

DASA Implementation Workshop Series

This Professional Development Workshop Series is designed for Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Psychologists, Social Workers, Guidance Counselors, and Dignity Act Coordinators. Implementation of the DASA legislation is required for the 2012-13 school year, so come to this series for information and practical approaches to making it work in your school and school district.

1. New York State DASA Regulations

Date: Monday, March 12, 2012 - 4:30-6:30 pm

Location: 246 East Library Wing; Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

Description: This session will explore the New York State Regulations on the requirements of the Dignity Act, the state's anti-harrassment, bullying and discrimination law. The details that are required for Board of Education policies, Code of Conduct inclusion, and Superintendent's regulations will be outlined. Guidelines as to how each district can evaluate their current school climate, character education, and bullying prevention and intervention methods will be shared.

2. Bullying and Cyberbullying in Schools

Date: Monday, April 16, 2012 - 4:30-6:30 pm

Location: 246 East Library Wing; Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

Description: This session will directly address the issues of bullying and cyberbullying in schools and recognize the dangers they pose. The root causes of the problem will be shared and specific strategies to create positive culture and climate in schools at all levels will be emphasized. Intervention and prevention strategies will be suggested. The skills necessary to empower the bystander, form alliances, befriend the victim, and de-escalate the bully will be taught. Systems for reporting bullying and the development of hierarchical consequences will be suggested.

3. Practical DASA Implementation Strategies

Date: Monday, May 14, 2012 - 4:30-6:30 pm

Location: 246 East Library Wing; Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, South Campus

Description: This will be a working session during which participants will work directly with the requirements of the Dignity Act and compare them to what currently exists in their school districts. With the help of the facilitators, a revised draft of a school district's Code of Conduct, school board policies, and superintendent's regulations will begin. These documents can serve as a starting point for the work of district school boards and attorneys.

The Presenters:

Dr. Karen Siris, principal and professor, is currently serving on the New York State Education Task Force that is charged with designing and implementing the new Dignity for All Students Act, anti-bullying legislation. She has been seen on NBC and CBS News and ivillage.com for the work she has done creating a caring majority of "upstanding students" in her Long Island school. Her research on *Alleviating Bullying in Schools* received the "Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award" from Hofstra University. Dr. Siris presents locally and nationally to schools and parents about bullying prevention and intervention.

Dr. Susan Lipkins is a psychologist specializing in conflict and violence prevention on campus. She is the author of Preventing Hazing: How Parents, Children and Coaches Can Stop the Violence, Harrassment and Humiliation. Dr. Lipkins is an expert on hazing and bullying and is interviewed frequently by the media. She most recently appeared on Oprah and Dr. Phil as a bullying expert and is often seen in news reports on NBC, CBS, CNN and NPR. She is frequently quoted in The New York Times and other newspapers.

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The fee for an individual workshop is \$40. A school or school district may also purchase a full series membership for \$100, which allows for one individual to attend each seminar; the same individual from a school or school district does not have to attend all three seminars. Also, schools or school districts may purchase multiple memberships. A light dinner will be provided prior to the beginning of each workshop. PD certificates will be issued, if requested.

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