

STAND FOR THE SILENT

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Who We Are



Ty Field-Smalley

Stand for the Silent was started in 2010 by a group of high school students in Oklahoma City, OK, after they heard the story of Kirk and Laura Smalley's son, Ty Field- Smalley. At eleven years-old, Ty took his own life after being suspended from school for retaliating against a bully that had been bullying him for over two years. Stand for the Silent exists as a platform to allow Kirk and Laura to share their story and offer education and tools that will prevent their tragedy from happening to another child and family. Kirk and Laura's mission is to continue to change kids' lives and bring awareness to bullying and the real devastation it causes.

Since May 2010, Kirk and Laura Smalley have traveled to over 1,000 schools and spoken with over 1,000,000 kids! In March 2010, Kirk and Laura met privately with President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama in The White House prior to attending the first ever White House conference on bullying.



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The Program

The Stand For The Silent (SFTS) program addresses the issue of school bullying with an engaging, factual, and emotional methodology. With the help of student leaders, Kirk Smalley presents his inspirational story, and students are shown first-hand the life and death consequences of bullying. Through this unique approach, lives are changed for the better. Students, some for the first time, develop an empathetic awareness through education and understanding.

The goal of the program is to start a SFTS chapter at each participating site. Each chapter consists of a group of students committed to change. These students will no longer stand for their peers to suffer at the hands of a bully. At the end of each event, pledge cards are given to those who agree to stand for the silent. The pledge speaks of respect and love, hope and aspiration. Above all, it illustrates the main lesson taught through the Stand For The Silent program: I AM SOMEBODY.







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Alarming Statistics: The Bullying & Suicide Crisis

- Every 7 seconds a child is neglected or bullied.
- 1 of 5 students report being bullied and 1 of 6 students report cyberbullied.
- Common types of bullying: physical, verbal, and social.
- 64% of bullying is not reported.
- LGBTQI+ students are bullied at nearly twice the rate (32%) of their straight peers (17.1%).
- LGBTQI+ students are nearly twice as likely (13.5%) not to go to school as their straight peers (7.5%) because of safety concerns.
- School-based bullying prevention programs decrease bullying by up to 25%.
- A study has found that half of suicides among young people were related to bullying.
- In 2020, suicide was the second-leading cause of death among those ages 10 to 24.
- Over 17% of high school students have considered suicide and 8.9% have attempted it.
- Females are about twice as likely as males to report seriously considering suicide (22% and 12%).
- 4 out of 5 suicide deaths are preceded by warning signs such as suicidal threats, previous suicide attempts, depression, preoccupation or obsession with death or making final arrangements.

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