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Bullying and Teasing – What Can You Do As a Parent to Help Your Child or Teen? A free interactive workshop, Sat., Jan 22, 2011 Register now.

Kids today live in an increasingly troubled social environment, where harmless teasing has moved into aggressive and painful bullying, occasionally with alarming results. In fact, the Kickapoo Free Press in Viroqua reported recently that as many as four deaths in southwest Wisconsin can be directly laid at the door of teenage bullying. Parents may feel that no matter what they say or do, they are powerless to help.

In a timely and much-needed workshop, entitled “Bullying and Teasing – What Can you Do as a Parent to Help your Child or Teen?”, family therapist Paul Gasser will provide practical and easy strategies for the next time you face this type of challenge. This mid-winter workshop, for parents, kids, counselors and others who work with young people, will give you the confidence to know what to say, and how to say it.

This free event is scheduled for **Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, 115 Merrimac Street in Dodgeville** (across the street from the Iowa County Courthouse parking lot.) Registration and reception will begin at 9:30 a.m.. Gasser will present at 10 a.m., followed by a noon discussion over a light lunch. The seminar will be complimentary but attendance is limited, so early registration will be important.

To pre-register, go to www.grassrootswi.org and click on “[Forums](#)” or find “[Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin](#)” on Facebook and [RSVP](#) to this event.

Paul Gasser is a Marriage and Family Therapist for the Mile Bluff Medical Center and instructor for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and the Love and Logic Institute of Golden, CO. His experience with children and their families comes as a result of working over 30 years as a therapist and educator both in the United States and Russia. He currently teaches a variety of workshops and courses throughout the United States on the topic of children and behavioral issues.

His workshops are lighthearted and filled with practical ideas. His information, skills and strategies will help parents to feel more in control immediately. Gasser is also a former principal and classroom teacher. He and his wife are the parents of four children.

This event is the third and final event in the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin 2010-11 Forum Series that focuses attention on the lives of young adults and their families in our community. Grassroots is a network of engaged people in southwest Wisconsin who through constructive dialogue and education foster informed, positive change in our communities. For further information contact: Kent Mayfield, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin at secondwindarabians@gmail.com or 935-3540.

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