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Anti-Bullying Education and Court Diversion
Workshops for Students and Their Caregivers

In collaboration with



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The B.R.A.C.E. Project provides a cost-effective, 'second tier' action plan for not only the repeat bullying student, but also his/her family. The program runs for one school day and offers education and training around destructive effects of bullying, and the serious legal and financial consequence of bullying.

Students from any of the Worcester Public Schools can be referred to the B.R.A.C.E. Program by a teacher or guidance counselor. The student will be scheduled for the next available B.R.A.C.E. session.

Thirty days following completion of the program, a school principal or designee will assess the student's status. Should the student's bullying behavior continue, school officials will make a determination on future actions, which could include filing a Habitual Offender Petition with the court, or other appropriate school sanctions.

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SETTING THE STAGE

A juvenile Court Judge and/or Department of Probation and school staff facilitate a discussion of the students' actions and the reasons for their referral to B.R.A.C.E.

CLINICAL COMPONENTS - STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Students and their caregivers participate in lectures, group discussions and role playing designed to illustrate the devastating psychological effects of bullying on its victims, facilitated by YOU, Inc. clinicians and Worcester Public Schools staff.

POLICE - COURTS - CORRECTIONS

The Worcester Police and Probation Departments and the District Attorney's Office provide more detailed education on the legal implications of bullying cases.

WRAP-UP

Students and family members will participate in summary discussions and evaluate their progress toward achieving the educational goals of the program. Referrals for additional services needed will be provided at the time.