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Bullies are Not Welcome in Miami Beach

-- Anti-bullying Youth Workshops will be Held on January 17 & February 7 --

Miami Beach, FL – Bullying has become a habitual global problem, increasing throughout our schools and youth organizations. In recent studies, 71 percent of all students report bullying as an on-going problem. However, Miami Beach has made it a priority to foster a bias-free environment in schools and throughout the community.

The City of Miami Beach recently earned the Anti-Defamation League’s (ADL) prestigious Community of Respect designation for its commitment to enhance the appreciation of diversity and foster harmony amongst diverse groups.

On Friday, January 17, 10 a.m., the Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department will be expanding its anti-bullying programs by holding youth workshops that will include a curriculum to fit all ages. The first of two such events will be held at the North Shore Park Youth Center (501 72 Street) and another one will be held on Friday, February 7 at the Scott Rakow Youth Center (2700 Sheridan Ave).

The Miami Beach Teen Drama Club will be performing various skits showcasing a youth’s perspective on the critical aspects of bullying. Throughout the event, youth will have a chance to participate in Q&As and in interactive games.

The event also combines forces with other community partners such as the Miami Beach Coalition, Ayuda, and the ADL. The ADL, a leading provider of anti-bias education in the U.S., will provide presentations focused on its popular and successful anti-bullying and anti-cyber bullying “No Place for Hate®” initiative. Attendees will enjoy a complementary lunch and dynamic presentations.

The Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department hosted an anti-bullying teen summit in the fall of 2013 to tackle bullying behavior citywide. The summit provided 170 teens the opportunity to engage in activities that were interactive and proactive in increasing awareness, reducing delinquent behavior, and fostering a more positive and conducive culture among teenage youth.

The City of Miami Beach, along with its partnering agencies, has made it their goal to campaign against bullying by promoting awareness to its youth.

Look for future events and other Miami Beach Parks and Recreation programming in the [Recreation Review](#), or by calling 305.673.7730 or visiting www.miamibeachparks.com.

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