CYBERBULLYING PREVENTION
WORKING TOGETHER

Preventing crime is everybody's business, so why not work together to do it? In the past year, 43 percent of teens have been cyberbullied and only 11 percent of those teens talked to parents about the incident.* Youth who are being cyberbullied may feel helpless and feel they have nowhere to turn. Preventing cyberbullying needs to be a community-wide effort. *Statistics from the National Crime Prevention Council's 2007 Teens and Cyberbullying research study*

Who Should Get Involved?

Everyone! Educators, school administrators, victim service providers, law enforcement, community partners, parents, and even students should all be involved. Develop and sustain a network of health care, mental health, counseling, and social services in your community. The more stakeholders that are involved, the better prepared you are to tackle the issue.

SCHOOL STAFF

+ Develop an anti-bullying code of conduct that clearly spells out what behaviors will not be tolerated.

+ Talk and educate students on the issue of cyberbullying. Let students know where they can report an incident or seek help.

+ Support a student-led, anti-bullying program

VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

+ Provide training to school staff and the community on victimization, victim services, and resources.

+ Provide information to parents, educators, and law enforcement about how youth use the Internet, what websites they frequent, and how to talk to youth about appropriate Internet use.

Provide appropriate services to victims.

PARENTS

+ Listen and talk with children regularly about why cyberbullying is wrong and hurtful and let them know that engaging in cyberbullying is unacceptable and possibly illegal.

+ Communicate online rules and responsibilities to children and enforce rules with tangible consequences.

+ Support the school policies and rules that help create a safe place for students to learn.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

+ Serve as a resource on current cyberbullying issues, laws, and policies.

+ Suggest ways to create an enforceable anti-cyberbullying policy for on and off school grounds.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

+ Provide counseling, extended learning programs, and other youth programs or services.

+ Sponsor Internet safety awareness days for youth to learn
+ about safe Internet use.

Help recruit additional volunteers to take an active role in cyberbullying prevention.

For more information check out www.ncpc.org

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