

To: Media

From: Little People of America (LPA)

Re: Recent bullying incidents

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## **LPA Statement Regarding Bullying**

Sonoma, CA – Little People of America (LPA) echoes the sentiments of Short Statured People of Australia's statement (read here: http://sspa.org.au/?p=4054) in regard to bullying and its impact on children and adults. We are a global community that is impacted daily by bullying no matter where we live and how old we are. LPA holds by the value that our community exists to provide support, understanding, and a safe environment for people with dwarfism and their allies. We also firmly believe that awareness education leads to understanding and acceptance. If you or someone you know needs support, please call LPA at (888) LPA-2001 to connect with the community and/or for any information about dwarfism.

If you or someone you know needs immediate help, please contact these national hotlines:

<u>LifeLine Network Hotline</u> 800-273-8255 https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/ Online chat available

Youth Line (A teen crisis helpline with teen to teen support) 877-968-8491
Text teen2teen to 839863
https://oregonyouthline.org/
Online chat available