What is Green Dot?

Imagine a map with small red dots spreading across the map showing the spread of some terrible epidemic. Each tiny red dot represents one new occurrence. With shocking speed, the three or four single dots multiply and spread until the whole map emits a red glow made up of a zillion tiny red dots.

Think now, about a map of our community. Imagine there are red dots on this map. Each of these red dots represents a moment when somebody does or says something to hurt someone, or, by inaction allows someone to be hurt. A red dot is a hit. A red dot is a rape. A red dot is when we see or hear something and we know someone may be getting hurt - but we aren’t able to do anything to help. That moment of inaction allows another red dot to mar our map. A red dot is just a small choice. It’s hard to know how many red dots are on our map. But we know this: there are enough red dots that we have numbers like 1 in 3 people getting hurt.

Now imagine a green dot in the middle of all of those red dots. A green dot is just a single choice. A green dot is anything someone does or says that shows that violence is not ok. A green dot is walking a friend home because you are worried about them. A green dot is checking in by calling, knocking, or somehow connecting when you hear commotion next door. A green dot is calling 911 if you believe someone might be getting hurt. A green dot is volunteering for an hour at a community center. A green dot is taking five minutes at bingo or your book group or with your neighbors over coffee to tell everyone why ending violence matters to you. A green dot is reading all you can about interpersonal violence and how to support victims. A green dot is talking to others about the ways that we can each make choices and act to help eliminate violence.

How many green dots will it take to make our community safer? How many of us need to add 2 or 3 or 7 or 50 dots to this map to begin to make a difference? We cannot know the exact number, but we do know this: there are enough people who don’t want anyone to get hurt that together we can make our communities safer. When we begin replacing moments of violence with moments of support and safety, our communities will be safer for our children, partners, friends and co-workers. The power of Green Dot is this simple shared vision and common goal: We can all put green dots on our map.
Legislation Highlights Indicating Why Green Dot(s) Matter to UAF

- March 7, 2013 signing of VAWA which strengthened & reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act
  - Includes Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (Campus SaVE)
  - Amends the Jeanne Clery Act and affords additional rights to campus victims of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking
  - Requires Bystander Intervention Training on campuses
UAF has taken the lead in Bystander Intervention Awareness

See http://www.dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/campaigns.aspx for Bystander Intervention PSAs filmed at UAF

Now for the next step

Green Dot is coming to UAF!

We need YOU to help create a visible, powerful, transformative cultural shift at UAF. Each of us, by equipping ourselves to become active agents of change – is contributing to the unprecedented potential to actually, measurably, reduce violence on our campus.

Join us August 13th & 14th for two powerful, enlightening, and energizing days with Dr. Dorothy Edwards, founder of Green Dot. We ask for your commitment. Your involvement is vital as we educate faculty & staff on tools and techniques for violence elimination as we prepare to launch Green Dot @ UAF.
A green dot is your individual choice at any given moment to make our campus and our community safer....no one has to do everything, but **everyone can do something**...

**What's your GREEN DOT?**

Green Dot Training @ UAF
with Green Dot Founder Dorothy Edwards
**Tuesday & Wednesday * August 13th & 14th**
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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RSVP to Adrian Kohrt, Outreach Director IACN-VL to secure your slot
phone 907-374-8613 or email adrian.kohrt1@gmail.com

Can’t attend for two full days?
Contact Adrian (info above) to reserve a space for you in the
**Green Dot Intro & Overview * 1 hour session * 9 – 10 am Tue, August 13th**

Learn how we at UAF can transform potential red dots (acts of violence: physical assault, sexual assault, stalking, bullying...) into green dots with Green Dot Bystander Interventions tools, techniques & awarenesses. Find your Green Dot(s)

A green dot is any behavior, choice or action that **promotes safety for everyone and communicates utter intolerance for violence:** sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, stalking, bullying, . . .