

Community Survey 2010-2011

Summary Report Highlights

THE COMMUNITY ALLIES AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Community Allies is an alliance for the prevention of abusive behaviors that can lead to sexual violence in the Ballston Spa community. It began as a community mobilization project July 2010. The primary goals of The Community Allies is to create an organization that obtains information from the public, respects the uniqueness of the Ballston Spa community, and engages the community in preventing abusive behaviors.

The Community Allies consists of Ballston Spa community members and various agency representatives that support the area, including Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County, CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc., Ballston Spa Central School District, The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Council, Ballston Spa Community Center, and Saratoga Count District Attorney's Office. Together, the alliance hopes to assess the needs for prevention of abusive behaviors in the Ballston Spa community as well as to formulate responses to those needs.

The first step The Community Allies took to begin their assessment for the need of prevention programming against abusive behaviors was to develop the community survey and distribute it to community members. The purpose of the survey was to collect data from community members on their level of concern with certain abusive behaviors that can lead to sexual violence occurring in the Ballston Spa community. From the data collected in community members' completed surveys, The Community Allies will develop programming to help promote awareness and prevention of abusive behaviors that are of most concern and are the most experienced.

The Community Allies would like to thank all of Ballston Spa community members and local businesses for aiding us in the success of the community survey's distribution and collection of data. Your participation will help The Community Allies in developing programs that better fit the needs and wants of the community.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The primary goal of the distribution and data analysis of the community survey was to collect data from community members on their level of concern with certain abusive behaviors that can lead to sexual violence occurring in the Ballston Spa community. From community members' responses on the survey, The Community Allies will develop programming to help promote awareness and prevention of abusive behaviors that are of most concern in the Ballston Spa community.

Below is a summary of findings from the data analysis of the community surveys. The Community Allies set the standard that if 75% or more respondents replied they are very concerned or concerned about a certain abusive behavior occurring in the Ballston Spa community, The Community Allies would develop awareness strategies and prevention programming around the abusive behavior. Also, if 10% or more respondents have experienced an abusive behavior listed on the survey, there would also be awareness strategies and prevention programming developed around the abusive behavior for the age range and/or sex.

There are certain demographics of the respondents that need to be acknowledge and should be taken in to consideration when reviewing the data analysis of the community survey. First, there were a total of 250 surveys used in the data analysis; however the current population of the Ballston Spa community is close to 27,535 residents¹. Also, the ages of our respondents are not a comparable representation of ages in the population. The U.S. 2010 Census Data shows 76.7% of the Ballston Spa community's population are 18 years old or older. About 42% of our respondents were 18 years old or younger. Finally, the percentages of our respondents' sexes are not a comparable representation of the sex distribution in the Ballston Spa community. According to the 2000 U.S. Census Data, 46% of the Village of Ballston Spa's population are male and 53% are female². For our data analysis, 37% are male, 60% are female, and 4% did not list their sex.

Included in the Recommendations section are possible reasons for community members' responses and suggestions on how to promote awareness and prevention programs in the Ballston Spa community based on the findings in the data analysis.

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.
2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, P4, H1.

² U.S. Census Bureau has not release the sex distribution of the Ballston Spa School District population for 2010.

All Respondents Data Analysis

This is a reminder that all respondents who are community members' data are included in this data analysis. This at times skews the total number of respondents' data from male and female data in each age range group.

Total Number of Respondents Data

Over 50% of the total number of respondents reported they are very concerned and or concerned about all 7 macro-abuse categories and the 12 micro-abusive behaviors occurring in the Ballston Spa community. Listed below are the two micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (77% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (82% of respondents).

In addition, over 10% of the total number of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (16% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (27% of respondents).

According to the data analyzed, verbal and/or emotional bullying is the abuse of most concern and is the most experienced abusive behavior by the respondents than any other abusive behaviors listed on the survey.

Only 54% of respondents are concerned and or very concerned about the cyber bullying occurring in the Ballston Spa community. About 8% of respondents have experienced cyber bullying.

Total Number of Male Respondents Data

For the total number of male respondents' (92 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, one abusive behavior met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (80% of respondents).

Furthermore, 10% or more of the total number of male respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (24% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (32% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (10% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and or emotional abuse (12% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (13% of respondents).

Only 48% of males are very concerned and or concerned with cyber bullying occurring in the Ballston Spa community. About 10% have experienced cyber bullying.

Total Number of Female Respondents Data

For the total number of female respondents' (149 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, two abusive behaviors met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (81% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (84% of respondents).

In addition, 10% or more of the total number of female respondents check on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (11% of respondents), and
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (23% of respondents).

Only 59% of female respondents are very concerned and or concerned with the behavior occurring in the Ballston Spa community. About 8% of the respondents have experienced cyber bullying.

Age Range 11-13 Year Olds Respondent Data

Over 50% of the respondents in the age range 11-13 year olds who completed the community survey (11 respondents) reported they are very concerned or concerned about all 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors occurring in the Ballston Spa community. Listed below are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (81% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (84% of respondents),

- Teen dating physical abuse (91% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (82% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (91% of respondents), and
- Sexual harassment (91% of respondents).

In addition, over 10% of the total number of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (55% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (55% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (27% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (18% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (18% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (27% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (18% of respondents).

Age range 11-13 year olds have experienced the most amount of abusive behaviors than any other age range.

Only 54% of respondents in the age range 11-13 years old are very concerned or concerned with cyber bullying, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse in the Ballston Spa community. About 27% of respondents have experienced cyber bullying and 18% have experienced alcohol abuse. No respondent reported experiencing drug use.

Age Range 11-13 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents in age range 11-13 year olds (3 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro- abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 3 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Adult relationship physical abuse (100% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (100% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (100% of respondents).

In addition, over 10% of male respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (67% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (67% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (67% of respondents),

- Internet dangers (33% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (67% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (67% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (33% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (67% of respondents), and
- Drug use (33% of respondents).

Only 33% of male respondents were very concerned or concerned about teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse in the Ballston Spa community. About 67% of male respondents have experienced teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse. Around 33% have experienced drug use.

Age Range 11-13 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents' (8 respondents) data in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (100% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (88% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (100% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (100% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (100% of respondents), and
- Sexual harassment (88% of respondents).

In addition, over 10% of female respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (50% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (50% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (13% of respondents), and
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (13% of respondents).

Only 51% female respondents are very concerned and or concerned about adult relationship verbal and or emotional bullying in the Ballston Spa community. No female respondent reported experiencing this abusive behavior.

Age Range 14-18 Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 14-18 year olds (93 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 2 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (83% of respondents) and
- Sexual harassment (76% of respondents).

Furthermore, over 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (24% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (48% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (15% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional bullying (14% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (13% of respondents), and
- Sexual harassment (13% of respondents).

Only 53% of respondents reported they are very concerned or concerned about internet dangers in the Ballston Spa community. About 2% of respondents reported experiencing internet dangers.

Age Range 14-18 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (48 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, there are no abusive behaviors met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose.

In addition, 10% or more of male respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (33% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (52% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (10% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (10% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (15% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (10% of respondents.)

Only 35% of male respondents are very concerned or concerned about internet dangers in the Ballston Spa community. About 2% of male respondents have experienced internet dangers.

Age Range 14-18 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents (8 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (83% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (89% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (76% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (82% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (82% of respondents), and
- Sexual harassment (84% of respondents).

In addition, 10% or more of female respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (13% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (44% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (20% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (20% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (11% of respondents), and
- Sexual harassment (24% of respondents).

Only 64% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about adult relationship physical abuse and alcohol abuse in the Ballston Spa community. About 4% of the female respondents have experienced adult relationship physical abuse and or alcohol abuse.

Age Range 19-25 Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 19-25 years olds' (12 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 10 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (83% of respondents),

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (100% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (84% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (83% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (91% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (75% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (92% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (75% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (84% of respondents), and
- Drug use (84% of respondents).

Age range 19-25 year old respondents are very concerned or concerned about the most abusive behaviors occurring in the Ballston Spa community than any other age range.

Furthermore, 10% or more of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (17% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (17% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (25% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (17% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (17% of respondents).

Only 42% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying in the Ballston Spa community. About 8% have experienced cyber bullying.

Age Range 19-25 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (3 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (100% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (100% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (100% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (100% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (100% of respondents), and
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (100% of respondents)

No male respondents checked on the survey they have experienced any of the abusive behaviors listed on the survey.

Only 33% of respondents were very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying and sexual assault/rape occurring in the Ballston Spa community.

Age Range 19-25 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents' (9 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 9 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (78% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (100% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (89% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (78% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (89% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (89% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (78% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (89 of respondents), and
- Drug use (88% of respondents).

Furthermore, 10% or more of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (11% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (22% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (11% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (11% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (22% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (22% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (11% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (22% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (22% of respondents), and
- Drug use (11% of respondents).

Age range 19-25 year old female respondents experience the most types of abuses than any other age range or sex.

Only 44% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying. About 11% of female respondents have experience with cyber bullying.

Age Range 26-35 Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 26-35 years old (19 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 4 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (79% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (79% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (84% of respondents), and
- Drug use (84% of respondents).

Also, 10% or more of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (11% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (11% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (11% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (11% of respondents.)

Only 42% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying. No respondents reported they have experienced cyber bullying.

Age Range 26-35 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (7 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro- abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, there are no abusive behaviors that met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose.

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (14% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (14% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (14% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (14% of respondents).

Only 43% of male respondents are very concerned or concerned about adult relationship physical abuse, adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse, sexual assault/date rape, and sexual harassment. About 14% of the male respondents have experienced adult relationship verbal

and/or emotional abuse. No male respondent reported experiencing adult relationship physical abuse, sexual assault/rape, and or sexual harassment.

Age Range 26-35 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of age range 26-35 year old female respondents' (11 respondents)) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 7 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (91% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (81% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (90% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (90% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (81% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (100% of respondents), and
- Drug use (91% of respondents).

Less than 10% of female respondents experienced each type of abusive behavior and therefore did not meet the standard for The Community Allie's purpose.

Only 54% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying and or sexual harassment in the Ballston Spa community. Female respondents did not report having any experience with these abusive behaviors.

Age Range 36-50 Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 36-50 years old (36 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 4 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (80% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (80% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (78% of respondents), and
- Drug use (78% of respondents)

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (14% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (17% of respondents).

Only 62% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse. No respondent reported having any experience with teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse.

Age Range 36-50 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (11 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (90% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (91% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (82% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (82% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (82% of respondents), and
- Drug use (82% of respondents).

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (18% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (18% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (18% of respondents), and
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (36% of respondents).

Only 45% of male respondents are very concerned or concerned about teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse occurring in the Ballston Spa community. About 36% of respondents have experienced teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse

Age Range 36-50 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents' (24 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 6 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (79% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (79% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (75% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (75% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (75% of respondents), and
- Drug use (75% of respondents).

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (13% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional abuse (17% of respondents).

Only 67% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about adult relationship physical abuse, adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse, sexual assault/date rape, and or sexual harassment. About 4% have experienced adult relationship physical abuse and adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse. No female respondent reported experiencing sexual assault/rape or sexual harassment.

Age Range 51-65 Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 51-65 years old (20 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 10 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (80% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (90% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (90% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (75% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (80% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (90% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (85% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (80% of respondents),

- Alcohol abuse (90% of respondents), and
- Drug use (90% of respondents).

In addition, 10% or more of the total number of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (10% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (15% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (15% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (15% of respondents), and
- Drug use (10% of respondents).

Only 60% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying occurring in the Ballston Spa community. No respondent reported experiencing cyber bullying.

Age Range 51-65 Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (8 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 11 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (75% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (88% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (88% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (76% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (75% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (88% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (88% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (75% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (88% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (100% of respondents), and
- Drug use (100% of respondents).

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Adult relationship physical abuse (13% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal abuse (13% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (13% of respondents), and
- Drug use (13% of respondents).

Only 51% of male respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying occurring in the Ballston Spa community. No respondents reported experiencing cyber bullying.

Age Range 51-65 Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents' (11 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 9 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (81% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (91% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (100% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (82% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional abuse (91% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (91% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (82% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (91% of respondents), and
- Drug use (91% of respondents).

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (18% of respondents),
- Adult relationship physical abuse (18% of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (18% of respondents), and
- Alcohol abuse (18% of respondents).

Only 63% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about sexual assault/date rape occurring in the Ballston Spa community. No respondents reported experiencing sexual assault/date rape.

Age Range 66 & Over Year Olds Respondent Data

For the total number of respondents in the age range 66 & over years old (50 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey,

this is the 1 micro-abusive behavior that is of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (80% of respondents).

Less than 10% of respondents experienced each type of abusive behavior and therefore did not meet the standard for The Community Allie's purpose.

Only 46% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying. No respondents reported experiencing cyber bullying.

Age Range 66 & Over Year Olds Male Respondent Data

For the total number of male respondents' (9 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 12 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 9 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (100% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional abuse (100% of respondents),
- Cyber bullying (78% of respondents),
- Internet dangers (100% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (89 of respondents),
- Adult relationship verbal and/or emotional abuse (77% of respondents),
- Sexual harassment (89% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (100% of respondents), and
- Drug use (100% of respondents).

More than 10% of respondents checked on the survey they have experienced these abusive behaviors:

- Physical bullying (11% of respondents),
- Verbal and/or emotional bullying (22% of respondents),
- Teen dating physical abuse (11% of respondents),
- Teen dating verbal and/or emotional bullying (11% of respondents),
- Sexual assault/date rape (11% of respondents),
- Alcohol abuse (11% of respondents), and
- Drug use (11% of respondents).

Only 66% of male respondents are very concerned or concerned about adult relationship physical abuse and sexual assault/date rape. No respondent reported experiencing adult relationship physical abuse. About 11% reported experiencing sexual assault/date rape.

Age Range 66 & Over Year Olds Female Respondent Data

For the total number of female respondents' (38 respondents) level of concern in the 7 macro-abuse categories and 2 micro-abusive behaviors listed on the survey, these are the 2 micro-abusive behaviors that are of most concern and met the standard for The Community Allies' purpose:

- Physical bullying (78% of respondents) and
- Verbal and/or emotional abuse (76% of respondents).

Less than 10% of female respondents experienced each type of abusive behavior and therefore did not meet the standard for The Community Allie's purpose.

Only 39% of female respondents are very concerned or concerned about cyber bullying in the Ballston Spa community. No respondent reported experiencing cyber bullying.

Recommendations

Below are recommendations on possible awareness strategies and prevention programs based on the data collected by The Community Allies. How to best pursue these programs and better serve the Ballston Spa area will be the focus of The Community Allies, keeping in mind its continuous involvement as a community.

The Community Allies is an alliance for the prevention of abusive behaviors that can lead to sexual violence in the Ballston Spa community. On average, about 65% of respondents are very concerned or concerned about sexual assault/date rape occurring in the Ballston Spa community. This is relatively a low level of concern compared to other abusive behaviors listed on the survey. This could be for various reasons, such as community members may not believe sexual violence is as big of a danger as the other abusive behaviors or sexual violence is an extremely underreported crime³ and therefore they do not realize its prevalence in the area. Yet, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men experience attempted or a completed rape in their lifetime.⁴ Research has also shown that what begins as "playground bullying" can turn in to forms of sexual

³ D.G. Kilpatrick, C.N. Edmunds, & A. Seymour. 1992. Rape in America: A Report to the Nation. Arlington VA: National Victim Center.

⁴ National Institute of Justice & Center for Disease Control & Prevention. *Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey*. 1998.

harassment. If the bullying is ignored, behaviors could progress to dating or domestic violence, child or elder abuse, and or physical or sexual assault.⁵ This is why it is important for The Community Allies to bring awareness and develop prevention programs for multiple abusive behaviors instead of only sexual violence.

First, through this data analysis it was found that verbal and/or emotional bullying is the biggest concern and is the abusive behavior most experienced by the respondents. The Community Allies now know that one of our initial programs should be prevention education against emotional and verbal abuse. One possible initiative could be conducting workshops with both youth and adults on how to recognize and prevent verbal and emotional bullying. There could also be research done on ways to respond to bullying and to bullies, particularly amongst youth, so school administrators and parents can better handle abusive situations and the constant bully. Thirdly, there could be a program developed on how to reach out to youth and adults to help them build a support system and have a safe place to relieve their pain and possible frustrations. Finally, teaching bystander interventions so people who witness bullying can feel they can act in a safe yet affective way could also be beneficial to build in to any programs.

Second, respondents are the least concerned with cyber bullying yet many respondents, particularly youth 18 years and younger, have experienced the abusive behavior. Cyberbullying Research Center (CRC) describes cyber bullying as “incidents where adolescents use technology, usually computers or cell phones, to harass, threaten, humiliate, or otherwise hassle their peers.” CRC also states 33% of youth are victimized by cyber bullying and 41% of victims do not tell anyone in their off-screen lives about their abuse. In our data analysis, there was a high number of respondents answering they had “no opinion” about cyber bullying. More specifically, 10% of respondents in the age range 51-65 years old and 26% of respondents in the age range 66 & over years old did not answer concerning cyber bullying. Yet, around 10% to 15% of respondents in age range 51-65 years old lives with a household member who is 18 years or older. Cyber bullying may be an abusive behavior that is not recognized because people do not know how to identify it and or that it is underreported by victims. This shows more education in general must be produced and relayed to both youth and adults about what cyber bullying is, the effects of cyber bullying, and possible prevention strategies of the abusive behavior.

Third, age range 11-13 year olds have experienced the most types of abusive behaviors listed on the community survey. The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center reports abusive behaviors, particularly bullying, start in elementary school and traditionally peak during middle school. This may be where initially the most efforts will be put on awareness and prevention. One possible development idea is creating an after-school program for both elementary and middle school students. Following a similar foundation as Latchkey Child Services, Inc. child care program or implement a safety education program such as radKIDS, the programming would provide a safe and positive environment for children after school hours

⁵ Pepler, D., Craig, W. (1997). Bullying: Research and Interventions. Youth Update, Publication of the Institute for the Study of Antisocial Youth.

when parents are often times not available. Also, workshops could be offered to parents on how to provide a positive and safe environment where children will be more willing to report abuses they may be experiencing and what to do if your child is being abused. The parenting workshops should alert parents on what types of abuses the children are concerned about and have experienced so they can be a better support.

Fourth, there may be a need, particularly with youth, to have opportunities for male only and female only workshops. The difference between the sexes who are 18 years old and younger is that though they are experiencing similar abusive behaviors, male respondents report lower levels of concern about abusive behaviors in the Ballston Spa community. Female respondents, on the other hand, report high levels of concern in most abuse categories. Working with the sexes in separate groups may give each sex the feeling of being able to be more open about their experiences with abusive behaviors. Also, since each sex has different social norms and expectations, each sex could talk about how these gender issues may affect their lives and find ways to overcome them.

Finally, to build awareness on a societal scale, it may be beneficial to implement an advertising campaign based on our findings and about The Community Allies' mission. It would be valuable not only for The Community Allies to become recognized in the community, but also be viewed as a resource for community members and organizations. This could be done through articles in local newspapers, advertisements in media sources, pamphlets and booklets, and by The Community Allies' members spreading the word about the alliance.