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**Title of your research project.**

Comparison of risk and protective factors on cyberbullying behaviors between rural and urban areas

**Description of research. Please provide a few sentences that explain the question and the methods employed in this research project.**

Identification of risk and protective factors related to school bullying in rural Pennsylvania schools. Local middle and high school students will be surveyed to identify specific risk factors and protective factors that relate to higher and lower levels of school bullying in rural schools. In addition, how school intervention programs in rural schools have impacted bullying behavior over time will be analyzed.

**Did this project include Penn State students as researchers?**

No

**If yes to the above question, please state where it was published.**

N/A

**What problem do you address with your research?**

To identify the risks and protective factors related to school bullying in rural Pennsylvania schools. And to analysis of how school intervention programs in rural schools have impacted bullying behavior over time.