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History

Incorporated in 1997, BiasHELP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is an affiliate of the Long Island Network of Community Services, Inc. (LINCS).



Mission

BiasHELP, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency dedicated to prevention of bias crimes, hate-related harassment, bullying, technobullying and discrimination. Located on Long Island, BiasHELP provides programs and services locally, regionally and nationally. BiasHELP considers an action to be discriminatory when a person or group is targeted, in whole or in part, because of their perceived differences, including race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, age, disability or sexual orientation.

BiasHELP's programs include prevention education, community and school-based technical assistance, support of aggressive public policies that ensure human rights protections and effective media responses to current social issues.



Statistics

- In 2009, 6,604 hate crime incidents nationwide were reported to the FBI by local law enforcement agencies.¹
- In 2010, Nassau County Police Department reported 65 hate crime incidents, while Suffolk County Police Department reported 48. Of these, the counties reported that 13 incidents were based on ethnicity or national origin.²
- Approximately 30% of youth in the United States (or over 5.7 million) are estimated to be involved in bullying as either a bully, a target of bullying or both.³
- Children being bullied are more likely than their peers to be depressed, lonely, and anxious; have more low self-esteem; feel unwell; have more migraine headaches; and think about suicide.⁴
- As of 2009, there are approximately 932 active hate groups in the United States. In New York State, there are 31 distinct hate groups.⁴

¹ Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports, Hate Crime Statistics - Released November 2010,

² Suffolk County Police Dept., Nassau County Police Dept., ³ National Youth Violence Prevention Center,

⁴ Southern Poverty Law Center

SERVICES

• Hotline: 1-877-END-BIAS

- Live operators are available 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday to Friday.
- Spanish-speaking operators are available.

• Education

- BiasHELP's team of skilled educators conduct specially tailored trainings in schools, small businesses, government agencies, religious institutions, non-profit organizations, and the region's largest corporations.
- Specially tailored violence prevention workshops and trainings are available on a wide variety of topics including bullying, technobullying, relational aggression, gangs & classroom violence.
- Against Violence & Oppression in Communities Everywhere (AVOICE) is a project in the Patchogue-Medford community. It fosters racial healing by making an impact among vulnerable children and their families at 4 levels: the individual, family, agency and community.
- Certified educators provide anger and aggression management trainings with post-incarcerated individuals through a collaborative project with the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC)
- Through a joint project with the Long Island Network of Community Services (LINCS), BiasHELP has certified trainers available to work with schools on the implementation of the foremost bullying prevention program available, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). OBPP is a whole school program that has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting.

• Client Advocacy

- Information about hate crime reporting
- Advocacy with law enforcement officials, social service agencies, doctors & the media
- Referrals to ancillary services



Community Voices Newsletter

- Long Island's only regularly published, free publication devoted exclusively to the fight against hate crimes.



Community

- Expert analysis and responses for media
- Legislative education
- Public policy analysis
- Community organizing, coalition-building and agency capacity building



Mirror Images

- This landmark DVD series, highlights the rich history, the challenges and the lives of America's diverse populations. The series is being distributed nationwide and is being used in conjunction with Diversity Done Right's widely acclaimed diversity trainings.



Internet

- BiasHELP has taken a strong stand against cyberhate, maintaining BiasHELP.org, STOPtechNObullying.org and YouthwebOnline.org. These sites are comprehensive youth and minority-based websites designed to offer online access to information, education and reporting hate crimes.