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## Grants to Teachers Application Form

Date: March 29, 2011  
Grant Title: Relational Aggression, Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention  
School: High School  
Grade Level(s): 8-12  
Content Area: Family and Consumer Sciences, Relationships, and Life Success  
Total Dollar Amount Requested: \$4,435.00

This grant is needed to keep the anti-bullying environment growing in the High School. "160,000 students stay home everyday because they are afraid of being bullied at school" ([www.pen.eiu.edu](http://www.pen.eiu.edu)). "7% of eighth grade students stay home at least once a month because of bullies" ([www.highlands.k12.fl.us/bullyingstatsresources.htm](http://www.highlands.k12.fl.us/bullyingstatsresources.htm)). Students cannot learn if they aren't in school.

\$502,84

**1. What is the major educational need this grant addresses? Please give grade level and academic area.**

This grant provides funding for three (3) separate events for Holdenville High School. A brief description follows: Facilitator is Kelly Barnes, [www.yournextspeaker.com](http://www.yournextspeaker.com)

A. "I-influence" is an all school assembly. This is the kickoff event and will be an all school assembly. This keynote will be set as a welcome back school assembly and will focus on school spirit and directed to help students understand the influence they have on one another.

Cost: \$1000.00

B. "I-Decide" is a low elements ropes course. This follow up program will be geared to no more than 40 pre-selected student leaders who will go through a half day (4 hour) low elements ropes course training. I-Decide will provide students with the tools to make a direct impact on the student body. The program focuses on school unity, overcoming obstacles/barriers and helping give every student a voice.

Cost: \$1500.00 \*This includes all materials for ropes course plus two facilitators.

End of October, Fall Break dateline. (\$605.00 for t-shirts, LCD embroidery)

C. "We-Grow" all school assembly. The final program will serve as the wrap up to the contract and will provide all students and faculty with directions on "where we go from here". This will include a call to action and follow through to help students understand how their actions have a direct impact on their future. February 7-13, 2012.

Cost: \$1000.00

**2. Approximately how many pupils will be affected by this project, both directly and indirectly?**

Approximately 400. Every student and faculty member at Holdenville High School will be impacted by this project. When the final event date is decided in February included will be a stand-in for bullycide victims. A stand-in is a time of reflection; to those who have committed suicide because of the torment they lived . As of February 18, 2011; 115 victims of the United States, list included in grant. The stand-in included community leaders and members.

**3. Describe your grant including methods, materials and objectives. Foundation grants are intended to fund a creative teaching plan, so if equipment or materials are requested it should be clearly stated as to why these are an integral part of the plan.**

Kelly Barnes is well known in Oklahoma, especially FCCLA and FFA student organizations Kelly presented a program February 18, 2011 at the high school; here are a few comments from the student evaluation tool:

"Kelly was amazing! I heard people talking about it weeks later."

"I think it rocked a lot of people".

"It was a lot of fun, and I think it made a point".

"I liked the anti-bullying assembly. It was fun and the activities got everyone involved. I also liked how Kelly was able to talk about bullying through his own experiences".

"It was really good! Kept you up on your feet, fun".

My objective is to keep inclusion, everybody in, nobody out! Moving through the school from eighth to twelfth grade. The three events, bully-free bracelets, posters, and t-shirts for leaders will provide visual, audio, and other sensory and intellectual stimulus and teaching.

**4. Give a time schedule of implementation.**

This grant will teach all year! The first day of school, the student leader training at the first nine weeks, and the final all school assembly in February, 2012. This grant will keep bullying and relational aggression on everyone's radar. By-standers and victims will be supported and educated; to be resilient and strong in time of conflict and confusion. Bullies will be educated by peers.

**5. Detail your budget request. Include specific information about kinds of materials and equipment needed, sources of supply, and costs (including shipping and handling). If possible, list alternatives if full funding is not available.**

\$3500.00 three events with supplies and facilitators.

\$130.00 wrist bracelets "BULLY FREE" 400 students and faculty.

\$ 200.00 Posters for classroom and school common areas (bully posters) [www.zassle.com](http://www.zassle.com) and [www.overcomingbullying.org](http://www.overcomingbullying.org)

\$605.00 t-shirts by LCD embroidery 40 for student leaders, event 2.

**Total: \$4435.00 Shipping & handling charges included.**

FCCLA planned this event for 2011, our officer team budgeted \$50.00 from each campus organization to pay the fee. Yearbook, Freshmen class and JOM provided the funding. The majority provided by JOM and the Native American community.

FCCLA: \$250.00

Yearbook: \$50.00

Freshmen: \$50.00

JOM: \$450.00

I am very grateful for the involvement the Native American community takes in the success of every student in Holdenville Public Schools. I am hopeful each organization will budget \$50.00 for anti-bullying in 2012.

**6. What methods will be used for measuring the stated objectives, or what definite evaluation will you make to determine whether the grant was successful?**

Success will be measured by climate improvement and student inclusion in our school community. I have seen since February 18, 2011 kindness and compassion, help and support. I have seen and heard malicious gossip and texts. Bullying will never go away; but this grant will support the victims and by-standers to overcome maltreatment and think positively of their life. This grant will help those students that think life will never improve and to make the pain stop they must end their life. We can't let one die and then wonder, "what could we have done?"

Bullycide victims

Hope Witsell, 13

Megan Gillan, 15

Holly Grogan, 15

Sam Leeson, 13

Rachel Neblett, 17 *A fear so deep and so real she felt her only way out was to end her life. Mark Neblett*

Jeffrey Johnson, 15

Phoebe Prince, 15

Billy Lucas, 15

Asher Brown, 13

Seth Walsh, 13

Tyler Clementi, gifted musician Rutgers' freshmen, 18

The first recognized bullycide of Steven Shepherd in 1967.

In April 1998, Brian Franklish.

September 29, 1998: after a long period of bullying at school Jared B High took his life at home aged 13 years and 6 days.

January 2, 2002: Joseph Daniel Scruggs hung himself in his bedroom closet without leaving a suicide note. He was 12 years old.

October 7, 2003: 13-year-old Ryan Patrick Halligan commits suicide after being bullied at school.

Ty Field Smalley: 11 years old. May 13, 2010, Perkins Oklahoma

Brandon Swathwood: December 12, 2000.

Twelve-year-old Debbie Shaw agrees to a challenge by other girls to end her bullying and victimization by fighting the school bully. She died of her injuries.

Thirteen-year-old Roger Hillyard found dead near his home after a lifetime of bullying.

Sisters Samantha and Michaela Kendal are so taunted and bullied about their overweight they go on hunger strike ... both died.

Fifteen-year-old Darren Steele is found hanged in his bedroom after a life of bullying and victimization at school.

Twelve-year-old schoolboy Stephen Woodhall hanged himself with his brother's school tie rather than face bullying by the school bullies for another day.

\* In September 1997, 13-year-old girl Kelly Yeomans took a fatal overdose after months of tormenting and bullying. Her bullies were given a slap on the wrist.

**Stephen Sandon, six, collapsed and died in terror of a bully pack almost a year to the day after the death of Joanna Canlin in the same tough schoolyard.**

Kristina Calico. December 4, 2005

In February 1996 Katherine Jane Morrison, 16, takes a fatal overdose after horrendous bullying.

Fifteen-year-old Marianne Bisenieks dies of an overdose.

Matthew Epling. July 16, 2002.

Megan Meyer: October 12, 2006. It was discovered that a close adult friend of the family had caused Megan to spiral into depression because of cyberbullying.

April Himes. February 14, 2000.

Corrine Wilson. October 6, 2004.

Jeff Johnston. June 29, 2005.

In January 1995 Marie McGovern overdoses after bullying. Her diaries recorded a life of day-to-day terror.

Sixteen-year-old bully victim Lucy Forrester.

In September 1994 Lynette McLaughlin.

Fourteen-year-old Amanda Brownridge.

Schoolgirl dancer Kelly Farrar, 13.

Mark MacLaglan hanged himself from a tree because of bullying.

Teenage cyclist Mark Perry risked the road to escape a gang of bullies. He died under the wheels of a truck.

James Lambeth, 16

An un-named Asian boy is knifed to death in a suicidal bid to stand up against the bullies who had made his life hell.

Eleven-year-old Martin Harvey, a long-time victim, collapsed and died when a bully gang charged him in the playground.

Daniel Overfield, 12.

Eli Ross, 17.

April 2000 Denise Baillie, 14.

Mark Harvey, 15.

Peter Evans, 11.

Fourteen-year-old Tom Brough.

Six-year-old Matthew Bibby risks the busy rush hour road rather than the bullies and is killed by a car as he tries to escape them.

Jamie Evans, 14.

Suzie Barclay takes an overdose of pills after vicious playground taunts

David Tuck hangs himself after refusing to attend first day of school because of bullying.

George Goodall, 13.

12-year-old Michael Gourley,

Daniel Mole 21. It was his 21st birthday.

A 12-year-old student at a top private school hanged himself from a tree to escape merciless bullying.

Jemma Brine-Daniels, 14, dies of overdose after being bullied at school ... by teachers.

Hunter, aged 12, hanged himself after a campaign of bullying which involved him being spat upon and bullies urinating in his sports bag.

Nine-year-old Neil Gadd chooses the main road rather than face bullies blocking the subway pass. He's knocked down and killed.

**Eight-year-old Marie Bentham hangs herself in her bedroom.**

\* In January 2000 Danielle Goss is the first bullycide of the New Millennium after a campaign of bullying which included abusive messages on her cell phone.

Teacher Jean Evans hangs herself after unrelenting bullying by students and lack of support from the administration.

October 2000: 15-year-old Gail Jones overdoses after a long campaign of bullying, harassment and threat through her cell phone.

February 14, 2001: 10-year-old Jevan Richardson hangs himself at his home. In a suicide note, Jevan wrote "I can't get anything right. I'm always wrong. I just want to die and I'm going to hang myself."

13-year-old Kayleigh Davies hangs herself in her bedroom on December 20, 2000.

June 23, 2001: Nicola Raphael, 15

September 20 2001: 14-year-old Laura Grimes.

November 27, 2001: fifteen-year-old Elaine Swift died from an overdose after bullying, harassment and assault.

November 2001: 13-year-old Morgan Musson.

March 2002: 15-year-old Hannah Taylerson.

April 13, 2002: 13-year-old Laura Kilibarda.

April 18, 2002: 14-year-old Adam Grigg

August 4, 2002: 13-year-old Jack Glasby.

September 13, 2002: 12-year-old Emma Morrison

October 23, 2002: 14-year-old Scott Young.

March 7, 2003: 12-year-old Natalie Ruddick.

April 15, 2003: 14-year-old Jade Hughes.

April 17, 2003: 15-year-old Sarah Harrison.

June 6, 2003: Karl Peart, 16.

June 17, 2003: Gemma Dimmick, 15

June 30, 2003: Oliver Sabine, 17, is found hanged after suffering years of bullying which left him scared to go out.

July 3, 2003: 11-year-old Thomas Thompson kills himself with an overdose of painkillers because he was bullied at school for being "too smart".

July 12, 2003: Christopher O'Reilly, 15, hangs himself after bullies threaten to kill him or his parents. Christopher had already had his face slashed and his cell phone and wallet stolen.

September 7, 2003: 15-year-old Marianne Shanks.

December 17, 2003: 18-year-old Hannah Kirkham.

May 31, 2004: 12-year-old Aaron Armstrong.

July 2004: James Rogers.

September 2004: 13-year-old Laura Rhodes.

September 2004: 14-year-old Amy Rose Tipton.

October 2004: Jamie Sell, 17

April 2005: 12-year-old Nathan Jones.

April 2005: 14-year-old Shaun Noonan

May 2005: 15-year-old Anna Marie Averill.

### **Near suicides**

May 2005: 17-year-old Kirsty Jessen was bullied continuously since the age of 4 because she suffers from alopecia (hair loss). She thought often about committing suicide. [\[More\]](#)

25 June 2003: 9-year-old Jessica O'Connell kept a two-year diary of events in which she describes being hit, verbally abused and held down in a swimming pool. Jessica thought about killing herself because of two years of bullying by a classmate which the school repeatedly failed to deal with - the school said that her tormentor could only be suspended because the bullying was "not serious enough" for greater punishment. Jessica wrote *"To mommy, I wish I was dead so I don't have to suffer any more pain. I love you."* Jessica lived to tell the tale - but only just.

**I was bullied because....**

Mackenzie Spanier 17, people were jealous.

Joey Kemmerling, 16, I am gay.

Alex and Phillippe, 15, we are overweight.

Moriah Kilgore, 15, I am biracial.

Khoshnoor Parcacha, 17, I am Muslim.

Jamie Isaacs, 14, rich kid. Victim of I Hate Jamie Club.