

Gilda's Club Evansville

Kid's CAN

(Cancer Awareness Now)



What is Kid's CAN?

Gilda's Club Evansville (GCEVV) Kid's CAN (Cancer Awareness Now) is a 45-60 minute interactive course taught by a licensed clinical social worker from GCEVV to students in grades 6-12 educational settings. This program is sponsored by donors.

This program raises awareness and educates students about:

- Types cancer, treatments and side effects
- How we are impacted by cancer
- Prevention measures
- Local resources available
- Cancer risks factors related to using tobacco, tanning beds, e-cigarettes, and making other unhealthy lifestyle choices

Kid's CAN provides answers to question like:

- What is cancer
- How is cancer diagnosed
- Are e-cigarettes as dangerous as cigarettes
- Is cancer contagious
- How many types of cancer are there
- Does everyone diagnosed with cancer die
- Does the tanning bed cause skin cancer
- What are the side effects of cancer treatment
- How can I help someone going through cancer

How is it making a difference?

The program is modeled after Gilda's Club Seattle's CET (Cancer Education for Teens). Gilda's Club Seattle has measured the outcomes for over 10 years in over 80 schools (58,000 students). Outcomes were measured by a pre and post test. 80% of students felt more informed, 65% would wear sun protection, 60% would make healthier lifestyle choices, 15% would stop tanning, and 11% would stop smoking.

Since 2016 Kid's CAN has been implemented in several schools in the Tristate Area (public, private, and parochial). Youth have been asked what they will do different and many have stated they will change their lifestyle and educate others because of the information they received during the Kid's CAN presentation.

"I will tell my friends and family about the impact smoking has on their health." Student at Bosse High School

"I will never use a tanning bed." Student at Evansville Day School



Impacting Futures

The impact doesn't stop in the classroom. The CAN program also allows students to be exposed to other programs that GCEVV has to offer such as:

- Student Ambassador Club-a club that meets once a month within the school and allows students to bring cancer awareness to their school through creative and fun means. Students receive community services hours.
- Teen Art and Essay Contests- provides an outlet for students to express how their lives have been impacted by cancer.
- Family Connects- Join GCEVV for monthly programs that focus on bring the whole family together for fun.

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