evidence-based, nationally - recognized character education program in over 1,400 schools nation-wide and in Canada. Community of Caring is a research-based program with proven results and has been designated as a “promising program” by the Department of Education and a “select program” by the Center for Advancement of Social and Emotional Learning.

Administrators and school personnel from Community of Caring schools reported that their schools were significantly better in the following areas:

- more open and positive environment
- greater understanding and acceptance of all students
- more family involvement
- greater student leadership
- more effective collaboration among teachers and students



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Caring | Respect | Responsibility | Trust | Family



## “Building Brighter Futures for Our Youth”

“In Community of Caring, we believe the quality of caring we give to our parents, to our brothers and sisters, to our families, to our friends and neighbors, and to the poor and the powerless endows a life, a community with respect, hope and happiness.”

**Eunice Kennedy Shriver,  
Founder**



# Richmond

Community of Caring

# 5-Core Values

Guiding Principles

# Our Schools

RPS East End District



## Who We Are

**The Richmond Community of Caring** was established to provide training, guidance and evaluation services for educators, parents and community members in order to help them ensure that children are nurtured in safe and caring schools guided by agreed upon core ethical values.

## What We Do

**Richmond Community of Caring** collaborates with schools, districts and communities to improve, transform and sustain a positive school culture and climate that is safe and supportive for all members of the community. Our team works with teachers, parents and school leaders to provide services, training and activities for creating safe and healthy learning environments in which all children and professionals can succeed.



## Guiding Principles/Beliefs

- We believe healthy relationship development is in the best interest of youth, families, and the Richmond community
- We believe that our youth are assets and should be equal partners in all aspects of prevention activities in our community
- We believe that our community, schools, and parents play key roles and share in the responsibility of enhancing youth well-being
- We believe promoting healthy relationships will reduce poverty, improve opportunities for young men and women to complete their education and other life goals, and build a stronger Richmond
- We believe that a community that embraces the core values of caring, respect, responsibility, trust and family will build brighter futures for our youth and our city



## Our Mission

To promote healthy relationship skills and support effective teen pregnancy prevention education

## Our Vision

- Reduce Teen Pregnancy, below national and state average
- Reduce Teen Violence, below state rate
- Save Taxpayers Money
- Increase Attendance
- Achieve 100% Graduation Rate

## Richmond “Caring” Schools

- Armstrong High School
- Bellevue Elementary School
- Chimborazo Elementary School
- Fairfield Elementary School
- George Mason Elementary School
- Martin Luther King Middle School
- Overby-Sheppard Elementary School
- Woodville Elementary School

