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Abstract: Experts said if it's left unaddressed, it could lead to anxiety and depression or substance abuse.

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Edited Article:

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Experts said if it's left unaddressed, it could lead to anxiety and depression or substance abuse, which is why starting a conversation is critically important.

Call the Child Advocacy Center at 615-867-9000 for a list of national and local resources to make starting and continuing the conversation easier for both parents and teens.

For more information on teen dating violence, visit ~~visit~~ Love is Respect or the CDC website.

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