

Table 7.17: Frequency of physical and relational mistreatment twice a month or more often for students who do and do not receive help from special education

| | All Maine schools involved (N=3,733) | | Scarborough Middle School (N=681) | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Relational mistreatment | Physical mistreatment | Relational mistreatment | Physical mistreatment |
| Help from special education | 41% | 26% | 28% | 11% |
| No help from special education | 35% | 16% | 31% | 10% |

Strikingly, suicide rates were also lower for heterosexual teens in these more inclusive and supportive communities. Hatzenbuehler stated, in a 2011 interview at Columbia University:

This study suggests that we can reduce suicide attempts among [lesbian, gay, and bisexual] youth by improving the social environment and challenging the myth that there is something inherent in being gay that puts gay youth at risk of attempting suicide. Instead, what we've shown is that the social environment strongly influences the prevalence of suicide attempts.

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