The Catholic Mutual Connection

Preventing Bullying Everywhere

Bullying has been around since before the time of Christ, but, given the connectivity of the modern age, it seems bullies have more ways than ever to target those who are more vulnerable. These days, bullying can happen anywhere: in schools, online and in religious education classes and youth groups, and it's often up to the adults in these situations to demonstrate that it is not acceptable. Research has shown that adults adhering to a strong, consistent zero-tolerance policy can help stop bullying behavior over time. Adults should also familiarize themselves with the warning signs of bullying so they can teach young people how to identify it and safely stand up for themselves. At CMG Connect, teachers, adult staff and volunteers who work with young people can find a training video to help them spot red flags and discourage bullying.

We have also developed a video and other resources geared toward children to help them learn to defend themselves against bullying, with additional videos for older kids and teens coming soon. You can find them by visiting CMG Connect and selecting Risk Management CARES Resource Library, then Bullying Resources (under the Schools subheading) in the Resources tab at the top of the page.

Resource Tip

Did you know that CMG Connect has truly become a one-stop shop for our members? Now, you can access the entire CARES Library, simply by logging into CMG Connect and clicking the Resources tab. It's all the information you need - right at your fingertips!

Scrip Tips

Scrips can be a win-win for parishes and schools. Not only are they accepted at stores - and even utility companies - where families would be spending their money anyway, but they can also be a valuable fundraiser. It's important to note that since scrip is a substitute for legal tender, it should be treated just like money. You can learn more about our guidelines for handling scrip here.

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