

Final project part 1

Bullying is the advocacy problem I will be discussing in my article. Bullying occurs when someone exploits their position of authority to manipulate or hurt another person. It is abrasive and intended to inflict pain, much like an assault. Bullies have greater physical strength or popularity in school than their victims, which provides them an advantage. Bullying is not always physical. Children is mostly affected by this issue. Bullying has an impact on everyone, including those who are mistreated, bullies, and those who witness bullying. Bullying has been linked to a variety of harmful consequences, including mental health issues, drug abuse, and suicide. It is critical to speak with children to establish whether bullying or anything else is a problem. Also bullying can affect families by not knowing if their children is telling the truth or not and Bullying, whether at school or at work, creates an unnecessarily stressful atmosphere that might lead to the victim becoming more contentious at home. Furthermore, being repeatedly chastised and disparaged by bullies may cause the victim to overreact to harmless remarks made by family members at home.

This issue needs to be addressed now because it is going to get worse in our community and for children, because they are our future it is like if we do not fix this, we will not see a good future. I feel like this problem is greatest in schools and online that is “cyber bullying,” When we observe a lot of insecure, silent youngsters or perceive that the child has changed a lot, especially in a poor or incorrect way, action is required to avert harmful repercussions. Teachers should be more aware of bullies in schools and take action to limit the spread of the disease, and parents should ask and talk to their children about anything that has occurred to them, as well as come to school to ensure that their children are safe. One of the most essential techniques for organizing bullying prevention efforts is to empower ALL employees to intervene. My target audience are children because it can cause them Depression and anxiety, feelings of sorrow and loneliness, changes in sleep and eating patterns, and a lack of interest in previously enjoyed activities are all symptoms of depression and anxiety.

I'm going to talk about something very important that we as parents and adults should care about and it is children. We all have heard or experienced bullying, abuse, neglect, or toxic parents

etc... Those are the most common ones, and they are the most important. They all have one victim, and it is children. They ruin them and I will show you how in this research.

“What goes around comes around,” You know what this is going to be about, yes bullying. Bullying can have an impact on everyone, including those who are bullied, those who bully, and those who witness bullying. Bullying has been linked to a variety of negative outcomes, including negative effects on mental health, substance use, and suicide. It is critical to speak with children to determine whether bullying or something else is a problem. Kids that faced or experienced bullying are more likely and doubtlessly to experience depression, anxiety, health complaints, and decreased academic achievement.

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/bullying/effects>

Gabriel Taye was an 8-year-old boy who was severely bullied at his elementary school in Cincinnati. He was a third grader who dreamed of joining the military and liked to dress up in neck ties. Gabriel was punched, beaten, and mocked repeatedly by students at Carson Elementary School, according to a federal lawsuit. Unconscious, he was dragged to the floor by another student on Jan. 24 in a bathroom. As other children walked by some kicking him and others pointing fingers, Gabriel lay on the floor unconscious for at least seven minutes. Without knowing what had happened, his mother sent him back to school two days later, unaware of what had transpired. When Gabriel was at school after what had happened, the bullies were back at it again, this time targeting Gabriel. That afternoon, he hung himself from his bunk bed with a necktie he had brought home from school. 4 years after Gabriel committing suicide the Cincinnati Public Schools offered to pay his family \$3 million and to create a more robust anti-bullying system that would be monitored twice a year by lawyers for Gabriel’s parents. Bullying must be stopped at all costs, as we learned from this experience. Bullying someone is not just hurting one person but the whole family was harmed. To finish this off I would like to say that Gabriel did not deserve what had happened to him, at such an early age he suffered and harmed himself. Please instruct your kids and family to refrain from bullying, because “what goes around comes around”.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/05/us/gabriel-taye-cincinnati-bullying.html>

As we can see here in this situation Gabriel did not deserve this at all. Due to bullying this innocent child lost his life for no reason at all. He was harmed and no one did anything.

The second topic I will talk about is an especially important topic, and it is child abuse. Some physical effects that can occur of child abuse are Bruises and welts, scrapes and cuts, burn marks, head trauma, weakened brain development, sprains or broken bones, difficulty walking or sitting, and torn, stained, or bloody clothing. Now moving on to the predominant ones, and they are mental effects. Some mental effects that doubtlessly occurred or will in the future are anxiety, Depression, Low self-esteem, Withdrawn, Dissociation, Difficulty with making and maintaining relationships, Experiences flashbacks, and Hypervigilant. Child abuse is in no way a solution to anything and never will. Some parents abuse their children just to take out their anger on them, which is horrible in every way. You do not own your children; you are their parent not the owner. You are supposed to be keeping them safe from the harmful and unfair world. You are supposed to be their safe place, not another reason to make them feel horrified from the cruel world. You never know what they are going through daily, and do not be like “they are kids, what horrible things are they going through.” Or “I work hard, and they are just ruining my life and wasting my money” because I have heard this before and I cannot explain to you how angry this makes me. If you cannot take care of your children properly, please refrain from having children, it is only making them feel scared and they might hurt themselves. So please never think of abuse as a solution or a remedy because it is not and never will.

At the end of August, a father accused of nearly killing his own infant daughter will stand trial before a judge and jury. Many people were interested in the case of Baby Addilyn, who defied the odds and survived. Michael Fisher and Brooklyn Tidwell, her biological parents, were both charged in the case. Tidwell was charged with aggravated child neglect, while Fisher was charged with aggravated child abuse and attempted First Degree murder. Addilyn was only two and a half months old when she was rushed to the hospital following a brutal beating in Lawrence County. Doctors did not believe Addilyn would survive the night because she had fractured bones and bleeding on the brain. She did, however, survive. “Both of them have to pay for their actions and what they did,” said Terra Woodard, Addilyn's adoptive mother. Addilyn is blind because of the abuse, but that is not stopping her. She enjoys auto racing, for example, and recently shared the driver's seat in her father's car. She follows the family wherever they go.

Despite having suffered brain damage because of his injuries. Addilyn is unable to communicate, but she is making strides. The trial of Addilyn's biological father will begin on August 30. Her mother is due to appear before the jury in December. Both are still imprisoned on the charges. As we saw what child abuse resulted to, I think we should all agree and never use abuse as a stress reliever or anything of the sort. Child abuse is a serious crime and can lead to fines and up to one year in jail.

<https://www.newschannel5.com/news/parents-to-stand-trial-in-child-abuse-case-as-prosecutors-look-for-justice-for-baby-addilyn>

This is another situation where a child was also harmed in the worst way to ever exist. She was an infant. They neglected, abused, and harmed her.

Last topic I will mention here is toxic households/parents, neglect, and unstable households. Now that is less known, few people talk about it, but it is as important as the topics I talked about, because it can result in the same effects we mentioned before. Toxic parents will usually mock or belittle your choices, attack your vulnerable points, and/or chip away at your self-esteem. They might seem harmless, but these things will lead to depression, low self-esteem, difficulty with making and maintaining relationships, stress, and self-harm. It can destroy a child's future. Not every parent is perfect, and no one is but being toxic to your own child is very harmful, and unhealthy to their mental health.

Children experiencing residential instability demonstrate worse academic and social outcomes than their residentially stable peers, such as lower vocabulary skills, problem behaviors, grade retention, increased high school drop-out rates, and lower adult educational attainment. The more negative experiences a child has as a child, the more likely he or she will have developmental delays and other problems. Adults who had more negative early childhood experiences are also more likely to have health problems such as alcoholism, depression, heart disease, and diabetes. Children can recover from the effects of toxic stress if they form healthy relationships with adults who are caring, dependable, safe, and compassionate and who guide them through the healing process. Adults can assist children in healing from traumatic experiences by teaching them resilience – the ability to overcome adversity. Physical neglect, medical neglect,

educational neglect, and emotional neglect are the four main types of child neglect. Physical neglect occurs when a parent fails to provide a child with the necessities of shelter, food, and clothing. I personally think that all these things I talked about can lead to comparable results. Which is why we as adults should try our best to avoid these things, because they can harm kids, and if that happens, we are responsible they are kids and their brain is not fully developed, ours is. Which is why we are in charge, as adults.

<https://marshaferrickcoaching.com/family-instability-definition/>

I think all these situations will be enough to make you realize if you haven't already that children did not do anything wrong, yet they were still harmed, bullied, neglected, and abused. Please look after your children properly and check if someone is making them feel bad about themselves, harming themselves. Or bullying them. We are the ones who is supposed to be taking care of them and making them feel safe, because if we don't who is supposed to these jobs for themselves. Just to let you know their brain is still not fully grown.

This advocacy problem is one of the most significant concerns in our community that we must address and strive to avoid as much as possible for our children as a family. I need to focus more of how children act or if they change during time for example as Eye rolling, Prolonged staring, Back turning and laughing cruelly/encouraging others to laugh and if I see it in front of me first, one method to do this is to have children gather and discuss their differences. Allow children to practice conflict resolution, problem-solving, and increasing their understanding of others. After that I must tell the other workers with me, and we gather to tell the principal of the school to do something about and let other schools, families and government for example know about the issue to prevent it.

Teachers should build campus, form a robust counseling group. This might be a group of social professionals, a group of volunteers, or even community organizations (such as Boys and Girls Clubs) ready to assist the school. One school system in Nampa, Idaho, relies on community assistance from partners such as the mayor/city hall and other local groups. All parties must realize that mental health is a community issue, not simply a school one, to be most effective. Every school leader must be aware of, support, and enforce all bullying policies and procedures.

Without being excessively severe, responses should be consistent and proportional to the violation. Increase adult supervision in situations where there is a lot of bullying. Focus on establishing a welcoming and connected social environment in which all employees and students feel appreciated. This proactive attitude should be emulated and demanded of everyone. Examine your surroundings.

Parents role for this issue is that Even with incredibly young children, parents may integrate talks about interpersonal connections while reading storybooks or witnessing ordinary interactions. In a relationship issue, for example, identifying the many sentiments and views that different individuals may have been a crucial first step toward finding respectful solutions to the situation. Also, parents can Encourage positive peer groups and helpful connections. Fostering peer connections in a variety of settings, both within and outside of school, such as community sports leagues, after-school groups, or among neighbors or extended family, is a good "insurance" for youngsters. In this issue children and some Community members will get affected in bullying because is a risk factor for suicide in children, although it is not the only factor. Suicide risk is influenced by a variety of factors, including depression, domestic troubles, and a history of trauma. Additionally, some populations, such as American Indian and Alaskan Native adolescents, Asian Americans, lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, and transgender youth, have a higher risk of suicide. When these children are not supported by their parents, classmates, or schools, their risk increases even more. Bullying may exacerbate a hostile environment.

To sum up this paper, I chose this issue to advocate for because bullying is an important and affective issue to discuss, and it is important for our children and future. This issue is also personally meaningful to me because I used to see one of my cousins get bullied, and I saw how it affected him until now, and it is a difficult thing to deal with. And as an early childhood educator, I was influenced by this issue because I learned more about how to deal with it in the future the correct way and who to tell or help, as well as indicators of how children are bullied or if they are the bullies, so I could attempt to fix it.