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National Bullying Prevention Month

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in a 2016 national survey, 20% of high school students reported being bullied on school property in the 12 months preceding the survey. An estimated 16% of high school students reported in 2016 that they were bullied electronically in the 12 months before the survey.

Bullying is a form of youth violence; the CDC defines bullying as any unwanted aggressive behavior that involves an unbalance of power and is repeated multiple times. Bullying can also occur through any electronic device. The LGBT community has seen an increase of bullying, assaults and harassment in 2016.

LGBT bullying statistics show they suffer from more cyberbullying. According to GLSEN and BullyingStatistics.org:

- *42 % of LGBT youth have experienced cyberbullying*
- *25 % more than once*
- *35 % receive online threats*
- *58 % say something bad is said to them or about them online.*
- *33 % report sexual harassment online, which is four times higher than the experience of other students.*
- *Cyberbullying of LGBT youths is three times higher than other student's experience.*
- *27 % of LGBT youth do not feel safe online.*
- *20 % report receiving harassing text messages from other students.*

In recognition of Bullying Prevention Month, the Long Island Network of Community Services will be working with several school districts on Long Island providing workshops on preventing /reducing the incidences of bullying/cyberbullying.

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