

Position paper about Bullying

The social issue that I have chosen is about bullying/cyber-bullying. What is bullying? Bullying is one time or repeated intentional aggressive behavior of an individual or a group against a victim who cannot defend him or herself. Bullying can take various form ranging from cyber-bullying to physical abuse is popular with the male gender and relationships and betrayal is popular with the female gender. As the new form of bullying, the aggressive behavior in cyber-space is as dangerous and harmful as their counter parts in real life which might have serious negative impact on a person's individual bullying development. The real reasons behind bullying behavior are explained for perspective of the family relationships as the aggression is often the result of experience or witness at home. School can improve communication among school administrators, teacher, parents, and student. Disciplinary action can be consistent with immediate consequences for aggressive behaviors. Adult supervision can be increased in the school particularly in areas where bullying is known to take place like: P.E classes, canteen, hallways, bathroom. We can use parents, volunteers, and other adult community group to assist in the idea. With this in the school the students, teachers, and administrators would form an Anti-bullying/cyber-bullying club in the school. The club could hold monthly meeting and invite experts from the community to conduct workshop or lecture. Victims of bullying tend to be quiet, shy, lack friends and social support, lack of confidence, feel isolation and afraid to report offenses because they think it will get worse. Picking on somebody on their own size summarizes the bullying cycle continues to repeat itself. Bullying tends to start off in a tentative way with some trial and error as the bullying settles on a victim at first the incident may be playful consisting pranks, joking about physical appearance on the victim, etc. As victims succumb to this treatment and prove submissive, the incident may become more hurtful escalating from criticizing the victim to name calling and taunting them to personal attacks and public humiliation. In response to this increasingly hostile treatment the victim changes and become more accepting and submissive. The rough and tumble plays give way to, slapping, punching, kicking and beatings. The attacks become more systematized as victims are scapegoated. Possible actions for the victims of bullying is that they would stay calm without looking like a victim or ignoring the bullying by being quiet and walk away.