

## Remember . . . .

- Team LEAD is a system for empowering kids to be positive leaders, to empathize with others, and to make positive connections to others and to society; it helps break the code of silence that leaves kids dealing with issues alone and afraid.
- It is NOT a magic wand! Aggression will still happen; this system gives us a positive forum and procedure for growth.
- Character is not developed in a vacuum! Kids will continue to make mistakes, and MUST do so in order to learn and grow as human beings. Team LEAD provides a supportive, positive framework for this sort of learning.

# Focus on!!!!

## Protective Factors

- School Connectedness
  - Empathy
- Social Intelligence

Developing these skills will protect YOUR child from becoming either an aggressor or a target!



**Making a Difference**

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## **Parent Tips and Resources**

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## ► Quick Tips for Parents....

### Remember....

- It's never too late to make a difference.
- Avoid saying or believing, "Not MY child!"
- Nurture connections in a variety of areas, including school.
- Tune in and keep talking.
- Carry the Load—we protect our kids by being the adult and making the tough decisions.
- Be present.
- Get Cyber-Savvy FAST!
- Support your school.

### Remember the Research:

- American teenagers need connections and supportive relationships.
- They need something to live for greater than themselves and material possessions.
- They need strong, authoritative families and schools.

Find information on the "Hardwired to Connect" Dartmouth Medical School study at :

[http://www.americanvalues.org/html/hardwired\\_ex\\_summary.html](http://www.americanvalues.org/html/hardwired_ex_summary.html)

[http://www.cpjustice.org/stories/storyReader\\$1160](http://www.cpjustice.org/stories/storyReader$1160)

### Resources for Parents

#### **Stan Davis's site:**

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.com/>

*Excellent resources, particularly for elementary schools. Stan, who was Olweus-trained, has actually created and coordinated his anti-bullying program in his elementary school in Maine for many years. I highly recommend his resources.*

#### **Department of Health and Human Services:**

<http://www.bam.gov/>

*Sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, this site has valuable information and activities on peer pressure and emotional health for kids, parents, and teachers alike. Kids can even play a game on "Bully Smarts".*

#### **Family Education Network:**

<http://www.familyeducation.com/home/>

*Sponsors of Funbrain.com, the Family Education network site provides broad-based educational resources, slideshows, games, activities, and more.*

#### **Family Fun Online**

<http://familyfun.go.com/>

*Family Fun magazine has an excellent website with all sorts of great ideas that promote family fun and connection!*

