

Bullying Fact Sheets

Bullying in Schools

Why is it important to deal with bullying targeted toward LGBT youth in schools?

- Research shows that the negative impact of LGBT bullying continues into the young adult years, negatively affecting quality of life and the capacity to enjoy life.
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT), and gender-nonconforming youth are at an elevated risk for being bullied and suffer from suicidality, depression, anxiety.

Some Statistics regarding LGBT Bullying in Schools

- 9 out of 10 LGBT students have been harassed at school during the past year.
- The earlier these students identified their sexual orientation, the more they were victimized in high school.
- Males were consistently found to be victimized more frequently.
- Fear was also found to be a component of the victimization, with 30% of the gay/lesbian/bisexual students fearing verbal abuse, and 21% fearing physical attack.
- Adolescents who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual are more than twice as likely as their heterosexual peers to be depressed and think about or attempt suicide.⁹
- 42% of the males and 25% of the females reported thinking about committing suicide.
- One out of three gay/lesbian/bisexual youths, age fifteen and older, reported at least one suicide attempt.



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