

# Bullying Prevention Resource Guide

FOR SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## Key Facts & Statistics

More than half of children between the ages of 8 and 11 – and 70% of kids in the middle grades – say that bullying is a “big problem” at school.

*Kaiser Family Foundation, 2001*

Nearly 1.5 million students in grades 6-10 report being physically or verbally bullied at least once a week.

*National Crime Prevention Council, 2003*

Roughly one in three teenagers – and nearly half of 15- to 17-year-old girls – say they have been the victim of an online rumor, threatening messages or other forms of bullying via electronic communication.

*Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2007*

Only 30% of students who had witnessed or been the target of bullying said teachers intervened “often” or “always” – contrasted with up to 85% of teachers who described themselves as doing so.

*Yorber & Kern, 2003*

Among the small percentage of high school freshmen who said they had told an adult about witnessing or being the target of bullying, nearly two-thirds said the result was “nothing changed” or “things got worse.”

*National Association of Secondary School Principals, 2001*

An in-depth study by the U.S. Secret Service of 37 school shootings between 1974 and 2001 found that in most cases, bullying played “a key role in the decision to attack.”

*U.S. Secret Service, 2001*

Young people who bully are more likely to dislike and do poorly in school than other students, and are at higher risk for fighting, vandalism, substance abuse and other antisocial behavior. Chronic bullies seem to maintain their behaviors into adulthood. In one study, two-thirds of boys identified as bullies in grades 6-9 had at least one criminal conviction by age 24, and 40% had three or more arrests by age 30.

*National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center*

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