BULLYING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSSES

Information for Parents and Educators

• Background
  o Approximately 21% of college students report being current victims of bullying.
  o Both male and female college students report experiencing bullying in college.
  o Between 4.6 and 43% of college students report being cyberbullied in college, with no significant differences across all gender and racial or ethnic groups.
  o Over half of surveyed college students reported experiencing at least one hazing behavior (e.g., sleep deprivation, humiliation, drinking large amounts of alcohol).

• What are the Consequences?
  o Studies have shown that current or past bullying victims may have significantly lower academic motivation.
  o The effects of bullying after high school can negatively impact life in college as well as educational outcomes even after the harassment has stopped.
  o Experiencing bullying in college has been linked to alcohol consumption and problematic drinking behavior.

How to Help Students

• Share information regarding bullying/cyberbullying/hazing and how to report it with residents (especially Freshman), sororities, fraternities, etc.
• Educate students on how to use technology safely and effectively, such as:
  o Changing passwords frequently
  o Printing out evidence of cyberbullying as it happens
  o Reporting incidents of bullying or hazing to proper authorities
• Encourage students to talk to someone they trust if they or someone they know is being bullied
• Be aware of campus policies or laws, and whether certain bullying acts violate these
Resources for More Information

StopHazing: Educating to Eliminate Hazing
stophazing.org

A Thin Line: Sexting and Cyberbullying:
athinline.org

U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
justice.gov/crt | 1-877-292-3804

REFERENCES


Get Help Now

Within the University at Buffalo
University Police: 716-645-2222
Office of Judicial Affairs: 716-645-6154
Counseling Center: 716-645-2720
Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: 716-645-2266

Within Western New York
Buffalo Crisis Services Hotline: 716-834-1144 or 1-877-KIDS-400
Catholic Charities for Therapeutic Support: 716-218-1400

Within the United States
National Suicide Prevention Helpline: 1-800-273-TALK
Suicide Hotline for Spanish Speakers: 1-888-628-9454
Crisis Chat: crisischat.org