



SAFE SCHOOLS ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

*Changing School Culture Through Character Education & Diversity Appreciation
A Multi-Sensory, Interactive Learning Experience for Students and Educators*

Recognizing that the most effective anti-bullying programs are those that change school culture through whole-school multidisciplinary interventions, two New Jersey nonprofits are partnering to offer a unique program that helps schools to meet requirements of the new anti-bullying law and creates meaningful, sustainable change in attitudes and culture.

SAFE SCHOOLS ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE is designed to enable districts to meet the latest requirements of New Jersey's anti-bullying laws in a unique and meaningful way.

- N.J.S.A 18A:37-17 encourages schools and school districts to establish bullying, harassment prevention programs
- N.J.S.A 18A:40A-17(c) and State Board of Education Administration Code N.J.A.C 6A:16-7.9(d)1i require information about the bullying policies to be incorporated into school employee training programs
- N.J.S.A 18A:37-17(b) and State Board of Education Administrative Code N.J.A.C 6A:16-7.9(d)2 require districts to develop procedures for discussing bullying and harassment policies with students

The Kidsbridge Tolerance Museum at TCNJ and Storytelling Arts, Inc. are offering a **multi-sensory, interactive learning experience** for both students and staff.

SAFE SCHOOLS is a K-12 character education program that will:

- Increase awareness of the nature, causes, and effects of bullying
- Create empathy -- the springboard to positive action
- Empower students to successfully interact with peers
- Increase self esteem
- Encourage students and teachers to take active leadership roles
- Enable action that will stop bullying
- Foster a caring community that engenders "Respect for all"

Kidsbridge is a unique tolerance museum that educates youth grades 3-12 to make positive changes in themselves and their world. Interactive exhibits and small group discussions teach educators and youth strategies to stop bullying, empower victims, and change bystanders into "UPstanders." **Storytelling Arts, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization offering programs proven effective at increasing all measures of literacy plus social skills. Multi-cultural folk tales, contemporary literature, and real life stories of conflict and resolution provide a forum for understanding of sensitive issues.

SAFE SCHOOLS' menu of services provides multi-sensory programs that use various emotional intelligences to internalize concepts central to tolerance and diversity appreciation. Small group discussions and other services in the Museum and in school create a meaningful "space" in the classroom where bullying can be addressed.

All programs are customized to meet the needs and work within the curriculum of each school served. Through activities, outreach, curriculum and professional development – as well as outcome assessment – our organizations can foster a fundamental culture shift within the classroom, creating a safer and more tolerant environment in your school.

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