



Obesity Care Week

WEIGHT BIAS and CHILDHOOD BULLYING

92% OF CHILDREN



REPORT THAT THEY WITNESS THEIR PEERS AFFECTED BY OBESITY AND EXCESS WEIGHT BEING TEASED AT SCHOOL.¹



Childhood obesity is the most common chronic disease of childhood, affecting more than 30 percent of children in the U.S.

Weight bias begins as early as pre-school, and may get worse as children age 2, leading to increased incidences of bullying in our schools.



GIRLS 63%



BOYS 58%

58 percent of boys and 63 percent of girls in high school experience daily teasing, bullying or rejection because of their size.⁴

Children and teens who are victims of bullying may have thoughts of suicide and some may actually commit suicide.⁵



Children affected by obesity miss more days of school than their peers.⁶

Students affected by obesity are viewed as self-indulgent, lazy and are excluded from social activities by their peers.⁸

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Negative attitudes toward children with obesity begin as early as preschool.⁸



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