

## Al Roker speaks to teens about violence

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NORFOLK, Va. (AP) – TV weathercaster Al Roker may be known for his cheerful manner, but he's completely somber on the subject of dating violence.

Roker, a fixture on NBC's "Today" show, told about 500 people at a forum in Norfolk about his family's experience with the problem.

Roker says his 22-year-old daughter was the victim of dating violence. He told teenagers they should accept that being victimized is not their fault, and no reason to feel a loss of self-worth.

He also told them to immediately seek help if they're being abused.

The forum was convened by the group Teens With a Purpose, which educates adolescents on topics ranging from abuse to AIDS.

