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Government agency bothers online teens

Myspace mental health campaign

By [Nick Farrell](#): Tuesday, 08 July 2008, 9:37 AM

IF YOU ARE WORRIED about who that adult is chatting to your teenage daughter on Myspace, it just might be the New York City Health Department.

The department has launched a Myspace campaign to help teenagers deal with depression, drugs and violence.

It says 20 percent of NYC teens will not talk to anyone when they feel down. Less than a third will talk to a friend, Just 32 per cent say they talk to an adult.

NYC is worried that many teens are reluctant to seek help to tackle their problems so it has set up a mindspace page which uses natty interactive features to draw them in.

It is possible to get referrals for treatment by sending a confidential message to a mental health counsellor. [µ](#)

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