#### Time to Talk

# CHAT—Communication Habits to reduce Adolescent Threats





For every thousand striking at the leaves of evil, there's one striking at the root. -David Henry Thoreau

#### Striking at the Leaves

- Legislation strikes most often at the leaves
  - Hardening Schools
  - Eliminate cell phones in schools
  - SRO's
  - Etc.

#### Symptoms--Leaves

- School Violence
- Increased Behavior Problems
- Decreased Family Connections
- Mental Health
- Loneliness
- Decreased Academic Achievement
- Decreased Vocabulary



### Parent Screen Use Effects on Children and Families

Decrease bonding—Fragile relationships

Decreased Interaction due to Negative Parent Reaction

**Increased Behavior Problems** 

**Decreased Self-Esteem** 

Fewer and Lower Quality Interactions

- Loss of Joint Attention
- Decreased ability to read books
- Decreased ability to play games
- Loss of socialization

### Parent Screen Use Continued

- Neglected children
  - Increased Mental Health Problems
  - Increased Depression
  - Increased Drug abuse
  - Decreased social and emotional skills

#### Benefits and Harms

Blue Zones—Healthy social networks

Shooters—Rejection and loneliness Brown and Columbia University—22 IQ point decrease in Pre-K Striking at the Root---Education and Awareness Campaign

- Education changes behavior
- Affect of PSA on smoking
- <u>NY \$1 on PSA = \$32 in health care cost</u> <u>savings</u>
  - Educate Before You Regulate
  - Strengthen Families







## Synergistic Overlaps

Eating together--Underage Drinking Campaign

Social Media Campaign

Political Divisiveness--#disagreebetter

**Reading Programs** 

Strengthen Families—All families

# It's hard to hate up close, so lean in. – Brene Brown

### Advertising Ideas—From a Noob

- Steal---Family, it's about time.
- A parent asking a child to help find a blue box instead of giving them a device at the store.
- Parent Reading
- Dinner w/Family—Phones put away