

SCHOOL VIOLENCE - A RESOURCE GUIDE

Complied by Trina Gifford

Teachers often have to deal with crises in their students' personal lives. Here are some numbers that will be useful in dealing with such situations:

GENERAL HELP LINES

Kids Peace, the National Center for Kids in Crisis, offers a variety of services and materials. For educational materials, call (800) 25-PEACE. To reach the 24-hour Helpline for crisis information that can be accessed by kids, parents, and professionals, call (800) 334-4KID. A KidsPeace Home Page, complete with parenting advice and child development research, is available on the Internet at <http://webmart.freedom.net/kidspeace>.

FAMILIES

Family Service America. Materials for families in crisis-divorce, marriage, single parents, stepfamilies, aging, and more. (800) 221-2681.

CHILD ABUSE

Childhelp USA. Provides comprehensive crisis counseling by mental health professionals for adult and child victims of child abuse and neglect. (800) 422-4453.

MISSING CHILDREN

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Center for reporting missing children, sightings of missing children, or reporting cases of child pornography. (800) 422-4453.

National Runaway Switchboard.

Provides information, referral, and crisis counseling services to runaway and homeless youths and their families. (800) 621-4000.

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

Regional Centers for Drug-Free Schools and Communities.

In U.S.: Northeast (516) 589-7022; Southeast (800) 621-SERC; Midwest

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(800) 356-2735; Southwest (800) 234-7972; Western (800) 547-6339.

The Center for Children of Alcoholics. Provides counseling and therapy for alcoholic and dysfunctional family issues. (908) 530-9805.

Families Anonymous. For concerned relatives and friends of youth with drug-abuse or related behavioral problems. (800) 736-9805.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disability Association (LDA). The national organization devoted to defining and finding solutions for learning problems. (412) 341-1515.

Orton Dyslexia Society.

For persons interested in the study, treatment, and prevention of the problems of this specific language disability. (800) ABCD123.

ADD Warehouse. Distributes books, videos, and training programs for Atten-

tion Deficit Disorder (ADD) and related problems. (800) 232-5463.

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

American Foundation for the Blind. Resources and referral information. (800) 232-5463.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf. Information about deafness. Has a philosophy of mainstreaming deaf children. (202) 337-5220.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

National Mental Health Association. Refers callers to one of 600 affiliated centers across the country for information about various types of mental illness. (703) 684-7722.

National Association of Community Health Centers. Call for local referrals. (202) 883-9280. ✉

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