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"WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH!"

Bullying, poverty, and
where do we go from here.

Dear Fellow Activist;

I am writing in regards to the pressing problem that continues to raise its ugly head within our communities. Which is bullying,

Now I have written to so-called advocates bringing this issue to light and it seems that, everyone is talking about it but nobody has come up with a comprehensible solution.

People! Listen up! Why not look to the people that may be specialist on the subject, prisoners. If anybody would know how to deal with and combat bullying would be individuals that have to deal with this criminal element as a part of their way of life.

I am not saying that all prisoners are bullies, that is far from reality. What I am saying is we have the most experience on the topic.

Knowing this to be true, a group of prisoners at Old Colony Correctional Center got together and wrote and produced a educational video called "EVOLUTION OF A BULLY."

This video project deals with the who, what, why, when, and hows of the developing mentality of bullying in its forms.

video is also a working resolution to bullying for comes with a comprehensive curriculum and music to combat the negative aspects of todays popular

Where is this miracle video? You may ask. Well the answer is, sitting in limbo!

Although the video was finished almost a year already. The powers that be within the Department of Corrections will not release the video to the outside producers to put the so ever needed finishing touches on it so it can be brought to the schools that are in dire need of this program.

Along with this letter to you I am also sending a copy of two letters that I received from D.O.C. officials directly involved with the video project. And what I am asking you to do is call these two individuals, and ask them what is the problem with the release of this project. And while they give you the ol' 1-2- run around, let me tell you what the real problem is.

The D.O.C. does not want to show prisoners in a positive light to the communities. They want you to think that we are all animals in hear taring up the place, fighting and killing one another. So they are very reluctant to release this video to the masses. We did that much of a good job with it.

So as you see I added along with this letter my synopsis of bullying and you will see in it the main problem that is the cause of bullying. Which can be traced right back to low income and middle class families, that have single parent homes.

So now I ask you, Where do you stand now with the info. that you just was provided with, and are you ready to say "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH."

If so please contact me at the address above or e-mail me at Leonard "Freedom" Jackson@ g-mail.com. And I will provide you with a copy of the curriculum and an update on our status.

JOIN THE FIGHT!

Very truly yours,
Leonard Jackson
LIFERS GROUP CHAIRMAN

SYNOPSIS

It is my assessment that the character traits of a bully is that of immaturity, which is caused by the individuals inability to envision.

The mental faculty which allows us to envision can be tied to the ability of a person to feel empathy; which leads to sympathy and remorse which can correct ones ways and future actions.

Although we are moving into a society of highly developed technological prowess we are leaving our culture, (which makes us a civilization) behind. When it is these cultural properties that have allowed us to evolve unobstructed for thousands of years. A most important part of cultural development is the right of passage. This aspect of life is a transitory one that allows for the development of a child's psyche to mature into adulthood, through a set of tasks and activities that promote, self-reliance, self-awareness, confidence, and responsibility.

Our children of today lack these essential skills, causing what is becoming an epidemic in our society today.

Thus we present to you, The Right To Pass Project.

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RE: Right To Pass Project

Date: ____/____/____

OVERVIEW:

R.T.P.P. is a program based upon a joint effort between inmates here at O.C.C.C., and includes coordination with Bridgewater State College students mentoring young people through the rights of passage into adulthood. Through exercises that strengthen self-awareness and responsibility, we hope to achieve and promote an Anti-Bullying initiative and a back to school movement.

POINT-I

management skills how to defuse problematic situations by rational thinking and the

include role-playing that will dramatize real life situations and the best way to quell

the point of view of each person involved. Also, employ group participation in the creation
skits that will allow for different life experiences.

POINT-III

Re-establish a connection with the community by developing confidence in others through workshops that build communicative skills, volunteer work, collective recreation activities and accepting others as they are.

POINT-IV

Set goals that establish financial security, while maintaining a positive atmosphere for all that are involved. Training in money management basics such as bank account and checking account services.

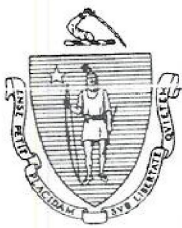
POINT-V

Also, put into effect family reunification exercises that will strengthen the bond between family, friends and significant others, to prevent physical as well as psychological abuse and exploitation.

Conclusion

We believe that this five (5) point plan, along with its curriculum provides for a comprehensive right of passage program that will enhance the maturity level for each individual that partakes in this effort, both inmate and private citizen alike, while allowing a step-down process for re-entry and success in becoming a productive member in society.

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October 19, 2010

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am in receipt of your letter concerning the "Evolution of a Bully" project. While I understand your concerns, my office is not in charge of the project. I was asked to assist with it and have provided the services of our video editor, Mr. David Fauteux. The project falls under the purview of the Director of Program Services, Christopher Mitchell.

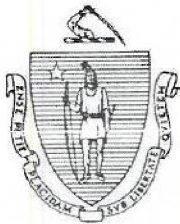
With regard to the editing, Mr. Darrin Howell has had total creative control as to what content should be included or discarded. So the omission of the community round table scene was his choice. I agree that the audio in parts was less than desirable, but David Fauteux is working on that in his studio and still editing the footage with Mr. Howell to the best of my knowledge.

To be sure, I have put in effort myself on this project and want to see it put to good use as was the intent, however, since it is not my project, I cannot authorize the release of the raw footage that you request. The talent that your group lent to the project is admirable. I will pass your letter on to Director Mitchell.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Fallon
Director of Outreach and Engagement



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Dear Mr. Jackson:

This is in response to your correspondence dated October 7, 2010 regarding the anti-bullying video project.

I share your desire to complete the anti-bullying video project and recognize the need to enhance the overall quality of the video. Many internal and external stakeholders have dedicated a significant amount of time working towards the completion of the video project. We will continue to work with our stakeholders to complete this project. Our goal is to complete the video in the near future. We will notify the OCCC administration once the video is complete.

I trust this response addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

Christopher Mitchell
Director of Reentry and Program Services

cc: **Harold W. Clarke**
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