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Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) Opens the *BullyHelpline*

Parents and children can e-mail or phone an expert in bullying and cyber-bullying for help

ROSLYN, NY: Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), Long Island's leading non-profit resource on the prevention of bullying, child abuse and neglect now offers bullied children and their parents a direct link to professionals with expertise in bullying and cyber-bullying problems. *BullyHelpline* (phone: 516-621-0552 x109 or e-mail: *bullyhelpline@capsli.org*) is a new, free, confidential community service and part of the CAPS Bully Prevention Center.

"The *BullyHelpline,* an extension of our original *Helpline,* was designed to provide a safe, confidential and supportive environment that a parent or school-age child could turn to for help dealing with a bullying or cyber-bullying situation," said Alane Fagin, MS, Executive Director. "We respond to questions from around the world, from kids, parents, grandparents, caretakers, teachers and adults who care seeking guidance, suggestions and referrals."

The CAPS *Helpline* (phone: 516-621-0552 x102 or e-mail: *helpline@capsli.org*) continues to answer inquiries about child abuse and neglect, Internet safety, friendships, sexual harassment and date/acquaintance rape. If you believe that a child is in immediate danger**, c**all 911 or your local police department.

The *Helplines* are answered during business hours, 9AM to 4PM, by professionals with expertise in bullying, child abuse, child development and child safety.

The *BullyHelpline* is one of the many services of the CAPS Bully Prevention Center, which has programs that teach parents how to effectively talk to their kids about bullying and cyber-bullying and practice bully-proofing and child safety skills with them, and consultation services that help them effectively work with their child's school toward resolving incidents.

Founded in 1982, Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS) is Long Island's leading non-profit resource on the prevention of bullying, child abuse and neglect. Its Bully Prevention Center includes the agency's signature in-school programs for children, prevention workshops for parents, and staff development and training for school professionals. CAPS is a 501(c)(3) organization underwritten by private donations and grants. Volunteers are urgently needed. For information call 516-621-0552 ext. 104 or to make a donation visit *www.capsli.org*.

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