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Helping Youth Become Change Agents in Their Schools and Communities

A resource for empowering youth to become role models in confronting bias-motivated harassment



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PARTNERS AGAINST HATE

Partners Against Hate represents a joint effort by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF), and the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence (CPHV) to design and implement a program of outreach, public education, and training to address youth-initiated hate violence. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the U.S. Department of Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Partners Against Hate features an innovative collection of both on- and offline resources and support to a variety of audiences, including parents, educators, law enforcement officials, and the community at large.

The primary goals of Partners Against Hate are as follows:

- To increase awareness of the problem of bias crime.
- To share information about promising education and counteraction strategies for the wide range of community-based professionals who work and interact with children of all ages.
- To help individuals working with youth better understand the potential of advanced communications technologies to break down cultural barriers and address bias.

Partners Against Hate coordinates its individual organizational experiences and broad-based networks to promote awareness of promising techniques to prevent, deter, and reduce juvenile hate-related behavior. A key component of this effort is the inclusion of technology-based communications advances – namely the Internet – which have the ability to provide individuals and organizations interested in preventing juvenile hate crime with the tools to educate and

change hate-related behaviors in ways never before imagined.

In addition, Partners Against Hate blends an array of existing organizational resources with new programs and initiatives that enhance understanding of promising practices to address hate violence in all segments of the community. The Partners' extensive networks of contacts allow for the broad distribution of resources and information designed to address youthful hate crime. Further, the Partners' professional experiences allow diverse perspectives to be shared and ensure the fullest range of input, participation, and strategic coordination of resource materials.

Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

The ADL stands as the leading source of current information on hate incidents and on recommending effective counteractive responses. The League's model hate crimes statute has been enacted in 45 States and the District of Columbia, and ADL conducts hate crime seminars at local law enforcement training academies in a number of States. On the national level, ADL provides hate crimes seminars to law enforcement authorities, educators, attorneys, and community groups on effective strategies to identify, report, and respond to hate violence.

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF)

LCCREF has extensive experience and expertise in developing strategies and methodologies for reducing prejudice and promoting intergroup understanding within groups and organizations, including schools, neighborhoods, and the

workplace. LCCREF enjoys a close relationship with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the nation's oldest and most broadly based civil rights coalition. Within this broad coalition, LCCREF is widely regarded as a leader with respect to its ability to leverage the power of technology to advance social change.

Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence (CPHV)

CPHV develops and implements prevention programs in middle and high schools, on college campuses, and for health care professionals. CPHV's workshops and programs provide both adults and students with an understanding of the destructive impact of degrading language and slurs, and with practical skills to effectively intervene in ways that model respectful behavior.

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