

# A SAMPLING of RESOURCES on BULLYING

## MA Conference ONA Ministry Team - April 6, 2019



### **READERS THEATER/WORKSHOP**

**Just Peace Players** [justpeaceplayers.org](http://justpeaceplayers.org) Contact Rev. Dr Fran Bogle [fbog@aol.com](mailto:fbog@aol.com)  
*Sticks and Stones*, a play about bullying, appropriate for all ages, used as a free-standing presentation or a full worship service. Additional resources available from JPP.

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

**MARC Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center** at Bridgewater State University  
[stopbullyingnow.com](http://stopbullyingnow.com) Research based positive approaches to social development, parent and faculty trainings, community groups

#### **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center**

Trainings for personnel in schools, colleges and other youth serving organizations; climate assessment tools <https://barcc.org/help/services/training>

#### **stopbullying.gov**

Information on state laws, school trainings, prevention; helpful video on changing bystanders to upstanders at <https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/bystanders-to-bullying/index.html>

#### **True Colors** [ourtruecolors.org](http://ourtruecolors.org)

Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services, CT  
On-site and traveling workshops, trainings, mentor program and resources

#### **SAFEKIDS.COM** [safekids.com/bullying-cyberbullying-resources](http://safekids.com/bullying-cyberbullying-resources)

Digital citizenship, online safety and civility

#### **The Tyler Clementi Foundation** [tylerclementi.org](http://tylerclementi.org)

Information and awareness, how to be an *Upstander* when bullying happens; Upstander Pledge <https://tylerclementi.org/pledge/>; #Day 1: Stop Bullying Today <https://tylerclementi.org/day1/>; *True Faith Doesn't Bully* <https://tylerclementi.org/true-faith/>;

#### **PFLAG** [pflag.org](http://pflag.org)

Locate area chapters [pflag.org/find-a-chapter](http://pflag.org/find-a-chapter)  
Advice from staff; speakers for programs tailored to your topic needs, e.g. bullying prevention, responses, first person stories of bullying survival

#### **Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ**

[openandaffirming.org/issues/bullying-and-suicide](http://openandaffirming.org/issues/bullying-and-suicide) - helpful links for all aspects of making safe communities for LGBTQ youth

Download these resources produced by Lutherans Concerned/North America:

*Where All Can Safely Live* - bullying curriculum is an introduction to what bullying is, how it functions, and why we as Christians are called to prevent it from happening in our communities; and

*Where Hands Can Reach* - devotions, personal stories, and theological reflections on bullying

**Institute for Welcoming Resources** [welcomingresources.org/bullying.xml](http://welcomingresources.org/bullying.xml)

Resources on bullying and hate crimes include books, curricula, films

Video resources at <http://www.welcomingresources.org/videos.htm>

**GLSEN** (Gay/Lesbian/Straight Education Network) [glsen.org](http://glsen.org)

Anti-bullying curriculum; Information on special event days: "No Name-Calling Week," "Day of Silence," "Ally Week"; how to start a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) at your school; creating social change

**The Bully Project** [thebullyproject.com](http://thebullyproject.com)

Curriculum resources, tools for parents, teachers, youth and children, the film "Bully"

**CAPS - Child Abuse Prevention Services** (Long Island)

General Information for youth, parents, educators; hotline <https://capsli.org>

### **WEBSITES ON WORKPLACE BULLYING**

**Workplace Bullying Institute**

<http://www.workplacebullying.org/individuals/problem/definition/>

**VeryWell Mind** Workplace Bullying

<https://www.verywellmind.com/workplace-bullying-4157204>

### **RESOURCES FROM THE UCC**

**"Bullying: What Can We Do to Stop It?"** [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_justice-for-children\\_what-can-we-do-to-stop](http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_what-can-we-do-to-stop)

**"Bullying Is a Form of Abuse: Help Stop Bullying!"** by Jan Resseger, UCC JWM Minister for Public Education and Witness [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_justice-for-children\\_bullying-is-a-form-of-abuse](http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_bullying-is-a-form-of-abuse)

**"What Is Bullying?"** Short 2-page resource for use in workshops

[http://d3n8a8pro7v7hmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy\\_url/1590/bullying-nye.pdf?1418425026](http://d3n8a8pro7v7hmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/1590/bullying-nye.pdf?1418425026)

**"Bullying: A Theological Reflection"** by Ann Hanson, Former UCC JWM Minister for Sexuality Education and Justice, UCC [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_justice-for-children\\_bullying-a-theological](http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_bullying-a-theological)

**"Using Language to Abuse"** by Rev. Loey Powell, Minister and Co-Team Leader, Justice and Witness Ministries [http://www.ucc.org/justice\\_justice-for-children\\_using-language-to-abuse](http://www.ucc.org/justice_justice-for-children_using-language-to-abuse)

### **VIDEO RESOURCES**

\* **CAUTION:** all videos should be previewed, monitored during showing and followed by facilitated discussion

***Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History*** Southern Poverty Law Center <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/film-kits/bullied-a-student-a-school-and-a-case-that-made-history>

**"Let's Get Real"** Taunting and Bullying

<https://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/lets-get-real>

You Tube: Let's Get Real 10 min version  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4llx7mNi7o>  
Also available on Kanopy

**“Straight-laced: How Gender’s Got Us All Tied Up”**  
<https://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced>

**“Puzzles: When Hate Came to Town”**  
New Day Films <https://www.newday.com/film/puzzles> - story of attack in a New Bedford, MA, gay bar and the community’s recovery and reconnection

**Great! Schools**  
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/best-viral-antibullying-videos/>

## BOOKS

***My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up***, Kilodavis, Cheryl.  
A heart-warming book about unconditional love and one remarkable family. It is also a call for tolerance and an end to bullying and judgments. The world is a brighter place when we accept everyone for who they are. Ages 4-8.

***And a Child***, Poorman, J. Kelly. FICTION: Two brave and compassionate high school students form a gay/straight alliance to protect their friends. They encounter resistance, intolerance, and ignorance. The strength of their friendship gives them the courage they need to see their plans realized, so that every student—gay, straight, bisexual, transgendered, and those disenfranchised in any way—can enjoy a safe, caring environment.

## CONFERENCE RESOURCE

Rev. Ellie Richardson, Associate Conference Minister for Lay and Clergy Leadership Development, oversees conferences policies about safe church and will consult with churches or groups of churches by phone or Zoom.

## **MASSACHUSETTS BULLYING LAW - <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXII/Chapter71/Section37O>**

Bullying is illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each school district, charter school, approved private day or residential school and collaborative school must have a bullying plan in place. “Each plan shall recognize that certain students may be more vulnerable to becoming a target of bullying or harassment based on actual or perceived differentiating characteristics, including race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, socioeconomic status, homelessness, academic status, gender identity or expression, physical appearance, pregnant or parenting status, sexual orientation, mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability or by association with a person who has or is perceived to have 1 or more of these characteristics.”

**All 50 states have some form of bullying law pertaining to schools.**

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