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## September 2023 Community Report



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### In the News:

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#### October is Bullying Prevention Month

The US Department of Education offers a website that provides a map with detailed information on state laws and policies, interactive webisodes and videos for young people, practical strategies for schools and communities to ensure safe environments, and suggestions on how parents can talk about this sensitive subject with their children. The site also explores the dangers of cyberbullying and steps youngsters and parents can take to fight it.

#### What Is Bullying

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have *serious, lasting problems*.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- **An Imbalance of Power:** Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- **Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

- *Types of Bullying*
- *Where and When Bullying Happens*
- *Frequency of Bullying*

## Types of Bullying

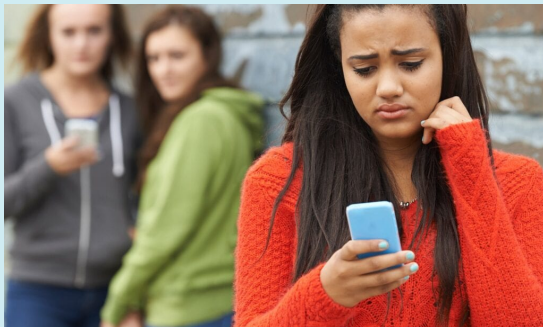
There are three types of bullying:

- **Verbal bullying** is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:
  - Teasing
  - Name-calling
  - Inappropriate sexual comments
  - Taunting
  - Threatening to cause harm
- **Social bullying**, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:
  - Leaving someone out on purpose
  - Telling other children not to be friends with someone
  - Spreading rumors about someone
  - Embarrassing someone in public
- **Physical bullying** involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes:
  - Hitting/kicking/pinching
  - Spitting
  - Tripping/pushing
  - Taking or breaking someone's things
  - Making mean or rude hand gestures
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### Where and When Bullying Happens

Bullying can occur during or after school hours. While most reported bullying happens in the school building, a significant percentage also happens in places like on the playground or the bus. It can also happen travelling to or from school, in the youth's neighborhood, or *on the Internet*.

For more information and resources, visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)



To make an anonymous report you can text or call the Safer Ohio Schools Tipline at 844-723-3764.

This tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety.

For local support,

- CALL 211, 345-HELP, 1-800-544-1601
- TEXT your zip code to 898211
- Visit [211knox.org](http://211knox.org) or [211licking.org](http://211licking.org) to search for resources.

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**HOLIDAY  
ASSISTANCE**

A dark blue rectangular graphic with the words "HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE" in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a cluster of colorful flowers in shades of red, orange, and yellow, with green leaves and small white flowers. There are also small red and white dots scattered around the graphic.

We are already receiving calls for Thanksgiving and Christmas Assistance programs! Yep, it's that time of year. We would like to post available

resources in next month's report, so we need your help!

Our Resource staff are busy making phone calls and emailing organizations that provided Holiday Assistance last year. If you haven't heard from us yet, please contact us with new or updated information for this Holiday season so we can be sure that we are sharing current program details.

Contact: Andrea at 740-345-6166 ext. 222 or [arudin@pathwaysco.org](mailto:arudin@pathwaysco.org)

Contact: Lyn at 740-345-6166 ext. 200 or [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org)

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### Knox and Licking County Call Totals for the Past 12 Months

	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23
Total Calls w/Follow Ups	1144	1066	1122	1107	1252	975	979	991	1018	1102	1077	1234	1245
Knox	305	275	296	270	347	242	256	219	225	256	255	287	246
Licking	839	791	826	837	905	733	723	772	793	846	822	947	999

For more detailed monthly reports on calls to our 211/Crisis Hotline, visit [www.pathways.211counts.org](http://www.pathways.211counts.org)

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### 2023 Agency Updates

Did you know that you can login to the 211 database at any time to review your agency and service information? Just click the 211 Online Resource Directory button to the right, scroll down and click Service Provider Tools.



If you don't know your login/password (sent with Web Survey Request email at the bottom of the message), click the Request Password button to request a user name and password. You should receive a reply within 72 business hours.

Don't forget to check your email for the 2023 Agency Update Request from Lyn Romano, CRS-DC at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org). Please check your Spam/Junk Mail folder, also. Requests are sent out annually to agencies that have given us a current email address.

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## Help Promote 211 and 988 in Licking and Knox Counties!

Pathways has supplies of 211 and 988 cards, rack cards, magnets and posters for distribution in the community. Help us spread the word about these numbers to connect your neighbors to local resources.

Call 740-345-6166 x200 or email your request to [mail@pathwaysco.org](mailto:mail@pathwaysco.org).

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### September Unmet Needs from Call Stats

#### *Licking County*

Gas Money  
Bed Bug Control  
Hair and Nail Care

#### *Knox County*

No Unmet Needs recorded for September



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The 211 Community Monthly Report provides statistics regarding calls received and data on unmet needs in Licking and Knox Counties. New or important agency information and/or highlights of special programs and services available in Licking and Knox Counties are included.

If you have questions about this report or would like to suggest a program for us to highlight, please contact Lyn Romano at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org) or 740-345-6166 x200.

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There are 3 ways to contact us for free, confidential assistance:

CALL 211, 345-HELP, 1-800-544-1601

TEXT your zip code to 898211

VISIT [211pathways.org](http://211pathways.org)



211/Crisis Hotline Program Director, Amy Henning, is available to answer questions and provide public awareness to your organization about the 211/Crisis Hotline and the services provided.

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211/Crisis Hotline Certified Resource Database Curator, Lyn Romano, can assist agencies with questions about service/program listings in the Resource Database. Call or email her when you need assistance.

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211/Crisis Hotline Resource Database Assistant, Andrea Rudin, works alongside our Database Curator to keep the service/program listings updated in the Resource Database. Email her when you need assistance.

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