

Announcing an On-Line, Interactive Course:

Title: Bullying in the Schools

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Target audience: Teachers, administrators, school-wide discipline teams (e.g. Positive Behavior Support Teams)

The problem:

Bullying is a common problem in schools. Some studies indicate that bullying is not only the first form of violence that children experience in schools, but is the most common form of violence as well. The direct costs of bullying are expressed in reduced academic achievement, increased absenteeism, and the promotion of other, sometimes more serious forms of violent interaction. The American Medical Association has determined that bullying is a public-health issue with short and long term consequences for everyone involved. A study reported by Time magazine (April 18, 2005) states that 47% of sixth-graders said they were bullied at least once in the course of five school days. Bullying is the first form of violence that many experience, and it isn't fun.

Course description:

The information in this course is derived from nationally recognized bullying programs and contains content recommended in Federal and State bullying initiatives. It is organized into ten chapters. The chapters define [What](#) bullying is, [How](#) it works, and [Why](#) people bully. The program also includes [techniques for dealing with bullies:](#)

- At the school-wide system level
- In a classroom
- With individual bullies and victims
- With their parents

Application:

Participant expectations:

- 1. Participants will read the 10 Chapters, and review the additional materials.**
- 2. Participants will complete the quizzes with 80% accuracy.**
- 3. Participants will complete the specified follow up activities with 85% accuracy as documented by administrative observations and reviews of the submitted forms.**

We all need to work together to create safe environments that support student interests, and encourages them to develop all their potential.

Directions for registration are attached.