

Equality for All

DISCRIMINATION AND BULLYING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS. TEENS IN CALCASIEU PARISH HAVE BEEN BULLIED FOR THINGS SUCH AS SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER. MANY TEENS FEEL THEY CANNOT BE THEMSELVES WITHOUT BEING CRITICIZED.

Facts and Statistics

- ▶ Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people ages 10-24.
- ▶ According to thetrevorproject.org, LGBTQ teens are four times more likely to commit suicide rather than heterosexual teens. Also, teens who question their sexuality are two times more likely to commit suicide.
- ▶ According to stopbullyingnowfoundation.org, 160,000 students stay home from school every day due to bullying.
- ▶ According to dosomething.org, in 2012 51% of Americans expressed an anti-black sentiments in a poll; a 3% increase from 2008.

Humble Recommendations

- ▶ Creating more clubs in schools such as a Pilot Club
- ▶ Committees specifically set up for anti-bullying awareness
- ▶ Parents volunteer to host events that are anti-bullying and friendly environments