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**Latest Episodes of *PHRC, Raising the Standard*  
Focus on Juvenile Bullying and Adult Bullying**

PADUCAH, KY—"I don't think there's been a rise in bullying. It's constant. It's always there. Awareness has increased, and bullying is so obvious when you're educated and know what to look for," says Assistant McCracken County Attorney Sam Clymer. On the latest two episodes of *PHRC, Raising the Standard*, the Paducah Human Rights Commission (PHRC) focuses on adult and juvenile bullying. The new episodes of *PHRC, Raising the Standard* can be seen on Government 11 starting this week. PHRC Chair Dr. Bernice Belt and Commissioner Shulorn Jeter co-host the programs.

Clymer discusses adult bullying and the different types of adult bullies ranging from narcissistic to secondary. Clymer says, "Adult bullying is most often a non-physical type of tactic that is employed to humiliate, intimidate, and dominate other adults."

In the episode that focuses on juvenile bullying, McCracken County Family Court Judge Cynthia Sanderson discusses the elements of bullying including repetitiveness and the perceived control of the bully over the victim. Judge Sanderson also explains the court process and non-court initiatives that are in place to help the bullies and the victims. She explains that bullying can lead to criminal charges. "Children who bully may be prosecuted for harassment or harassing communications as a juvenile."

Judge Sanderson talks in length about the impact a parent or guardian has on shaping a child's behavior. Sanderson says, "Behaviors for the most part are learned. Where do children get their first education? They get it from their parents. By the time children get into kindergarten, they have learned so many behaviors and some may transition to bullying. We are role models for our children every second of the day."

PHRC members are Dr. Bernice Belt, Bob Bloomingburg, Robert Cross, Lincoln Hardy, Shulorn Jeter, Craig Newbern, Jr., and David White. The PHRC was formed in 1964. If you are interested in serving on the board or if you need assistance, visit [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) or call the office at 444-8643.



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View daily program information by watching the informational slides airing on the Channel 11 bulletin board. The episode also is online at [www.paducahky.gov](http://www.paducahky.gov) and the various social media outlets for the City of Paducah including Youtube and Facebook. Check the website for program information, videos, news releases, and broadcast schedules. *PHRC, Raising the Standard* is produced through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

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