

## **SAAV Teen Program Guide: Recommended Next Steps**

Below are some suggestions for continuing to assess and refine the guide before it is widely distributed. There are also some ideas (for future consideration) to build on the reach of the guide beyond schools and expand into other resources.

### **Steps for Guide Completion:**

1. Use the list of education professionals provided to SAAV to continue gathering feedback and suggestions and incorporate overlapping ideas as much as possible.
2. Gather input from key SAAV volunteers/board members and relevant contacts from SAAV partnering organizations.
3. Once full assessments and final edits (including design) are complete, ask select education professionals to read and implement the guide in school with small groups of students as a trial run. This way there is a wider variety of feedback based on use of the information and activities. Teens in these groups should also be asked to share their thoughts. SAAV could use volunteers to help with this process.
4. SAAV can enlist the assistance of educators, or qualified SAAV volunteers, to [identify specific academic standards](#) in various subject areas for the state of Wisconsin that the information and activities used in the guide meet, to make incorporating these things into work with students more seamless for educators. Focus can be on standards within subjects where the guide content best fits.

### **Ideas Towards Future Use & Expansion:**

5. Beyond schools, adaptation, and distribution of the guide for other educational environments working with teens would offer a great way to expand reach of the guide:
  - Girl/Boy Scouts
  - Animal and Nature-focused camps or classes (Nature Centers)
  - [Family, Career and Community Leaders of America \(FCCLA\)](#) – which ties into Family and Consumer Science classes
  - Centers dealing with teen dating violence
  - Domestic violence organizations
  - Family Resource Centers
6. There is a lot of potential for creating similar, age-appropriate materials for younger children around the basic ideas of developing compassion, empathy, and understanding for animals.