



“Promotes a community-wide message that bullying is not tolerated here.”

Purpose

Bullying is one of the most insidious and complex problems in our communities today, and is a reality in the day-to-day lives of our children—in their schools, on the streets of their neighbourhoods, in organized youth groups, and sadly, even in some homes.

What used to be accepted as “kids will be kids” has changed. Young bullies grow up to be abusive adults. Young victims get hurt. In too many cases, bullying escalates into violence. It is not only victims and bullies who are affected—people around them are distracted, intimidated and upset. Long term effects may be life-threatening.

We can no longer respond to bullying in the same manner as we have traditionally responded to ordinary conflict. Our kids deserve a set of skills unique to this devastating problem. Teachers, students, parents and others in the community need to work as a team in taking action against bullying—it is, after all, everyone’s responsibility to keep our children safe.

Program Delivery

- Program delivery in N.E.T. targeted areas—eight weekly classroom sessions delivered by N.E.T. staff
- Purchase the program manual and materials with lesson plans and deliver it independently
- Talk to us about paid facilitation at your school

Program Goals

- Kids have greater understanding and awareness of all types of bullying behaviours
- Kids have greater empathy for each other
- Kids have increased skills in making and keeping friends
- Kids have increased skills around dealing with victimization
- Kids feel increased responsibility as bystanders and witnesses
- Kids break the “code of silence” and report bullying
- Kids are committed to keeping the program alive
- Parents have increased knowledge and skills in helping their kids with bullying issues
- Incidents of bullying among participating kids are decreased
- Bully-Busters becomes part of the culture of the school and surrounding community

Contact

For more information on Bully-Busters please call Michelle Fillion at

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