

“kNOw bullying!” Program Teaches Students How to be Bully Free!

The “kNOw bullying!” Program, a project of the Museum of disABILITY History and People Inc., premiered in Western New York school districts in January of 2013. During the past four months, over 950 fourth graders have participated in the program in 10 school districts including: Buffalo, Clarence, Eden, Grand Island, Hamburg, Hinsdale, Ken-Ton, Niagara Falls, Perry and Williamsville.

The program has received extremely positive feedback from the schools that received a presentation. The 45-minute presentation is interactive and incorporates the use of live puppetry to illustrate and define what bullying is, explain what students should do if they become a target of bullying, the consequences of bullying behavior on all those involved and how students can become “stand-byers” rather than just bystanders or witnesses to a bullying incident. Students are anxious to ask questions, share stories and help to suggest “tools” that can be used in an effort to decrease bullying incidents.

To learn more about the “kNOw bullying” Program or to book a performance, contact Brie Kishel, education coordinator, at bkishel@people-inc.org or at 716.629.3623.

Here are some testimonials the program has received from the schools that were visited:

“Excellent program – exactly what I wanted. Was enjoyed by students and teachers. Reinforced what we have been telling the students. Another voice is always helpful. It is important that students were made aware of the difference between bullying and teasing and who to tell and what to do. We are doing “Wonder” with our 7th graders after February break and during Lent, we are doing the 26 Acts of Kindness (these are the two recommendations we include in our Teacher Toolkit which we distribute following the program). All falls into place. Thank you for having this experience for the students.”

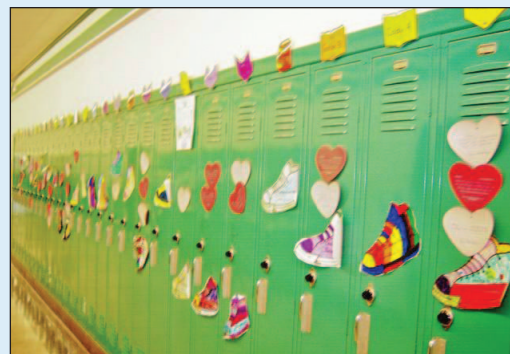
- Principal, Nativity of Mary School in Williamsville

“Nice use of props and examples. Love the ‘toolkit’ idea - Kids really responded to it. Three presenters were excellent and kids were comfortable. Excellent use of Smart Board with the quiz. Kids were proud to wear their bracelets. Nothing should be changed or added to the program – thought it was great!”

- Teacher at Nativity of Mary School in Williamsville

“Reviewing what bullying is – the different ways and types of bullying, good interaction with the students, dig act! Change nothing! Ample student involvement, requiring feedback and response. ‘Toolbox’ gave students a chance to think and add to the list of solutions. Visuals gain attention-game rewards entice students to participate.”

- Teachers at Kalfas Elementary in Niagara Falls



“kNOw bullying!” hearts (random acts of kindness project) being displayed on the lockers of 4th grade students.



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