10 Ways to STOP THE HATE!
A Comprehensive Approach to Hate Crime Prevention

#1 Identify, Report, and Assess the Hate & Violence
Recognizing and reporting the extent of hate, violence and bias-motivated crime is necessary to understand the scope of the problem and accurately develop appropriate prevention measures.

#2 Assist Victims of Hate
Victims of hate crimes and hate incidents face many of the same traumas as victims of other violent crimes. Their trauma is often compounded, however, because of the unique nature of bias-motivated hate as deeply personal and intended specifically to terrorize the victim. Supporting victims of such hate improves the overall climate of the community, helps ensure the health and wellbeing of community members, and can deescalate tensions, all of which is significant to prevention efforts.

#3 Respond to Hate
Immediate response, collective action, and condemnation by the community is critical to contain unrest in the community, prevent retaliatory hate crimes and copycat crimes, and reassure the targeted individuals and community that these crimes will not be tolerated. Responding effectively to all hate incidents deters them from escalating into more violent hate crimes.

#4 Work with Hate Crime Offenders
Working with hate crime perpetrators is a significant prevention activity. Effective diversion programs and aftercare can reduce repeat offenses among these groups. Understanding that hate crime offenders are not a homogeneous group, but complex individuals with varying motivations, is significant to developing effective programs to prevent a return to past behaviors and activities.

#5 Advocate for Hate Crime Prevention
College students are not just victims and perpetrators of hate crimes, they are essential allies in a comprehensive approach to hate crime prevention. By using tools from violence prevention and prejudice reduction programs, college students can become the most effective advocates for hate crime prevention on campus.

#6 Train Volunteers in Intervention, Response, and Prevention
Hate crime prevention training creates a network of informed community members who are equipped to address the specific needs of victims; work with hate crime offenders; understand hate crime legislation, policy, and protocol; develop prevention programs; and build relationships with other professionals working to prevent hate crimes and hate incidents.

#7 Develop Hate Crime Partnerships and Coalitions
Develop partnerships and coalitions among key players to improve communication between campus groups (i.e. campus police, student leaders, judicial officials, dean of students, etc.), increase the effectiveness of programs, avoid redundancy, lend credibility to initiatives, strengthen advocacy efforts, encourage comprehensive program approaches, and improve the potential for success.

#8 Change Hate Crime Policy and Protocols
Influencing policy at the federal, state, local and campus level may include drafting and implementing changes to policies to encourage early intervention to hate and violence. Funding hate crime prevention strategies, creating state or federal prevention networks or coalitions, and developing training and materials are all examples of ways in which policy and legislation can promote hate crime prevention. Creating and supporting local campus human rights and or diversity task forces focuses public attention on prejudice and intolerance and raises awareness of hate incidents and hate crimes.

#9 Raise Awareness, Education and Outreach
Community education through mass media and campus groups encourages involvement and support from the community by raising awareness of the injustice and divisiveness of hate crime and highlighting opportunities to make a difference through prevention programs on campus.

#10 Reevaluate and Look to the Future
Evaluation of strategies, practices, programs, and policies enables ongoing revision, increases effectiveness, and improves credibility. Implementing the steps of a comprehensive approach requires time, dedication, and sustained resources. Hate crime prevention, violence prevention, and working to alleviate the tension caused by prejudice and bigotry is ongoing.

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