



## SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUTH IN LOUISIANA BY...

### CAUSE AND EFFECT OF CYBERBULLYING

1. As technology becomes a staple in our society, cyber bullying is unfortunately becoming a norm.
2. **THE CURRENT PICTURE/ALARMING STATISTICS...**
  - a. In this technology-centered age, the technology can be our best friend and/or worst enemy.
    - i. Over 80% of our teen demographic use a cell phone
    - ii. Common apps for cyber bullying are Instagram, Ask.fm, Snapchat, Tumblr, and Kik
  - b. Cyber bullying can lead to anxiety, depression, suicide, and emotional scars
    - i. Only 1 in 10 victims of cyber bullying tell their parents or a trusted adult about being cyber bullied
    - ii. Nearly 43% of kids have been bullied online. 1 in 4 of our peers are bullied repeatedly
  - c. Cyber bullying is bullying made easy
    - i. Cyber bullying is worse than normal bullying due to the freedom of the internet
    - ii. 81% of young people think bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person
  - d. Sources: [dosomething.org](http://dosomething.org) and [bullyingstatistics.org](http://bullyingstatistics.org).
3. **AS YOUNG PEOPLE, OUR HUMBLE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE...**
  - a. Start with a non-profit to raise awareness and educate adults about cyber bullying.
  - b. Elongate the prison sentence and raise the fine for Law 14:40.3. Use the surplus money collected through the fine to help start more programs to prevent cyber bullying.