

# Help Prevent Childhood Bullying

PACER Center encourages you to take a stand against bullying. Please read the following news release and:

- Place a link to [www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org](http://www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org) on your Web site
- List PACER Center, [www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org), as a bullying resource on your site
- Go to [www.pacer.org/bullying/media.htm](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/media.htm) to download and share a free article on bullying prevention.

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## **New Web site helps prevent childhood bullying**

A Web site to help children prevent bullying has been launched by PACER Center, a national parent center located in Minnesota. Geared for all elementary school youngsters, including those with disabilities, the site is at [www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org](http://www.pacerkidsagainstabullying.org). It is a project of PACER's National Center for Bullying Prevention.

Childhood bullying is a significant problem nationwide. It can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, poor self-esteem, and, in some cases, school violence.

Statistics show that:

- 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied
- 7 to 15 percent of children experience bullying
- 50 percent of children who are bullied have disabilities

The site features celebrity videos, Webisodes, interactive games, animation, contests, and other activities to teach second through sixth graders about bullying and how to prevent it.

"The site is for all children," said Paula F. Goldberg, executive director of PACER. "No one deserves to be bullied. This site will help children know how to respond positively and effectively."

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PACER Center typically serves families of children and youth with disabilities and special health needs. It provides resources such as publications, workshops, and individualized assistance and helps families make decisions

about education, vocational training, employment, and other services for their child.

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