

Violence and Winnebago County High School Students

What is the problem?

- **17.7%** of students reported being in a physical fight during the past 12 months before the survey.
- **6.8%** of students reported being in a physical fight **on school property** during the past 12 months before the survey.
- **15.1%** of students reported that someone tried to hurt them by hitting, punching, or kicking them while on school property during the past 12 months before the survey.
- **28.1%** of students reported that they have been bullied **on school property**.
- **12.0%** of students reported **rarely or never feeling safe** from physical harm while at school.
- **39.3%** of students **disagrees or strongly disagrees that violence is a problem** at their school.
- **6.7%** of students reported that their **boyfriend or girlfriend hit, slapped, or physically hurt** them on purpose during the past 12 months before the survey.
- **10.4%** of students reported that have been **forced, either verbally or physically, to take part in a sexual activity**.
- **21.7%** of students reported that **they purposely hurt themselves without wanting to die**, such as cutting or burning themselves during the 12 months before the survey.

What are the solutions?

Safe and inclusive school environments ♦ Parent involvement
Violence prevention programs (evidence-based)
Student programs ♦ School connectedness
Enforcement of school policies ♦ After school programs
Violence prevention skill development for students
Professional development opportunities ♦ Community building

What are some resources to help address the problem?

- National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center <http://vetoviolenace.cdc.gov/stryve/>
- Violence Prevention at the Center for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/prevention_at_cdc.htm
- Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/bestpractices.htm
- Center for the Study of Prevention of Violence www.colorado.edu/cspv/
- Prevention Institute www.preventioninstitute.org/violenceprev.html

Wisconsin Resources

- Bullying Prevention Policy Guidelines <http://ssp.wi.gov/files/ssp/pdf/bullyingguide.pdf>
- DPI Bullying Prevention Curriculum http://pubsales.dpi.wi.gov/pbsa_pplsvc_2
- Dating Violence Prevention <http://ssp.wi.gov/files/ssp/pdf/datingviolenceprev.pdf>
- Resources for Safe Schools http://ssp.wi.gov/ssp_safeschool_1
- Youth Violence Prevention http://ssp.wi.gov/ssp_safeschool
- Wisconsin Safe & Healthy Schools Center <http://www.wishschools.org>
- CESA 6 Safe & Healthy Schools Network www.cesa6.org