

Workshop Specifics

Date:

Thursday
March 29, 2012

Time:

8:30 a.m.: Workshop check-in
and refreshments
9 a.m. - noon: Workshop

Location:

MSU Extension
775 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Registration cost:

\$20

Registration deadline:

March 23, 2012

For more information

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ABCs of Bullying Prevention: Addressing **B**ullying in **C**ommunity Settings

With the passage of Public Act 241 on December 6, 2011, Michigan became the 48th state to require schools to develop and enforce policies to protect students from harassment, intimidation and physical violence. This act, known as "Matt's Safe School Law," requires that all school district boards (including the boards of local districts, intermediate districts, and charter schools) adopt and implement a policy no later than six months after the passage of this legislation.

While this law is a significant step for addressing bullying and violence within school settings, support is needed to help adults learn more about these issues and ways they can work with young people across communities to foster healthy relationships and positive settings. Studies have shown that young people benefit from time spent in positive and safe settings with adults and peers – and educators, youth workers and families **all** have important roles to play in creating environments that foster healthy social and emotional development.

Providing adults with opportunities to explore and connect around these issues is the focus of a workshop currently offered through Michigan State University Extension titled **ABCs of Bullying Prevention: Addressing Bullying in Community Settings**. This half-day workshop is designed for adults who live with, care about and work with young people, including parents, caregivers and those who work in schools, youth and family agencies, youth organizations (such as 4-H, Scouts, and Boys and Girls Clubs), juvenile justice, faith-based communities, recreation departments and other community groups.

The workshop will be facilitated by MSU Extension program leaders Janet Olsen and Karen Pace, who have spent the last decade providing community education connecting issues of bullying prevention, social justice and youth development.

During the **ABCs of Bullying Prevention** workshop, participants will:

- Share perspectives on the prevalence and types of bullying behaviors affecting their communities – and explore how these perspectives connect with recent research.
- Examine bullying, bias and harassment through the lens of differences.
- Explore key strategies for addressing these complex issues at the personal, interpersonal, institutional and cultural levels.
- Learn about programs and resources that can be used in community settings, including a new MSU Extension initiative titled **Be SAFE: Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments**.

The ABCs of Bullying Prevention: Addressing Bullying in Community Settings workshop and the Be SAFE: Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments initiative are educational programs of the MSU Extension Institute for Improving Health and Nutrition designed to promote social and emotional health and well-being. The overarching goal of these efforts is to help young people and the adults in their lives learn to foster healthy relationships, so they can live, learn and grow in safe, affirming and fair environments free from violence, abuse, bullying and harassment. Be SAFE is being developed in partnership with the MSU Extension Institute for Children and Youth.

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Registration Form

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