

YART: Bullying (9/27/11)



National Web Resources and Organizations

Stop Bullying.gov (<http://www.stopbullying.gov>)

StopBullying.gov provides information from various government agencies on how [kids](#), [teens](#), [young adults](#), [parents](#), [educators](#) and others in the [community](#) can prevent or stop bullying.

Booklist Online Webinar: Battle Bullying with Books: Celebrating No Name Calling Week (presented 1/25/11) (<http://www.booklistonline.com/GeneralInfo.aspx?id=73>)

Note: Scroll down to find the webinar in the archives.

A list of books (<http://www.booklistonline.com/bullying>) discussed during the webinar is also available from *Booklist*.

Teaching Tolerance: A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center (www.tolerance.org)

Founded in 1991 by the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), Teaching Tolerance is dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our nation's children. We provide free educational materials to teachers and other school practitioners in the U.S. and abroad. Our self-titled magazine is sent to 400,000 educators twice annually, and tens of thousands of educators use our free curricular kits. More than 10,000 schools participate in our annual Mix It Up at Lunch Day program. (from the website)

Young Adult Authors Against Bullying Facebook page

(<http://www.facebook.com/groups/105581906147904/doc/230074193698674/>)

Rhode Island Web Resources and Organizations

Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre: Bully (<http://www.kaleidoscopetheatre.com/bully.htm>)

Better Understanding by Listening and Learning about You - A show dealing with the ever-present and often dangerous problem of bullying in our schools. There are 3 leveled performances appropriate for audiences of different ages (grades K-5, grades 4-8, grades 7-12). Kaleidoscope Children's Theater is located in Cranston.

Battle Against Bullying: A Turn to 10 Town Meeting (5 part series) and RI Department of Education Forum on Bullying (4 part series) (<http://www2.turnto10.com/news/local/education/bullying/>)

Battle Against Bullying video resources include: a 5-part series produced by NBC 10 covering extreme bullying, cyber-bullying, consequences of bullying, efforts to prevent bullying through legislation, success stories & resources; and, a 4-part series covering the RI Department of Education's televised forum on bullying, hosted by NBC 10's Patrice Wood and Mario Hilario.

P.A.V.E. Partnership to Address Violence Through Education (<http://partnershiptoaddressviolence.com>)

"The mission of the Partnership to Address Violence through Education is to foster, promote and encourage the education of youth groups and the community in the prevention of youth violence in order to pave the way toward a safer community and to transform, enlighten and enrich the lives of children with the message that violence is not the answer." (from the website)

The website contains online tips for kids and parents, as well as information about available professional development programs, parent programs, camps for youth, and school assemblies. P.A.V.E. was founded by Lt. John Reis, retired from the Providence Police Department.

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.ricadv.org/>)

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) is an organization dedicated to ending domestic violence. We were formed in 1979 to support and assist the six domestic violence prevention agencies in Rhode Island. We not only support and give leadership to the six member agencies, but also strive to create justice for victims, and create awareness on the issue of domestic violence in RI. (from the website)

From this website, there are links to the 6 member agencies in RI that are supported by the RICADV:

[Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center](#)

[Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County](#)

[Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center](#)

[Sojourner House](#)

[Women's Center of RI](#)

[Women's Resource Center](#)

[SOAR \(Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships\) - the task force of survivors](#)

The Rhode Island Special Senate Commission on Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats

(<http://stopbullyingri.com/index.html>)

The Rhode Island Senate has developed a website about cyberbullying and cyberthreats, which includes up-to-date news about legislative action in Rhode Island regarding cyber-safety. The commission's full report, *Special Senate Commission to Study and Make Recommendations Related to the Problem of Cyberthreats, Cyberbullying, Bullying and Sexting*, published in March 2011, is available online

(<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Documents/Senate%20Cyberbullying%20Commission%20Final%20Report.pdf>).

Websites for Teens

HkUp with Respect (<http://www.hkupwithrespect.com/pages/about-hkup>)

Friends or frienemies, hooking up or getting down, you have the right to be treated with respect and the responsibility to be a respectful partner. What exactly does a healthy relationship look like? How do you give and get respect? And what's up with all of the drama? Yeah, we weren't sure either. So in the Fall of 2010 we hit the streets of Providence to talk to you about everything from relationships to rumors to drama and dating.

A grant funded project of [Sojourner House](#).

Love is Respect (<http://www.loveisrespect.org>)

“Together, Break the Cycle and the National Dating Abuse Helpline will establish the most comprehensive online destination to engage, educate and empower teens and young adults to **prevent and end abusive relationships.**” (from the website) Links to live chat and a phone help line for teens are available.

A Thin Line (<http://www.athinline.org/>)

“MTV's A Thin Line campaign was developed to empower you to identify, respond to, and stop the spread of digital abuse in your life and amongst your peers. The campaign is built on the understanding that there's a "thin line" between what may begin as a harmless joke and something that could end up having a serious impact on you or someone else.” (from the website) Resources include: teen-friendly definitions and discussions of the potential consequences of sexting, spying, constant messaging, digital disrespect and cruelty; a place where teens can enter and/or read personal stories and rate them/comment on them; and, a place where teens can ask questions of experts. Teens can also log their actions against digital abuse and win incentives and prizes.

The It Gets Better Project (<http://www.itgetsbetter.org>)

“The website www.itgetsbetter.org is a place where young people who are lesbian, gay, bi, or trans can see how love and happiness can be a reality in their future. It's a place where our straight allies can visit and support their friends and family members. It's a place where people can share their stories, take the It Gets Better Project pledge, watch videos of love and support, and seek help through the Trevor Project and GLSEN.” (from the website)

The Trevor Project (<http://www.trevorproject.org>)

“The Trevor Project, a benefactor of the It Gets Better Project, is determined to end suicide among LGBT youth by providing life-saving and life-affirming resources including a nationwide, 24/7 crisis intervention lifeline, digital community and advocacy/educational programs that create a safe, supportive and positive environment for everyone.” (from the website)

Films

Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case That Made History (<http://www.tolerance.org/bullied>)

Bullied is a documentary film that chronicles one student’s ordeal at the hands of anti-gay bullies and offers an inspiring message of hope to those fighting harassment today. It can become a cornerstone of anti-bullying efforts in middle and high schools. This documentary and discussion guide is a Teaching Tolerance resource created by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Order a free copy for your school or library by visiting the website.

Fiction

Greenville Public Library’s *Radical Reads Books about Bullying*, created by Aaron Coutu

(http://www.yourlibrary.ws/ya_webpage/yabibliographies.htm)

Note: the bibliographies are listed in alphabetical order, click on “Bullying” to download the annotated bibliography.

Shulman, Mark. *Scrawl*. Ages 12+

When eighth-grade school bully Tod and his friends get caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty--staying after school and writing in a journal under the eye of the school guidance counsellor--reveals aspects of himself that he prefers to keep hidden.

Nonfiction

***Dear Bully: 70 Authors Tell Their Story* edited by Megan Kelley Hall and Carrie Jones** (Sept 7, 2011).

Discover how Lauren Kate transformed the feeling of that one mean girl getting under her skin into her first novel, how Lauren Oliver learned to celebrate ambiguity in her classmates and in herself, and how R.L. Stine turned being the “funny guy” into the best defense against the bullies in his class. Today’s top authors for teens come together to share their stories about bullying—as silent observers on the sidelines of high school, as victims, and as perpetrators—in a collection at turns moving and self-effacing, but always deeply personal.

***It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying and Creating a Life Worth Living* edited by Dan Savage and Terry Miller** (March 22, 2011).

A collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people. While many of these teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can. We can show LGBT youth the kind of happiness, potential, and satisfaction their lives hold if they can just get through these early years.

***A Smart Kid’s Guide to Online Bullying* by David Jakubiak.** (2010)

Online bullying has become a serious problem for Americas children and teens. Readers will learn how to identify bullies online, how to deal with them, and how to avoid becoming bullies themselves. Grades 3-6