



**Connecting the Pieces...Together, We Can!!! and
Parents of Children with Autism and Special Needs
are pleased to present a screening of the award-winning documentary
film REJECT**

When: Friday, November 18th
6:30-8:00 PM screening
8:00-9:00 PM panel discussion with local experts

Where: York Public Library Community Room, 15 Long Sands Rd., York, ME

Who: This event is **FREE** and open to the public (recommended for mature audiences only). All youth workers, parents, community leaders, educators, youth ministers, counselors and others who work to impact the well-being of youth and families.

Topic: Movie Screening and Community Discussion: "REJECT"
How Rejection and Ostracism can lead to youth violence, self-harm and suicide

Panel Discussion with local experts, including Dr. Margaret Bauman, neurologist and world-renowned pioneer in the field of Autism; Dr. Laura Slap-Shelton, neuropsychologist practicing in Biddeford, ME; Dr. Joshua Gear, child and adolescent psychiatrist practicing in Portsmouth, NH; Dr. Carol Hubbard, developmental pediatrician with Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics in Portland, ME; Stan Davis, founder of the International Bullying Prevention Association, author of *Schools Where Everyone Belongs* and co-author of *Youth Voice Project: Student Insights into Bullying and Peer Mistreatment*; and York Police Department School Resource Officers, Jamie Rooney and Nikolaos Piskopanis.

The documentary film, "REJECT" takes an in-depth look at the science of social rejection, with a solution-oriented focus on the roots of bullying behavior and violent behavior against the self or others. The film includes commentary from experts in psychology, education, medicine, neuroscience, and juvenile justice who have studied "rejection" in their respective fields. "REJECT" also includes two personal stories woven throughout the film that take profoundly different paths. From school bullying to racial bias to parental neglect, the film sheds new light on the universal experience of rejection, revealing a link between social rejection and the neurological experience of physical pain. In doing so, it uncovers a path towards violence prevention and emotional recovery.

For more information, please call (646) 964-7268. Space is limited, so it will be first come, first served.