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RESPECT is a not-for-profit organization that promotes a community collaboration to build healthy relationships among children and youth through theatre. Led by Dr. Patricia Newman, a child psychologist, our actor-educators “stage conversations” about healthy relationships, bullying and mental health with 30,000 participants ages preschool through college in Nebraska and Iowa every year. RESPECT provides information about relationship dynamics, demonstrates appropriate strategies and behaviors, and provides resources to prevent bullying and other abusive relationships and provide support. Now in our 17th year, we are about to reach our 500,000th participant!

RESPECT Provides:

Assembly Programs consisting of educational theatre presentations paired with panel or group discussions led by community professionals and our actor-educators. In talk-back sessions for elementary students, participants have the opportunity to try out their own solutions through role-playing. Programs for middle and high school students allow participants to submit questions anonymously for discussion during the talk-back session. Every program provided is age and content appropriate for its audience. See www.respect2all.org/programs for a full list of offerings.

Rates starting at $345.*

Artist-In-Residencies combining education about bullying, boundaries and healthy relationships with theatre and creative skills. During the four or five session long programs, RESPECT actor-educators first present one of RESPECT’s educational plays. Over the course of the remainder of the sessions, students work closely with the actor-educators who will teach students theatre skills and provide guidance to students in order to create their own educational theatre productions. Rates starting at $850.*

Customized Workshops are highly interactive and stress role-playing as a problem-solving technique. Problem scenarios are specifically designed and presented to the needs of specific host groups and then are professionally facilitated to bring about multiple strategies to solve relationship challenges. Different theatre techniques encourage and challenge participants to think outside of the box. Participants learn from professionals and staff but most importantly, from each other. Rates starting at $345.*

In addition to the programs listed, RESPECT is always happy to work with host sites to develop specialized programs to meet the individual needs of schools and organizations.

Based on RESPECT’s annual budget, it costs about $1,000 for us to present one program. However, due to the support and generosity of various foundations and organizations, we are able to offer each program at a substantially reduced rate. The above costs reflect this reduced rate. See www.respect2all.org/rates for full details. Rates listed are for typical programs in the Omaha metro-area. Thanks to generous funding from foundations like the Kim Foundation, additional scholarships may be available to reduce the cost to your school or organization.