

BULLYING HOTLINE AVAILABLE

USD 325, in partnership with the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Children's Service League, announces the availability of the Bullying Prevention Hotline. This free, anonymous service is available to provide counsel and resources to those who have questions or concerns about bullying situations. The 24-hour hotline can be reached at **(1-800-332-6378 or 1-800-CHILDREN)**. The hotline can also be reached via text or e-mail at 1800children@kcscl.org.

Provided through a grant from "Safe and Supportive Schools," the hotline is staffed by trained professionals and volunteers who listen to each caller's concerns and seek to provide the caller with resources to assist him or her. In the coming months, posters will be received and displayed in the schools to ensure students and those who visit our schools are aware of the hotline and know the number.

The Bullying Prevention Hotline should not be confused with the Kansas School Safety Hotline. The Kansas School Safety Hotline (1-877-626-8203) should still be used to report potential violent acts at schools. Students who feel unsafe at school could call either hotline; the professionals at the Bullying Prevention Hotline will forward any calls to the School Safety Hotline if they feel there is the potential for violence, or that a student may harm him/herself or others.