

Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline

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Can I Kiss You? (Do you ask?)

Program Highlights:

“Can I Kiss You? (Do you ask?)” is a candid look at dating, communication and respect performed by healthy dating expert Mike Domitrz.

Domitrz was in Iowa City in early October to give a fun and interactive program to 500 women and men.

Of the 352 audience members surveyed after the performance, over 300 said they would recommend this program to others.

The Iowa City Take Back the Night rally and march followed “Can I Kiss You?” and a record number of people participated. Domitrz created a safe, non-judgmental space for his audience and encouraged them to attend Take Back the Night.

The brother of a sexual assault survivor, Domitrz broaches the topic of rape by helping people understand what to do, as opposed to what not to do. This approach resonates well with younger co-ed audiences.

One thing Domitrz inspires the audience to do is show their partner respect through open communication. He

demonstrates asking permission for a kiss using audience participation, and garners a lot of laughs while making his point.

To see clips of “Can I Kiss You?” visit Domitrz’s web site at: www.canikissyou.com.

Domitrz also conducted a “Train-the-Trainer Workshop” for helping professionals in Iowa City. Participants learned how to handle difficult situations with students – including both sides of students’ concerns and how to create a balance of careful and effective use of humor versus hard-hitting questions. Everyone was encouraged to ask questions and debate the concepts being discussed.

This train-the-trainer workshop is a highly recommended precursor to the main “Can I Kiss You?” program.

We recommend bringing “Can I Kiss You?” to your area as an event or as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Domitrz’s speaking schedule is filling up fast, but there are still dates available in April. To book Domitrz in your area, call

1.800.329.9390.

Book Recommendation:

Mike Domitrz is also the author of two excellent books, [May I Kiss You?](#) and [Voices of Courage](#).

[May I Kiss You?](#) is an in-depth look at dating, communication, sexual assault awareness, and intimacy. The book is written for young people, parents and educators. It includes challenging questions, thought-provoking scenarios, dynamic solutions, and life-changing philosophies.

[Voices of Courage](#) is a one-of-a-kind, inspiring book by twelve survivors of sexual assault. An eye-opening journal of personal growth and recovery, [Voices of Courage](#) will forever change your perspective on life after a sexual assault. The accompanying 4-CD set features the survivors themselves reading their chapter, as well as interviews with them. Proceeds from sales of this book are donated to victim service agencies.

To learn more about these books, scroll to the bottom of the www.canikissyou.com page.