

Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter

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Making Neighborhoods Safe for Kids & Families!

We share information to empower and keep children, families, and neighbors safe. We provide steps to make neighborhoods, communities and cities safe, healthy places to work and live.

Parents, click visit www.safekidsnow for a free consultation!



Children are God's love gift; they are Heaven's generous reward.

Psalm 127:3

WAKE UP MEDIA: AMERICA NEEDS YOU!

By Stephanie Mann

The political debate is: Will Americans move away from free markets and toward socialism? According to the dictionary, "A transitional social state is between the overthrow of capitalism and the realization of communism: socialism is the first stage of the worldwide transition to communism."

Socialism may sound good to people struggling to pay bills and the younger generation, but we are heading down a dangerous path! Social isolation and COVID took a significant toll on families. There was confusion after January 6th, with politicians dividing Americans. Free speech and religious freedom are now under attack, and the national media has avoided covering bipartisan discussions.

The American people should demand open monthly debates between Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Many Americans see a troubling future of division, which translates into frustration, anger, and fear for their children's future.

We can't heal without honest discussions. There are many conflicting stories of what did and did not happen on January 6th.

For years, the media has been an "ambulance chaser." Many programs focus on "If it bleeds, it leads." Celebrities, gossip, clothes, makeup, food, movies, music, and sex are hot topics too. Today,

Americans need programs that offer hope on issues that concern them the most. It is time to get creative and make informative programs interesting.

“We, the people” have ideas and solutions!

The U.S. Constitution states, “**We the People**, to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...” So why is the media biased toward one party or the other without including the people who create change?

The media can play a critical role in healing and reducing stress for people who care about issues that affect their lives. Here are some ideas to consider:

- Offer a one hour a week Forum on every channel. A discussion with citizens, experts, and representatives of non-profits. Exchange ideas with an interactive audience. End the show with a plan of action and contacts to answer questions.
- Address problems that concern Americans; January 6th, housing, cost of food, crime, violence, sex trafficking, Sextortion/Internet safety, education, home safety, youth empowerment, environment, parenting, childcare, gender dystrophia, neighborhood involvement, police, Immigration, homelessness, suicide, stress, and anger, etc.
- Invite teens to participate; write their ideas, make a poster, create a poem or song about the subject.
- Have a contest where people can offer their solutions.
- Invite families and neighbors to work together on a project of interest and come on the show to share ideas with a PowerPoint presentation or video.

I’ve been a crime and violence prevention specialist for 40 years, and I was always surprised by how wise and creative people are at producing workable solutions. Citizens have the answers to our problems. TV programs can tap into a treasure trove of solutions from people working on issues that help their fellow Americans.

Politicians pass laws and spend our money! The media has much to gain if they start conversations to educate and discuss ideas and solutions that can stimulate meaningful community discussions. It will be “we the people” who save America. Let’s work together to make change happen.

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**“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”
-Frederick Douglass**



The Rising Tide of Violence in Public Schools

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Is There a Pat Answer, the Perfect Strategy to School Conflict Resolution?

Over the past 10 years, American schools have implemented various programs and initiatives to address the issues of bullying and violence. Here are some notable examples:

1. **Olweus Bullying Prevention Program:** This evidence-based program focuses on changing the school culture to reduce bullying. It involves implementing school-wide rules, improving adult supervision, and promoting positive relationships among students.
2. **Second Step:** This social-emotional learning program aims to enhance students' empathy, emotion management, and problem-solving skills. It addresses bullying prevention by teaching students to recognize, report, and refuse bullying behaviors.
3. **Safe School Ambassadors:** This program empowers students to intervene and prevent bullying incidents. Selected students receive training on how to become positive influences and advocates for safer schools.
4. **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS):** PBIS is a framework that promotes positive behavior by establishing clear expectations and reinforcing appropriate conduct. It focuses on prevention and early intervention to reduce incidents of bullying and violence.
5. **StopBullying.gov:** This program, developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides valuable resources and information to schools, parents, and students to prevent and respond to bullying. It offers guidance on creating safe environments, implementing prevention strategies, and addressing cyberbullying.
6. **Rachel's Challenge:** Inspired by the life of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine High School shooting, this program encourages students to promote kindness, compassion, and acceptance. It includes presentations, activities, and initiatives to foster a positive school climate.

7. **Project Wisdom:** This character education program promotes values like respect, responsibility, and empathy. It addresses bullying and violence by fostering a positive school culture through daily inspirational messages and activities.

8. **Peer Mediation:** Many schools have implemented peer mediation programs where trained student mediators help resolve conflicts between their peers in a peaceful manner, reducing the likelihood of bullying incidents.

9. **Restorative Justice Practices:** Restorative justice approaches focus on repairing the harm caused by bullying and violence, rather than solely punishing the offender. It emphasizes accountability, dialogue, and reconciliation to foster a safer and more inclusive school environment.

10. **Cyberbullying Prevention Programs:** With the rise of technology, schools have implemented programs to address cyberbullying. These initiatives educate students about responsible online behavior, digital citizenship, and the potential consequences of cyberbullying.

In addressing the issues of extreme violence, bullying, and threats in schools, it is important to acknowledge the significant role of parental support and engagement. While schools have implemented various programs and strategies to tackle these problems, the effectiveness of these initiatives can vary, and their implementation may differ across schools and districts.

Reinforce Combined Set Efforts to Resolve the Violence Problems in Public Schools

To foster a safer and more inclusive environment, it is crucial for parents to become actively involved and collaborate with teachers. Here are some ways in which parental support and engagement can contribute to resolving these problems:

1. **Communication and Awareness:** Schools can promote open lines of communication with parents, keeping them informed about incidents, preventive measures, and available resources. This helps parents understand the issues at hand and encourages them to actively engage in discussions and activities related to bullying and violence prevention.
2. **Parent Education and Workshops:** Schools can organize workshops and training sessions to educate parents about the signs and impacts of bullying, violence, and threats. These sessions can also provide guidance on how parents can support their children, recognize warning signs, and respond effectively.
3. **Collaboration on Policies and Procedures:** Involving parents in the development or review of school policies and procedures related to bullying and violence can ensure a holistic approach. By incorporating diverse perspectives, schools can create policies that address the specific needs of their community.
4. **Parent Volunteer Programs:** Engaging parents as volunteers in anti-bullying and violence prevention programs can have a positive impact. Parents can assist with supervision, mentorship, and organizing activities that promote positive behavior and a respectful school climate.

5. Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTOs): PTOs provide a platform for parents to actively participate in school decision-making processes and advocate for safer environments. Collaboration between PTOs and school administration fosters a collective effort towards resolving these issues.

6. Parent-Child Dialogue: Encouraging parents to have open conversations with their children about bullying, violence, and threats can help raise awareness and build resilience. Parents can provide guidance, support, and teach conflict resolution skills to their children.

7. Parent Support Groups: Establishing support groups for parents who have children affected by bullying or violence can create a sense of community. These groups provide a space for sharing experiences, gaining insights, and supporting one another.

By actively involving parents in the efforts to address extreme violence, bullying, and threats in schools, the collaboration between schools and families can yield stronger outcomes. It is essential to recognize the valuable role parents play in creating safe and nurturing environments for students, and their engagement can greatly contribute to the overall effectiveness of prevention and intervention strategies.

Several things can be done to address the problem of violence in public schools. These include:

Strengthening community partnerships: Schools, families, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations need to work together to address the problem of school violence. By working together, these groups can access additional resources, support, and expertise to address the underlying causes of violence and implement preventive measures.

Comprehensive anti-bullying programs: Schools need to implement comprehensive anti-bullying programs. These programs should focus on creating a safe and inclusive environment, fostering empathy and respect, and equipping students with conflict resolution skills. Additionally, strict disciplinary measures should be in place to address instances of bullying promptly.

Media literacy and regulation: Schools must promote media literacy among students. This will help students critically analyze and understand the potential effects of violent media content. Schools should incorporate media literacy education into their curriculum, empowering students to make informed choices and develop a healthy relationship with media. Furthermore, stricter regulations on the accessibility and content of violent media can help mitigate its negative influence on student behavior.

Substance abuse prevention and counseling: Schools need to implement comprehensive substance abuse prevention programs. These programs should raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse, provide support for at-risk students, and offer counseling services for those struggling with addiction. Additionally, schools can collaborate with external organizations specializing in substance abuse prevention to enhance their efforts.

Conflict resolution and restorative practices: Schools need to integrate conflict resolution and restorative practices into their curriculum. These approaches can help students learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully.

Violence in public schools is a severe problem, but it can be addressed. Working together can create safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Conclusion

The problem of violence in public schools is a serious one, but it is not insurmountable. By working together, we can create safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Call to Action

There are many things that you can do to help address the problem of violence in public schools. Here are a few ideas:

Talk to your children about violence. Let them know that violence is never the answer, and that they should always come to you if they are being bullied or threatened.

Get involved in your child's school. Volunteer in the classroom, serve on the PTA, or attend school board meetings. This will help you to stay informed about the school's policies on violence prevention, and it will also give you a chance to make your voice heard.

Support organizations that are working to prevent violence in schools. There are many organizations that are working to make schools safer places for children. You can support these organizations by donating your time, money, or expertise.

Together, we can make a difference. Let's work together to create safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

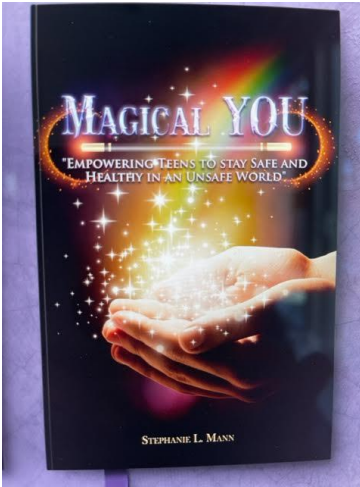
(This third part concludes this series)

“THERE IS NO KEENER REVELATION OF A SOCIETY’S SOUL THAN THE WAY IN WHICH WE TREAT ITS CHILDREN.” - Nelson Mandela

Call to Action Items...

From the Editor: In previous editions, we offered an announcement via a “Call to Action” to let our readers know that Safe Kids Now News is available on LinkedIn. Since that time, other readers approached Safe Kids Now to place announcements about important events aligned with our efforts to shed light on the problems that kids, their families, and America’s neighborhoods face in the midst of the confusion today, largely brought about by the toxic rhetoric and propaganda. So, we continue with the action items with this section of the newsletter...

NEW BOOK RELEASE FOR EMPOWERING TEENS



Magical YOU! Empowering Teens to stay Safe and Healthy in an Unsafe World by Stephanie Mann
(Available in paperback on Amazon)

“This book is an inner journey to help teens stay safe and healthy no matter what has happened in their life. I was a victim of abuse in my home, abandoned in Mexico City at age 15, and didn’t speak the language. I learned how to survive and thrive; teens can do it too.”

- Stephanie Mann, Author

2nd Call to Action:

Restore USA Conference 10/7/23

Let’s move beyond merely reciting the problems to applying the Bible to civics as did America’s founding generations from 1620-1776!

Because “the Bible Is The Source of America’s Inalienable Rights,” we can relearn to apply it to recapture what America has lost. Many believe America was founded as a Christian nation, but few can connect the dots between the Bible and America’s Founding Documents!

Sign up today to learn why so many prominent early Americans said, “The American Revolution was birthed from the sermons preached in Bible-preaching Christian churches the ten years before! All religions have cultural and political outcomes. The Declaration of Independence refutes atheism, deism and other false religions masquerading as Biblical Christianity!

We’ll learn how the Bible’s Ten Commandments is the value system enumerated in America’s ten Bill of Rights. They align to secure our right to worship God publicly as He desires per 10 Commandments 1-4, honor our family members, and not steal from, sexually molest, murder, or lie to or about each other!

For more information and to register for the conference, visit <https://libertycf.org/restoreusa>.

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it.
-Proverbs 22:6

From The Good News Network

Compelling Videos and Podcasts...

- From CBN News: [Tim Ballard Testifies: 'Open' U.S. Borders Exploiting Migrant Children, Aiding Sex Traffickers – 9/13/23](#)

- From LifeSite: California is threatening to take kids from parents who don't 'affirm' transgender confusion – 9/18/23
- From Forbes Breaking News: VIRAL MOMENT: CA Superintendent Forced Out Of Chino School Board Meeting On Trans Notification Rule – 7/22/23
- From Hillsdale College: Science, the Transgender Phenomenon, and the Young | Abigail Shrier - 5/12/21
- Podcast > From The Christian Post: Troubling History: How Trans Ideology Captured Our Institutions – 4/28/23



Important Reading...

- From Focus on the Family: A Prayer For My Kids to Withstand Pressure Throughout the School Year – 9/13/23
- From The Daily Signal: Randi Weingarten Cites SPLC to Demonize Parental Rights Movement – 9/13/23
- From CBN News: School Board Axes 'Offensive' Invocations After Atheists Dismantle Longtime Prayer Tradition– 9/18/23
- From American Military News: Military cancels 'Sound of Freedom' anti-human-trafficking movie screenings – 9/9/23
- From Focus on the Family: Foster Care System Problems – 8/28/23
- ICYMI > From Canada Free Press by Dennis Jamison: The Sound of Freedom -- An Alarm Bell for All of God's Children – 8/14/23
- ICYMI > From Liberty Counsel: Explosive Testimony in DC – 7/31/23 - The Democrats have 212 co-sponsors for HR 15 — a bill that will make it a violation of federal law for parents to try to stop the medical system from sterilizing and surgically mutilating their own children.

Inspiring & Transforming Stories...

- From The Epoch Times: 6 Ways to Encourage Wisdom in Our Children
- From the Aoki Family Journal (a family series): Taking Time for Each Child | Aoki Family - Episode 10



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