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### Education And Child Safety Experts Available To Discuss Bullying

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DURHAM, N.H. – Education and child safety experts from the University of New Hampshire are available to discuss various aspects of bullying, from school liability issues to the latest research on bullying and cyberbullying.

**Todd DeMitchell**, professor of education, is available to discuss school liability, adequate supervision, and responses to preventing bullying from school administrators and state legislatures. In addition to his research in this area, DeMitchell has two decades of experience in K-12, including as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He can be reached at (603) 862-5043 and [tad@unh.edu](mailto:tad@unh.edu). Comments from DeMitchell about cyberbullying: [http://www.unh.edu/news/cj\\_nr/2008/aug/lw25cyber.cfm](http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2008/aug/lw25cyber.cfm)

**David Finkelhor**, director of UNH's Crimes against Children Research Center, can discuss the current research about bullying and cyberbullying, signs of bullying and cyberbullying, and ways to stop it. A nationally recognized researcher and expert on crimes against children, Finkelhor can be reached at (603) 862-2761 and [david.finkelhor@unh.edu](mailto:david.finkelhor@unh.edu). More information on bullying is available at <http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/bullying/>.

**Malcolm Smith**, extension associate professor of family studies and family life specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension, is able to discuss steps parents can take if they learn their child is being bullied, or has bullied others. He has written "Understanding Bullying," a curriculum and comprehensive training package for parents, parent-educators and community groups. He can be reached at (603) 862-7008, or (785) 865-9046, or [malcolm.smith@unh.edu](mailto:malcolm.smith@unh.edu). More information and comments from Smith are available at <http://extension.unh.edu/Family/CampaignAgainstBullying.htm>.

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