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Expert on Teen Dating Violence Available to Comment on Chris Brown Plea

WHO: Patti Giggans, Executive Director

As the head of Peace Over Violence (POV) since 1985, Giggans is a nationally-recognized leader and advisor on the issues of sexual violence and domestic violence.

Just last week, Peace Over Violence launched Start Strong Los Angeles at Berendo Middle School. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Blue Shield of California Foundation, Start Strong is the largest national initiative ever funded to target 11- to 14-year olds in a communitywide public health effort to stop teen dating abuse.

WHAT: A plea deal was reached today between Los Angeles prosecutors and Chris Brown, who was accused of assaulting singer Rihanna before the Grammy Awards. With the case back in the news, Giggans is available to discuss the prevalence of teen dating violence and what parents, educators and teens themselves can do to help prevent violent relationships. Giggans can also discuss how a history of violence in families can be a factor in violent relationships.

WHEN: Immediate availability via phone, in-person, or in-studio. Giggans is based in Los Angeles.

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