

Helpful resources

- ◆ The Trevor Project
<http://www.thetrevorproject.org>
- ◆ Day Of Silence
<http://www.dayofsilence.org>
- ◆ Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network
<http://www.glsen.org>
- ◆ Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays
<http://community.pflag.org>
- ◆ Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Pride Center
<http://www.bridgew.edu/GLBTA>



- ◆ Stop Bullying Now!
www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov
- ◆ Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center
www.MARCCenter.org
Ways to help
 - ◆ Participate in the day of silence
 - ◆ Never be silent about it, always say something!
 - ◆ Developing a program in schools to educate students about bullying and the effects.



Bullying and GLBT youth...

How you can help your child



Breaking the silence



Have you ever known someone who has been a victim of bullying or even a violent crime?

Meet Larry King, a fifteen year old boy. Being comfortable with his sexuality, Larry would dress unconventionally. One result was that Larry was frequently bullied by his peers because of his gender expression. On February 12, 2008,



King was shot in the head by his fellow classmate Brandon McInerney, who was only fourteen years old himself. He has been charged with first degree murder and hate crime charges.

Did You Know.....

- **Students who are subjected to frequent harassment:**
- Do less well academically
- Have a high drop out rate.
- **Victims of bullying are much more likely to:**
- be depressed or even suicidal
- Consume drugs or alcohol
- Carry a weapon to school

- GLBT students hear anti-gay slurs about 26 times a day or every 14 minutes.
- 53% of GLBT students report hearing homophobic remarks made by school staff
- Six out of 10 teens witness bullying at least once a day
- 38% of students experienced physical harassment at school on the basis of sexual orientation
- 26% of students experienced physical harassment at school on the basis of gender expression
- 18% have been physically assaulted at school because of their sexual orientation
- 12% have been physically assaulted at school because of their gender expression



More facts..

- Youth of color account for 91% of victims, 85% of which are black or Latino
- 63% of Latino parents feel it is important for parents to teach their children that it is wrong to treat other people differently because they are gay.

What is cyberbullying: Cyber bullying is where children can harass others using the Internet. Many children now have a FaceBook or MySpace account, or harass using messaging services.

- ◆ A 17-year-old was convicted of harassment after creating a fake profile on the social networking site Bebo. He drove his former friend to attempt suicide by luring him into an online relationship and then telling friends and teachers intimate details of their online conversations.

The 16-year-old victim, from Brighton, East Sussex, swallowed 60 painkillers.

