

Bullying: PTA's Connect for Respect

Parents and caring adults can play pivotal roles in creating a healthy school and community climate that is free of bullying. By working together, educators, parents, concerned citizens, business leaders, advocates, and community members can support the implementation of bullying prevention programs, reinforce bullying prevention messages, and advocate for bullying policies to be implemented. This collaboration is critical as bullying happens everywhere that young people gather, including online, via text, and in social networks. PTA® leaders and parents can play an important role in convening community conversations to build awareness of this as an important issue and to take action to stop bullying in your communities.

Connect for Respect

In March 2011, National PTA launched an initiative to encourage PTAs across the country to lead conversations in their school communities about bullying, how it is affecting their communities, and to develop solutions that they can implement collaboratively together. Below are tools and resources that PTAs can use to plan their **Connect for Respect** events.

Resources for PTA Leaders

How to Plan a Connect for Respect Event

How PTAs Can Host a Conversation on Bullying in Their Community -

http://www.pta.org/Planning_Tools_for_PTAs.pdf

What You Can Do As a PTA Leader

Three Ways PTA Leaders Can Prevent Bullying (pdf) - http://www.pta.org/Do_As_A_PTA_Leader.pdf

PTA Profiles in Bullying Prevention

Highlights of State and Local PTA Bullying Prevention Programs & Activities -

http://www.pta.org/PTA_Bullying_Prevention_Highlights.pdf

Parent Tip Sheets

What You Should Know

Basic Information and Statistics on Bullying - http://www.pta.org/What_You_Should_Know.pdf

What You Can Do

Proactive Ways Parents Can Prevent Bullying - http://www.pta.org/What_You_Can_Do.pdf

How to Make Sure Your Child Doesn't Become the Bully

Six Tips to Instill Anti-bullying Behavior in Your Child - http://www.pta.org/How_To_Make_Sure.pdf

Where You Can Go

Where to Find Anti-bullying Resources and Help - http://www.pta.org/Where_You_Can_Go.pdf

Resolutions & Position Statements

PTA Resolution Against Bullying

National PTA resolution in support of policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying - <http://www.pta.org/1159.htm>

Other Resources

U.S. Department of Education - Analysis of State Bullying Laws and Policies -

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/opepd/ppss/reports.html#safe>

StopBullying.Gov - <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

National Crime Prevention Council - <http://www.ncpc.org/>

Netsmartz - <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>

Team Up to Stop Bullying - <http://www.sears.com/anti-bullying-teamup/dap-120000000283425>

Tips from the National Education Association

- **Bullying Prevention: It Can Start with ESPs** - <http://neatoday.org/2011/03/21/bullying-prevention-it-can-start-with-esps/>
- **School Bus Drivers Put the Brake on Bullying** - [School Bus Drivers Put the Brakes on Bullying](http://neatoday.org/2011/10/20/school-bus-drivers-put-the-brakes-on-bullying/) - <http://neatoday.org/2011/10/20/school-bus-drivers-put-the-brakes-on-bullying/>

http://www.pla.org/bullying.asp?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Oct_10_2012_Email&utm_medium=email