

AVANCE Family Violence Prevention Program

AVANCE-Houston, Inc hosted a brunch on Friday May 21 to celebrate the launch of The Brutal Truth Project, a program that the agency will offer in English and Spanish to educate communities and families about the critical issue of violence.

During this event AVANCE facilitators did a brief demonstration with parents in a classroom setting to show the guests how the class will be taught using the training materials, which include the facilitators' manual and parents' manual developed by AVANCE, and the video "The Brutal Truth Protecting the Family from Violence."

The demonstration focused on the topic of bullying which also covered Cyber-bullying. "Statistics show that 35% of threats to children occur online, and 58% of these kids are not telling their parents," said Dr. Robinson.. "How can parents help their children if they don't know that this issue is affecting them?"

Parents were given tips on ways to identify if their children are being bullied or are bullying and how to address and prevent the issue from occurring.

In addition to bullying, the program covers the following topics: Shaken Baby, Sexual Abuse, Self Esteem, Discipline, Abuse vs Neglect, Temper Tantrum, When You Blow It, and Good Parenting.

AVANCE seeks to strengthening families in at-risk communities through parent education and support.

AVANCE offers programs in 17 centers throughout greater Houston.

