Statistics

RESEARCH, FACTS AND STATISTICS ON BULLYING

The National Institutes of Health 2004 survey concluded that the prevalence of bullying in U.S. schools suggests a need for more research to understand and devise ways to intervene against bullying.

School intervention programs have been shown to be successful. Effective programs are comprehensive in nature **involving** parents, students, school staff and the whole community.

Facts about School Violence and Bullying

- 24% of high school students knew of gangs at their school in 2005
- In 2005 students ages 12-18 were victims of about 628,200 violent crimes at school, including rape, aggravated assault and robbery
- Approximately 22% of urban 11 and 12 year olds know at least one person their age in a gang
- Young people who bully are more likely to smoke, drink alcohol and get into fights
- The percentage of public schools experiencing one or more violent incidents increased between the 1999-2000 and 2003-2004 school years, from 71%-81%
- Teenagers say revenge is the strongest motivation for school shootings
- Bullying occurs most frequently in grades 6-8 with little variation between urban, suburban town, and rural areas

Sources: Centers for Disease control and Prevention, Constitutional Rights Foundation, National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Justice, Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2006, U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, 2006, National Institutes of Health 2001

Facts about Bullying and Harassment of Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Youth

- 65% of LGBT students report verbal harassment because of their orientation
- Adults are often uncomfortable intervening when bias is based on sexual orientation
- Unlike other forms of bullying harassment of LGBT students increases in higher grades
- Students hear anti-gay epithets 25 times a day, and teachers fail to respond to these comments 97% of the time
- 89.2% of students frequently hear "THAT'S SO GAY" OR "YOU'RE SO GAY"
- For every LGBT student that reported being harassed, 4 straight students reported being harassed because they were perceived as being gay or lesbian.

Source: Teasing and Torment Report (GLSEN 2005), National Mental Health Association 2002. Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network

Facts about Students Who Bully and are Bullied

- 60% of those characterized as bullies in grades 6-9 will have at least one criminal conviction by age 24
- Those that are bullied tend to grow up more socially anxious, with less self-esteem and require more mental health services throughout life
- 61% said students shoot others because they have been victims of physical abuse at home
- 54% said witnessing physical abuse at home can lead to violence in school
- Among students, homicide perpetrators were more than twice as likely as homicide victims to have been bullies by peers.
- 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month
- 100,000 students carry a gun to school each day
- 28% of youths who carry weapons have witnessed violence at home, Duane Alexander, M.D., Director of NICHD,

Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics-School Crime and Safety, Center for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Departments of Education Associated Violent Deaths in the United States 1994-1999, Center of Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, 2001

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