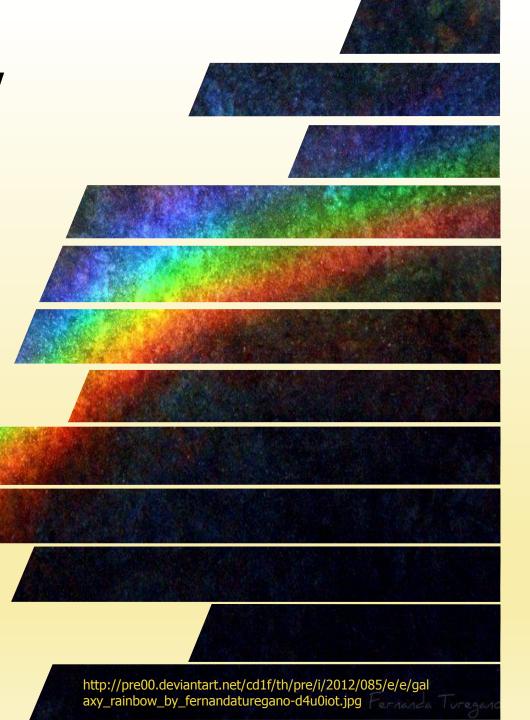
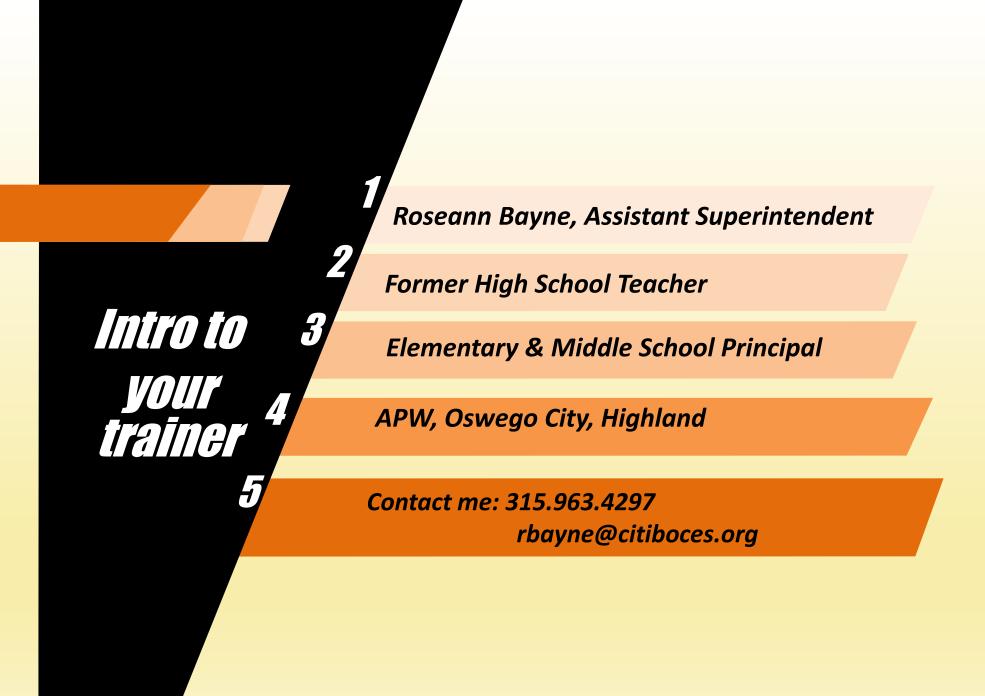
Dignity For ALL Students Act (DASA)

6-Hour Training for NY State Certification









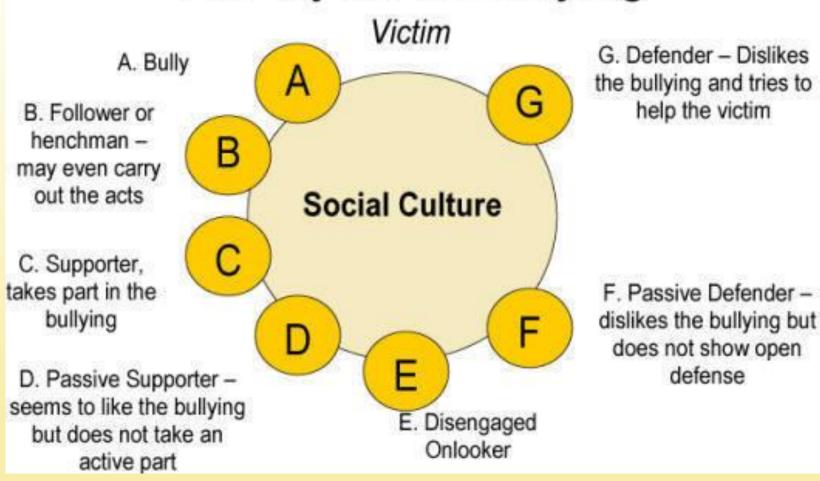
Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

- Originally signed into law on September 8, 2010, The Dignity Act added Article 2 to the New York Education Laws effective July 1, 2012.
- Dignity Act 2013 amended the Dignity Act, to, among other things, include cyberbullying as part of the definition of "harassment and bullying"
- The amendment also requires **instruction to students** in safe, responsible use of the Internet and electronic communications
- Additionally the amendment requires that school professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after January 1, 2014 complete a six-hour training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination.



The Who of Bullying

The Cycle of Bullying



Characteristics of Aggressors

- Want to be popular
- Want to control the environment
- Leader of their group
- Dominant
- Self-absorbed
- Do not accept responsibility for own actions
- Crave attention



Personality Types

Confident

Big ego, likes violence, feels superior to others

Social

 Prefers rumors and gossip, isolates victims, charming personality front

Fully Armored

Shows little emotion, bullies when cannot be seen or caught

Hyperactive

Poor social skills, struggles with homework, reacts aggressively

Risk Factors-Target

- Perceived as "being different" from peers
- Perceived sexual orientation
- Perceived ability/disability level
- Perceived socioeconomic status
- Poor social skills
- Socially isolated/few friends
- Overweight/underweight
- Many more....basic premise of "perceived difference"

Specific populations that are targets more than other populations





http://blog.ncpad.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/1/1/istockphoto-purchased1.jpg

Children with Special Needs

A growing body of research has demonstrated that children with special needs are at an increased risk of being bullied.

• Available information indicates that children with learning disabilities are at greater risk of being teased and physically bullied (Martlew & Hodson, 1991; Mishna, 2003; Nabuzoka & Smith, 1993; Thompson, Whitney, & Smith, 1994).

•Children with medical conditions that affect their appearance (e.g., cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and spina bifida) are more likely to be victimized by peers. Frequently, these children report being called names related to their disability (Dawkins, 1996).

Unintentional Bullies

LGBTQ Children

 The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) reports that many lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender teens in the United States experience homophobic remarks and harassment throughout the school day, creating an atmosphere where they feel disrespected, unwanted, and unsafe.

Children w/Weight Problems

- 1-Weight Problems
- Skinny or Fat, big boned or petite, athletic or born with metabolism related disorders, children and teens are sometimes faced with bullying because of their appearance, something they, at most times, cannot change about themselves.

ELL Students

- Unfortunately, ELLs are often easy targets for bullies in the school setting
- Foreign accents and different cultural mannerisms are often mimicked and made fun of in school, which can cause ELLs to question their most basic identity and heritage
- Helping to prevent the bullying of ELLs can be a little more tricky than
 protecting again general bullying, primarily because attempts to be helpful can
 end up causing even more discomfort to ELLs.

Students in Foster Care & Student w/ Incarcerated Parents

Children in Foster Care and Children with Incarcerated Parents

- Children with incarcerated parents face additional stigmas that make them more susceptible to being victims or bullies at school
- These children frequently miss school which can lead to education and social problems, making them easy targets
- They may feel humiliated for having lost contact with their parents and may worry about how their parents are doing or when they might see or talk to them again
- More than 72% of incarcerated women report being parents
- In New York, it is estimated that more than 105,000 minor children have a parent serving time in prison or jail at any one time.

"If they don't like you for being yourself, be yourself even more."

- Taylor Swift



Defining Bullying Harassment, Discrimination and Conflict

Definition of Bullying-NYSED

- Bullying is: (1) unwanted, aggressive behavior
- It involves: (2) real or perceived power imbalance.
- The aggressor: (3) intends to cause physical or emotional harm.
- The behavior is: (4) **repeated**, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

(1)Unwanted Behavior

- The student who has been bullied did not initiate the negative contact
- The student who has been bullied wants the negative contact to stop
- The victim is unable to respond the behavior with equal force (physically, verbally, cognitively)



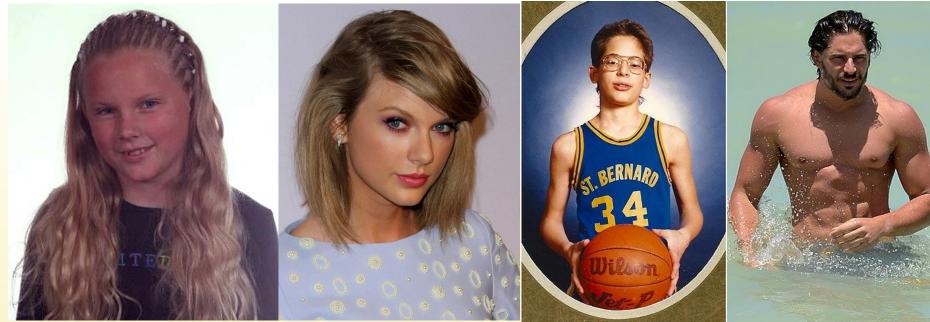
(2) An Imbalance of Power:

Students who bully others use their power, such as **physical strength**, **social** status/economics, access to *embarrassing information*, or *popularity*, to control or harm others.

- Power imbalances can change over time
- Not all victims of bullying play the role of victim their entire time in school.
- Similarly, not all bullies play the role of bully their entire time in school.



http://parents.kernhigh.org/khsd-anti-bullying/bullyingdefinition/









(3) The Intent to Cause Harm:

Intent to Cause Harm:

- 1. Accidental actions are not bullying
- 2. The person bullying has a goal to cause harm
- This is further complicated by the fact that:
- 1. For some bullies their behaviors are their norm
- 2. For some targets, any attention is good attention



(4) Repetition

Bullying behaviors
 generally happen more
 than once or have the
 potential to happen more
 than once.

 This does not mean that bullying that has only happened once should be ignored.

 The key is that most incidents may not be reported until the behavior has been repeated



4 Types of BULLYING



Hitting, kicking, pinching

Spitting

Tripping/pushing

Taking or breaking someone's things

Making mean or rude hand gestures



Name calling

Insults

Teasing

Intimidation

Homophobic or racist remarks

Inappropriate sexual comments

Taunting

Threatening to cause harm



Lying & spreading rumours

Leaving someone out on purpose

Telling others not to be friends with someone

Embarrassing someone in public

Damaging someone's social reputation or relationships



Posting/sending hurtful texts emails or posts, images or videos

Making online threats

Imitating others online or using their log-in

Deliberately excluding others online

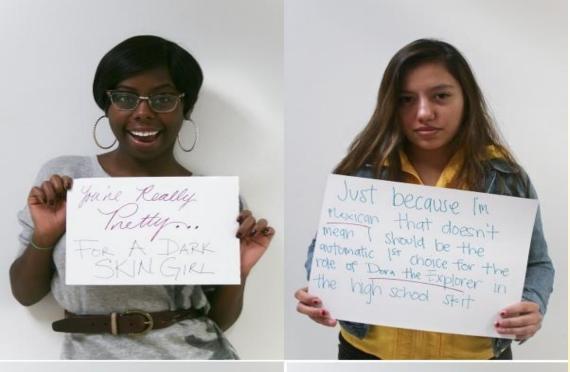
Spreading nasty gossip or rumours

Microaggressions

- **Microaggressions** when people's biases against marginalized groups reveal themselves in a way that leaves their victims feeling uncomfortable or insulted
- Micro because they are brief everyday exchanges, verbal and non-verbal, that send messages to certain individuals that because of their group membership, they have little worth
- Microaggressions can be conscious or sub-conscious.
- Often perpetrated by those who do not display bullying or discriminatory practices in other aspects of their lives.

- A popular student overtly avoids an empty seat in class because it is next to a larger girl. (Conscious)
- An Asian-American student is complimented by a teacher for speaking perfect English, but it's actually his first language. (Subconscious)
- A teacher always defers questions about Muslims to the only Muslim student in the class. (Subconscious)
- A teacher consistently chooses females to answer certain questions and males to answer others (subconscious)
- A homosexual student being told by a classmate, "you don't look gay." (Either)
- A white female goes to enter an elevator and when the door opens the only other passenger is a black male. The female instinctively clutches her purse. (Either)

http://www.vox.com/2015/2/16/8031073/what-are-microaggressions









When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing iteven when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's

BULLYING.



Identifying Differences Between Bullying and Conflict

A Conflict is Not Bullying

- Conflict is when two parties are at odds with each other and there is no real or perceived power differential between them.
- Conflict starts and ends on the same level
- Both parties feel uncomfortable emotions such as frustration, anger, and/or outrage
- People engaged in a conflict want the issue to be resolved. The "back and forth" that occurs is each person trying to make the case for what s/he wants

Distinguishing Bullying from Peer Conflict, Accidents, Misunderstandings

| Typical Peer Conflict | Bullying |
|--|---|
| 1. Equal power between students | 1. Imbalance of power |
| 2. Students involved may be friends | 2. No real friendship |
| 3. Negative actions do not follow a pattern | 3. Negative actions are repeated |
| 4. Conflict not pre-meditated and no real intention to cause harm | 4. Actions are purposeful and possibly pre- meditated |
| 5. Followed by sincere remorse | 5. Bully shifts blame, no sincere remorse |
| 6. Interest in repairing relationship | 6. No interest in repairing relationship |
| 7. Both students play active role | 7. Incident is mostly one sided |
| 8. Youth may be supported by other peers | 8. Target is alone without peer support |
| 9. Intention to resolve a situation | 9. Intention is to gain power, control or items |
| Accidents or | |
| Misunderstandings | Bullying |
| Misunderstandings Someone says something and didn't know it would upset the other, apologizes. The person is sad to see the other one upset. | Bullying 1. Someone thinks it's fun to upset another person. They say things again and again, and laugh if the target gets cross or sad. |
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| Someone says something and didn't know it would upset the other, apologizes. The person is sad to see the other one upset. 2. The person stops when asked. 3. Someone borrows something without asking but gives it back when asked 4. A person accidentally bumps into an individual or pushes past an individual, | Someone thinks it's fun to upset another person. They say things again and again, and laugh if the target gets cross or sad. The person carries on when asked to stop. Someone takes a person's things just to see the person get upset. Someone kicks, push, punches or hurts |

Source:

*In your electronic

materials

[&]quot;Bullying and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Guide for School Staff" by Alice Stobart, 2009

Bullying Checklist One check, it may be bullying; two checks it is likely bullying. Three or more checks, it is bullying No checks or one check and it is likely conflict

- Is the behavior best describe as unwanted or unsolicited?
 Unwanted/unsolicited
- 2. Is there a real or perceived power imbalance between the individuals or do they have equal power/social status in this situation?

Power imbalance exists

3. Is the unwanted behavior primarily one-sided or is it mutual?

Primarily one sided

4. Was this a repeated incident or does it have the potential to be repeated or is this incident unique?

_Repeated or potential to be repeated

- 5. Do one of the individuals believe there is no problem between the two individuals or do both parties agree that there is an issue between them to be resolved?
- ____One of the parties say there is no problem between the two people

"With ignorance comes fearfrom fear comes bigotry. Education is the key to **CATHORITIES** ACCEPTANCE."



Defining Harassment and Discrimination

Bullying

- 1. Not Inherently Prohibited by Federal Law
- 2. Does not inherently violate civil rights (calling some one ugly)
- 3. Usually there is a relationship between bully and target
- 4. Generally directed at an individual not a group
- 5. Willful intent and a power imbalance exists

https://nobullying.com/harassment-and-bullying-is-there-a-difference/

Discrimination

- 1. Prohibited by Federal Law
- 2. Inherently violates a protected class
- 3. There isn't always a relationship
- 4. Frequently affects everyone in the protected class or group even if they are not directly impacted by it
- 5. Willful intent and power imbalance don't always exist

Discrimination Occurs When....

- 1. Actions or policies reduce opportunity or denies equal treatment based upon membership in a protected class
- 2. Causes or **could** potentially cause **adverse treatment, such as** being denied:
- a. The benefits of school
- b. Access to school property/buildings
- c. Access to Academic Programs
- d. Access to Extracurricular Activities

Protected Classes

Race Color **National Origin Sex (Gender)** Age **Disability** Religion **Sexual Orientation** In NY, but not Federally: Gender Identity and Expression; Weight

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Types of Discrimination

- 1. <u>Direct:</u> Excluding because of characteristics
- 2.<u>Indirect:</u> Law or policy that applies to all, has negative effect on some (no head coverings)
- **3.** Harassment: The offensive conduct is persistent or the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create an environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive
- 4. Sexual Harassment: Same as above w/sexual situations

http://education-law.lawyers.com/school-law/many-laws-protect-your-children-from-educational-discrimination.html

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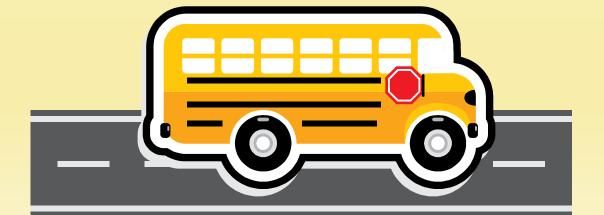
Discrimination Examples

- Not providing school correspondences in native language to non-English speaking parents
- •Prohibition of clothing/accessories based upon items making others uncomfortable
- Assigning a transgender student a "permanent bathroom pass to the nurse" that they did not request
- Limiting Access to advanced courses if a student has an IEP
- Not allowing students to wear religious dress such as head scarves
- •Policies that only allow for a limited number of "legal absences" for religious purposes
- Not providing an American Sign Language interpreter at school events
- Not addressing or attempting to curtail use of phrases like, "that's so gay" or actions like "limp wrist gestures"; phrases like "No Homo"
- Having areas of the school district that are not independently accessible to students with disabilities
- •Prohibiting a student from attending a field trip because of behavior related to a disability (which does not present a "clear and present danger")

When Harassment is Discrimination

- **1.Harassment** based on a protected class is a form of illegal discrimination. That means that when school officials know or should know it's going on, they're legally obligated to take action to stop the harassment
- 2. Actual unwelcome behavior that interferes with an individual's access to their education
- 3. Harassment <u>frequently causes adverse</u> treatment. The offensive conduct is <u>persistent</u> or the conduct is <u>severe</u> or <u>pervasive</u> enough to create an environment that <u>a reasonable person would</u> <u>consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive</u>

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Examples of Harassing Situations

- When female students walk in the "senior hall" they consistently are subject to whistling; sexually suggestive gestures and comments by male students. A male teacher will half-heartedly tell them to "knock it off" but the behavior is not curtailed. The female students receive a detention for being late to class (Pervasive Sexual Harassment).
- Each day on the bus one male student calls another male student a faggot. The student is not gay, but is in the drama club. He does not hear these type of negative comments anywhere else during the school day. He no longer wants to ride the bus (Persistent harassment based upon <u>perceived</u> sexual orientation).
- A student of color hears racial slurs being used by many students in the school on a regular basis The slurs are not directed at him. (Pervasive Racial Harassment).



I told all my students, "You were chosen to be in my class because I am the best teacher and you are the best students, they put us all together so we could show everybody else how to do it."

One of the students said, "Really?"

I said, "Really. We have to show the other classes how to do it, so when we walk down the hall, people will notice us, so you can't make noise. You just have to strut."

And I gave them a saying to say:

I AM SOMEBODY.

I WAS SOMEBODY WHEN I CAME.

WHEN I LEAVE.

I AM POWERFUL, AND I AM STRONG.
I DESERVE THE EDUCATION THAT I GET HERE.

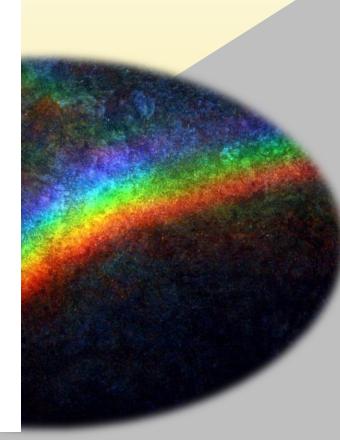
I HAVE THINGS TO DO, PEOPLE TO IMPRESS, AND PLACES TO GO.

And they said, "YEAH!"

You say it long enough, it starts to be a part of you.

Rita Pierson

The above quote is from the wonderful Rita Pierson's superb TED talk - "Every kid needs a champion". You can find it here: www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion.html We'd encourage every teacher to watch it. Students are more then test scores. - @SparkyTeaching





Know The Brain, Know Your Students

Noon: She witnessed a popular upperclassman purposely spill chocolate milk on her friend's white skirt



7:00 am-She called a younger student on the bus a name and forced her to

give up her seat

5:00 pm- While talking in a closed-group on social media she

→ was called a slut and then told the world would be a better place without her



The Brain



Live Wired VS.

Hardwired





Blue Wildebeest: Walk within 30 minutes of birth, outrun predators within 24 hours of birth

Australian Brush Turkey:
(Megapode)
Born absent of parent,
eyes open, feeds self,
can fly





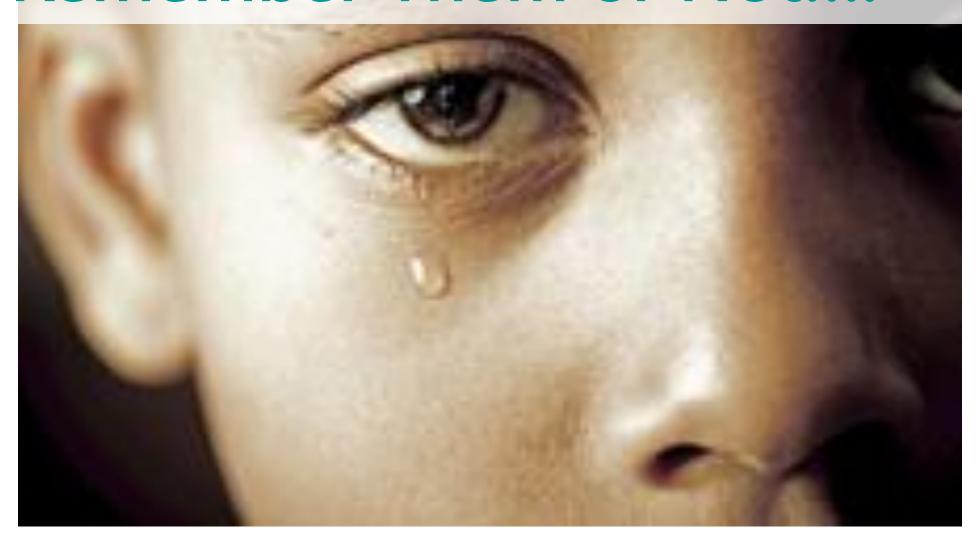
We Are Shaped By Our Life Experiences

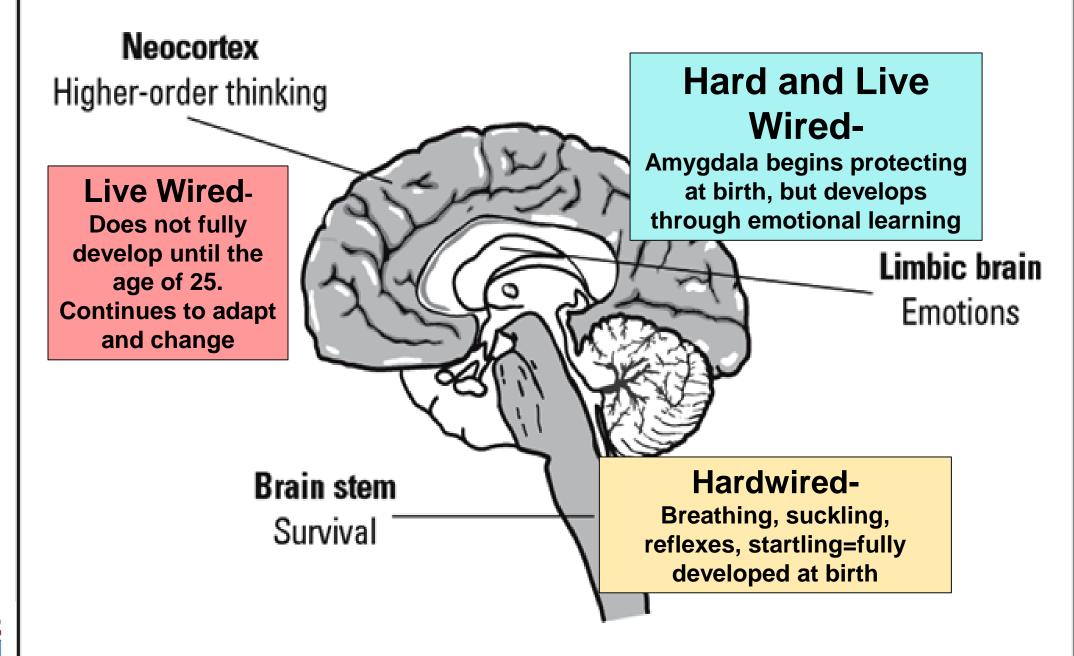
Humans are born helpless, we are totally dependent on those around us for survival

Memory of our experiences ARE STORED IN OUR BRAINS



Whether We Want to Remember Them or Not....







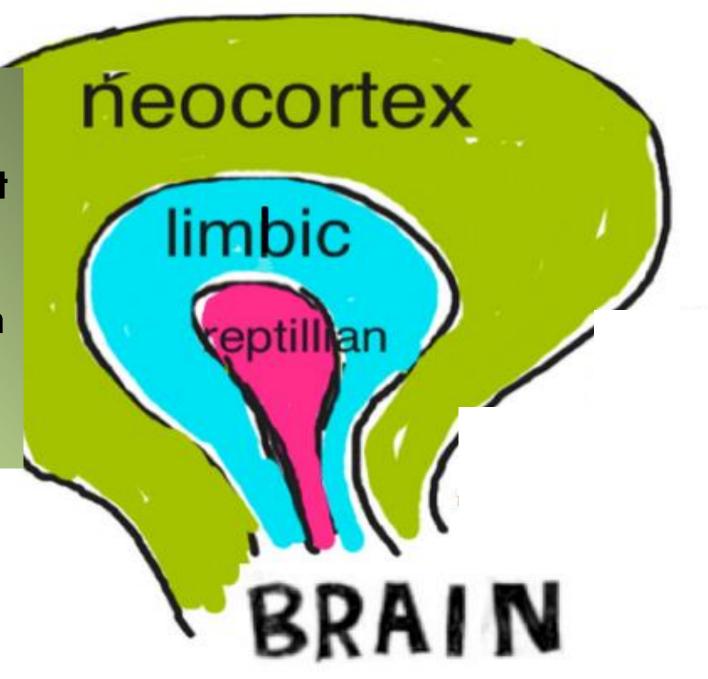


How Does Trauma

Hide Potential?



"Learning occurs mainly in the neocortex and yet the neocortex is the first part of the brain to shut down when we feel threatened." - Leslie Hart



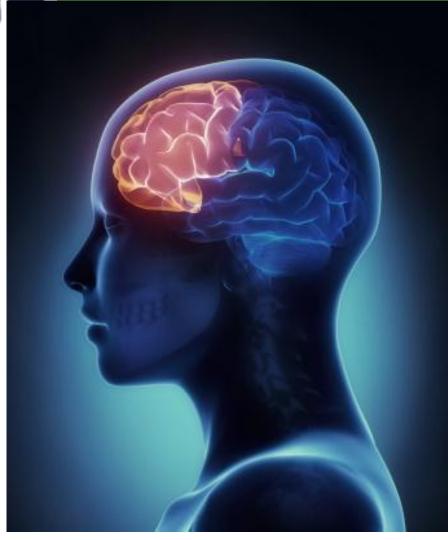


When Emotions are High

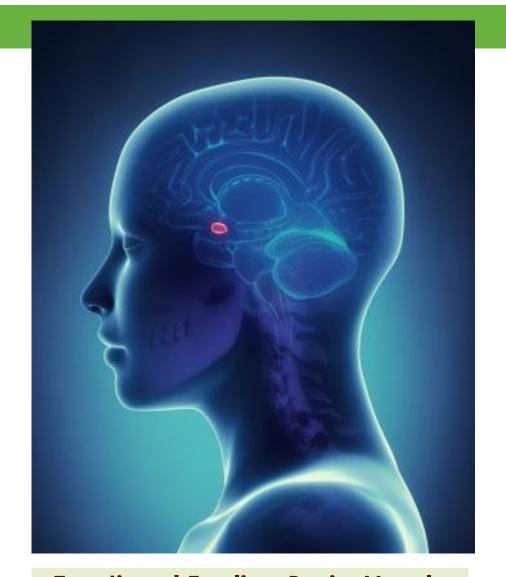
Intelligence is low









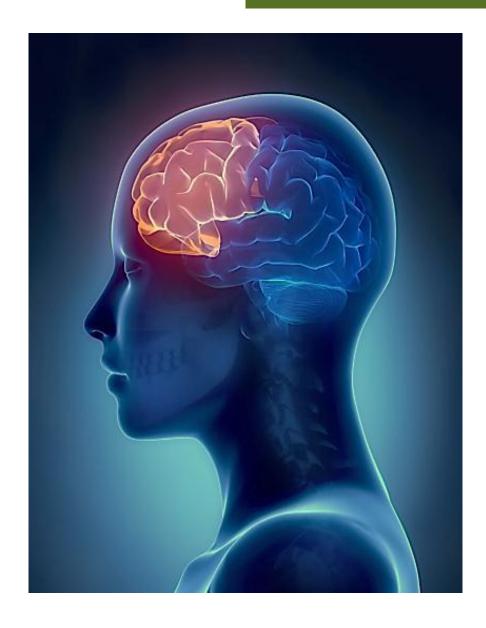


Emotional Feeling Brain-Nearly Fully Developed at Birth





Complex Thinking Brain



- Neocortex
- IQ & Working Memory
- It thinks –

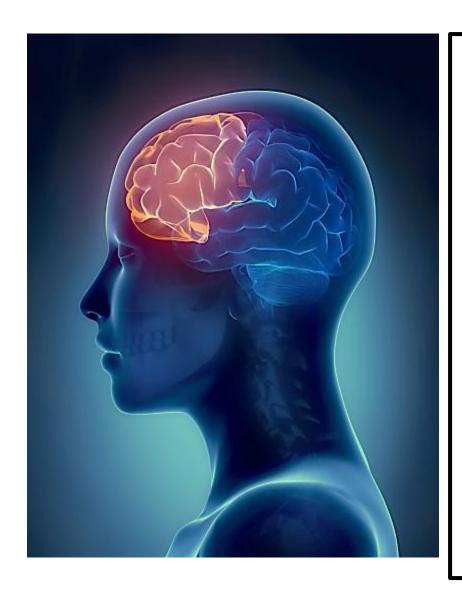
(reflects & considers options)

- Decision making
- Strategizing
- Prioritizing
- Big picture & future consequences
- 4 variables- multiple ideas/strategies





Complex Thinking Brain

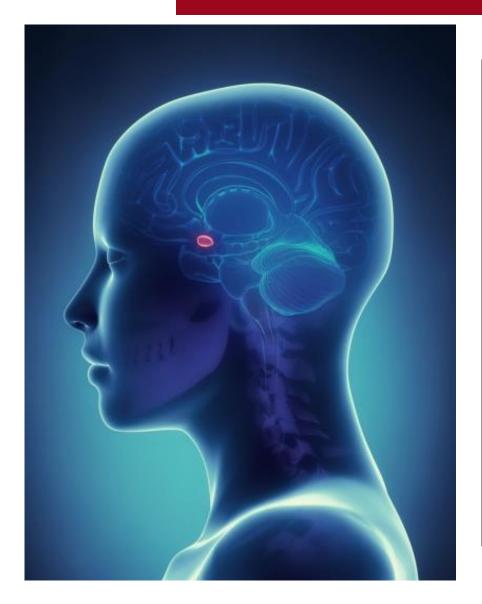


- Language Center
- Influential role in sleep, memory and learning processes
- Procedural (walking, driving)
 and Declarative (numbers,
 facts) memory
- Helps us with deep thinking, forming judgments





Emotional Feeling Brain



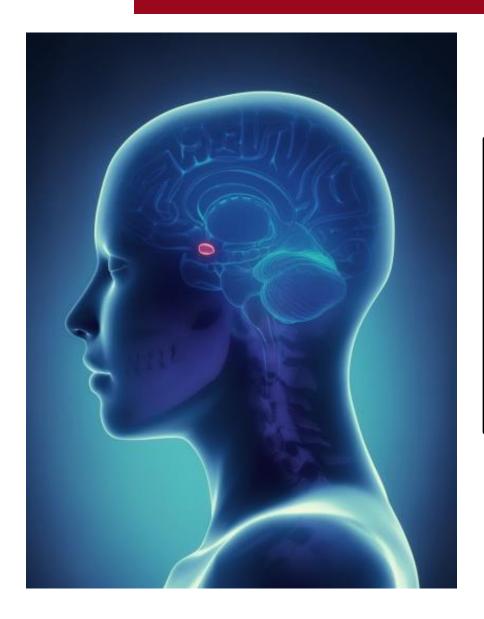
Amygdala- Part of the Limbic System

- Primary responsibility is to keep us safe (fear conditioning)
- It is our survival center
- When initiated solely it activates a fight/fright/flight/freeze response in brain stem
- It doesn't think—it responds based upon emotional learning and memories





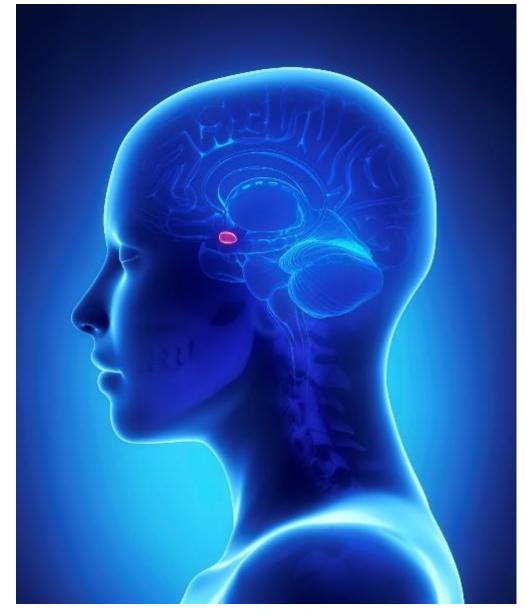
Emotional Feeling Brain



- It has a negativity bias
- Incoming info streams through the amygdala 1st so it can respond to threats (100x's faster than neocortex)



- •That means you 'feel' fear before you can understand what you fear and why you are fearing it
- You cannot control this
- •The amygdala switches off its alarm when it believes that there is safety
- •Once the amygdala alarm is switched off, symptoms will eventually reverse themselves to normal





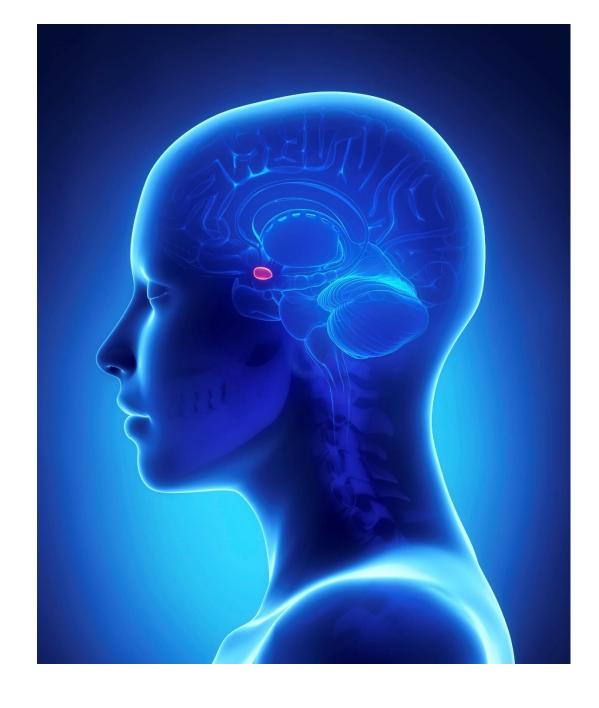
Cortisol/Blood Flow

When the amygdala is activated:

- 1. Blood flows away from prefrontal cortex and rushes to the amygdala
- 2. Blocks signals to your neocortex
- 3. Floods the neocortex with cortisol to immobilize it from long-term/big picture thinking (numbs)

The amygdala causes a hyper-focus on the short-term protective response, defaults to self-protection

When left unmanaged during a complete hijack, cortisol stays in the neocortex for up to 18 minutes



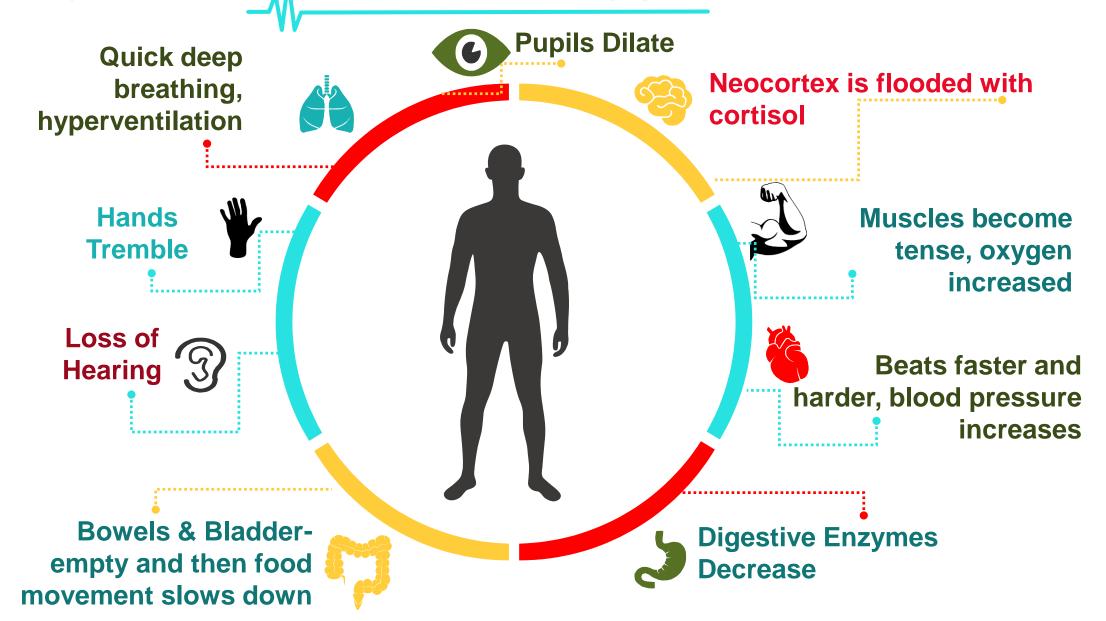
Amygdala Hijack

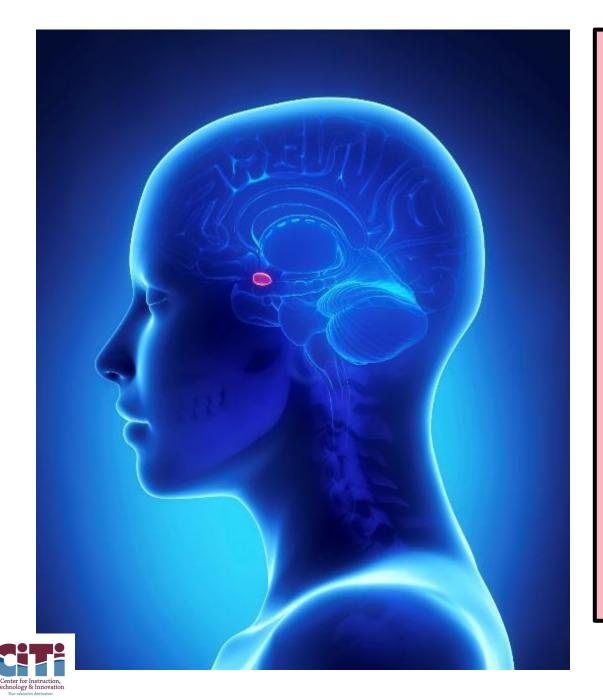
An Amygdala Hijack is an immediate and overwhelming emotional response out of proportion to the stimulus because it has triggered a more significant emotional threat.



This is not a real spider, but if spiders are a trigger for you, the amygdala will process it as a threat initially. Your neocortex needs to convince the amygdala the threat is not real.

Physical Effects of an Amygdala Activation



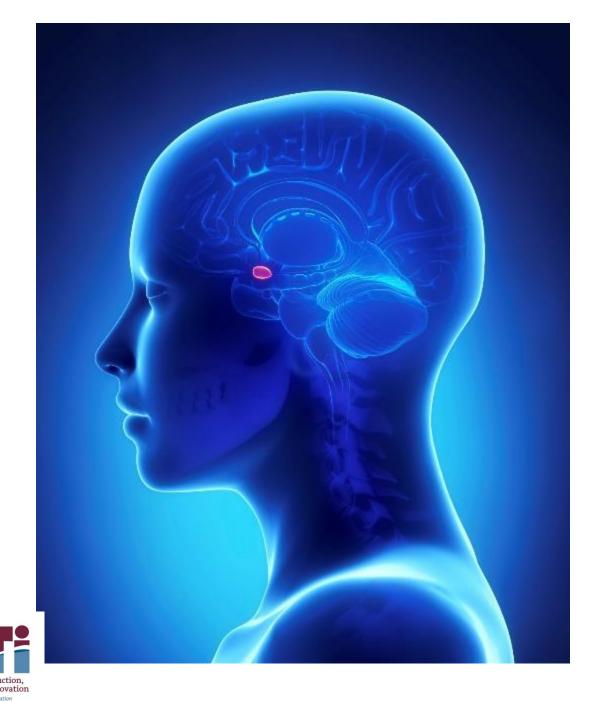


Amygdala Hijack

The Amygdala does not know the difference between a physical threat of imminent danger or a social or emotional threat

- •When it is repeatedly activated the brain is in a constant state of arousal.
- •It is very difficult to concentrate, remember and learn or speak using your IQ when the brain is always scanning for danger.

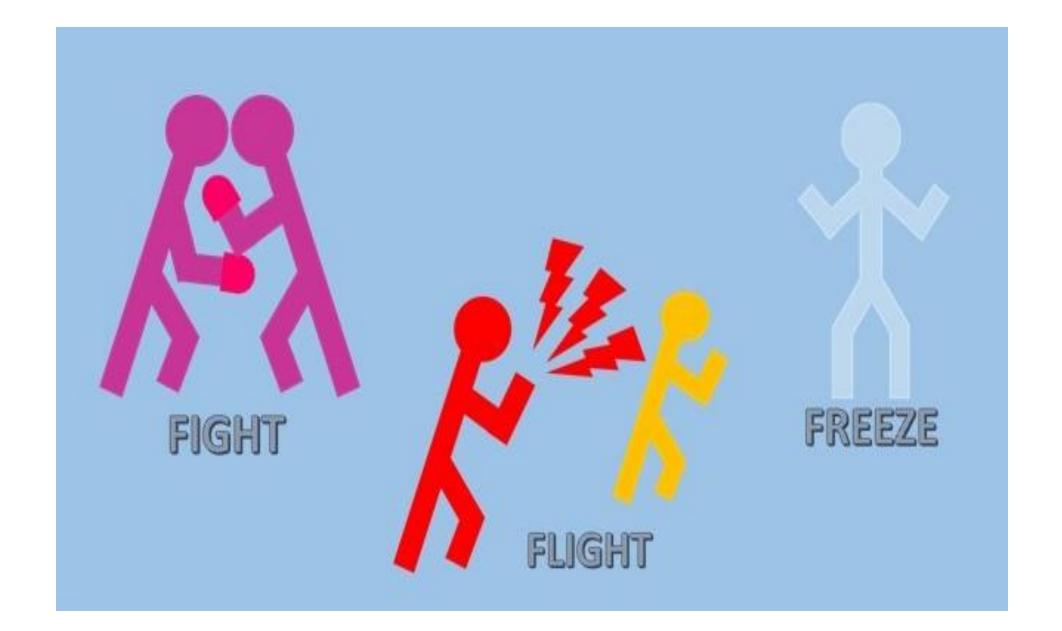
(Paraphrased from the work of Daniel Goleman, Emotional Intelligence, Why it matters more than IQ, 1997).



Amygdala Hijack

- •When the amygdala is consistently activated it the explains the symptoms people develop like: avoidance behaviors, anxiety, depression, appetite and sleep problems, feelings of helplessness and suicidal thoughts
- •It also explains why the action of aggressors frequently do not make practical sense

(Paraphrased from the work of Daniel Goleman, Emotional Intelligence, Why it matters more than IQ, 1997).





The Neocortex

Research shows that the average person can hold between 4-8 distinct variables in their working memory when operating at their best.

On any given day we are often preoccupied with other issues so it is reasonable to assume that most of us have access to 4 distinct variables at any one time

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The Neocortex

There are a number of ways that these 4 distinct variables can be combined, giving us lots of options.

When our Neocortex is in the drivers seat we are able to use our experience, expertise and IQ to create theoretical options.

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The Neocortex

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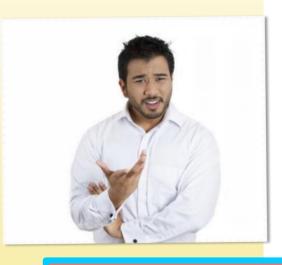


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full use of options



Loss of some perspective "Hormonal Flush Begins"





More certainty perspective lost



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75% of conscious reasoning is lost, jump to conclusions

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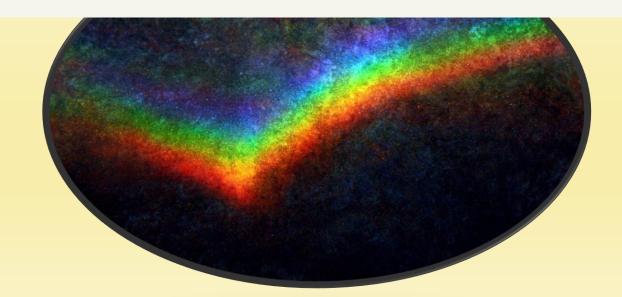
HIJACK! Reactive, Short-term Thinking, Hyper-Focus on Threat



Hijack Triggers

 In order to increase protection, the amygdala maintains experiences that develop into triggers

 A trigger is something (usually related to our senses) that causes our brain to go into protection mode



Insulting his Momma is a Trigger



The Bullied Brain

- •Bullying also causes cognitive problems like impaired memory, attention and concentration.
- •It's hard for the bullied brain to learn when it's always in a state of high alert, prepared for the next attack.
- •Bullying victims and PTSD sufferers have a lot in common. The hypersensitivity makes it very hard to relax and enjoy activities.

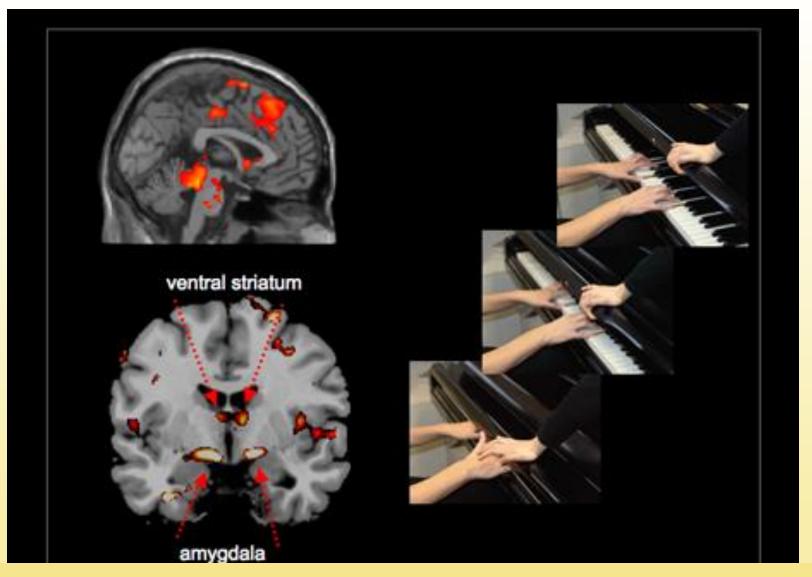
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Aggressive Brain

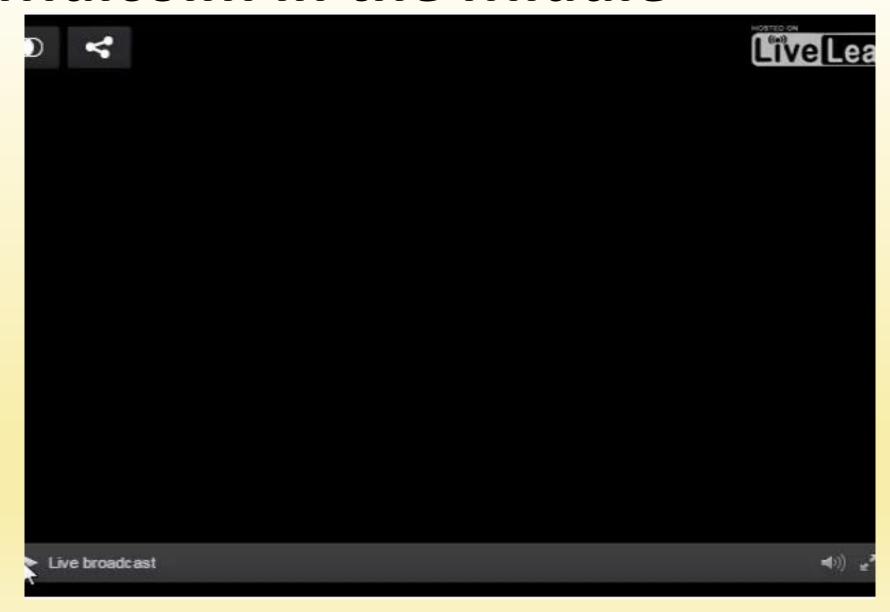
Aggressive adolescents showed a specific and very strong activation of the amygdala and ventral striatum (an area that responds to feeling rewarded) when watching pain inflicted on others, which suggested that they enjoyed watching pain.

Contrary to former assumptions, aggressive teens recognize pain and suffering, but process it in a positive way.



Notice the pleasure center of the brain lights up when seeing pain

Malcolm in the Middle



The following is what can result when two "fight" mindsets have simultaneous amygdala hijacks



Childhood Trauma

Acts of Commission

ABUSE

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological

Acts of Omission

NEGLECT

Physical Emotional

Medical/Dental

Supervision

Exposure to violence

Behavior is Like an Iceberg

What We See

Am I safe? Am I loved? Do I matter? I feel angry. I feel sad. I feel scared. I feel hungry. I feel tired. I'm in pain. I feel overwhelmed. I'm overstimulated. I can't communicate how I feel..... I need help!

Antecedent emotions and experiences are often under the surface

Adverse Childhood Experiences **ACES**

ABUSE

NEGLECT

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Physical



Physical



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Emotional



Emotional



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



Sexual



Divorce

BEHAVIOR



Lack of physical activity



Smoking



Alcoholism



Drug use



Missed work

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH



Severe obesity



Diabetes



Depression



Suicide attempts



STDs



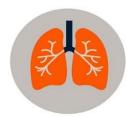
Heart disease



Cancer



Stroke



COPD



Broken bones

Adverse Childhood Experiences

ARE COMMON

Household Dysfunction

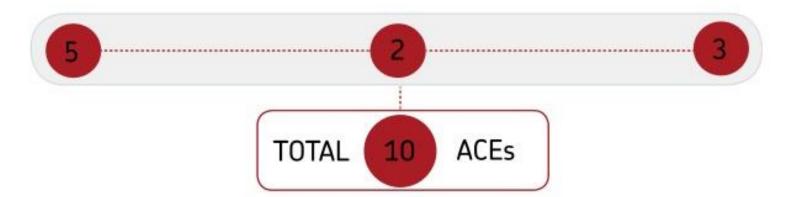
Substance Abuse Parental Sep/Divorce 23% Mental Illness 17% Battered Mothers 13% Criminal Behavior 6%

Neglect

Emotional 10% Physical

Abuse

Emotional 11% Physical 28% Sexual 21%



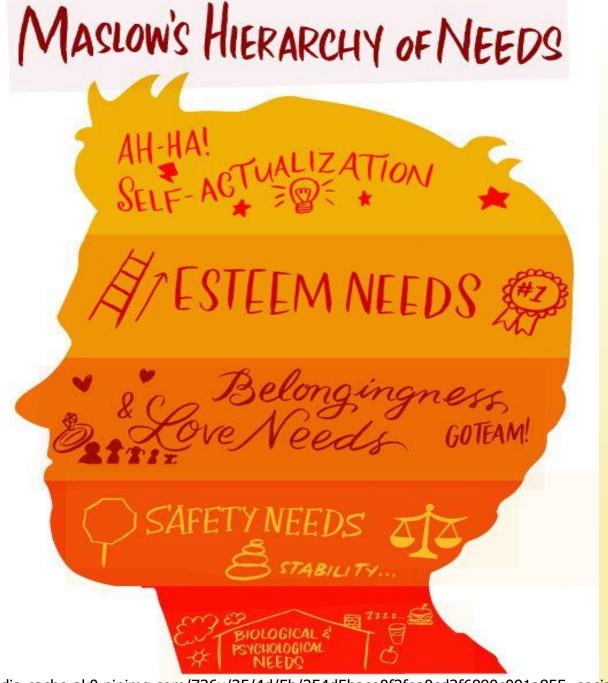


Impact of ACEs on School Performance

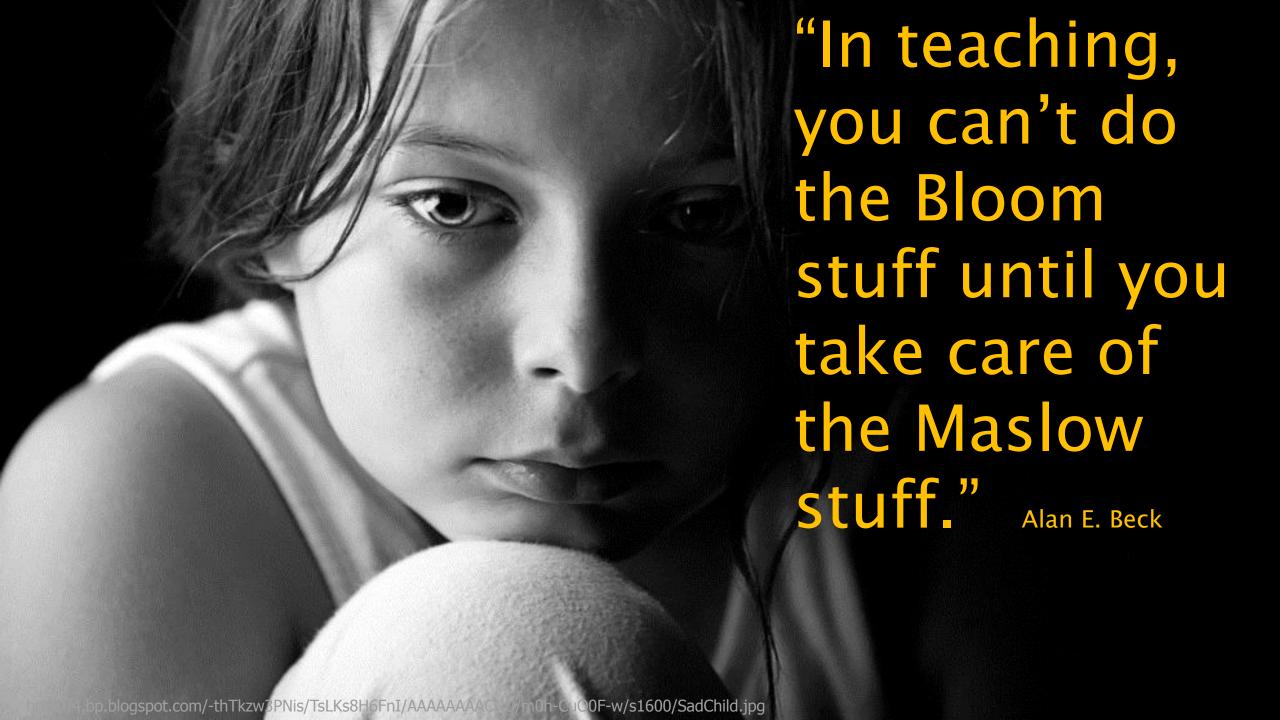
Children with 3 or more ACEs are nearly 4 times (OR=3.66) more likely to have developmental delays Children with 4 or more ACEs are 32 times more likely to have behavioral problems in school



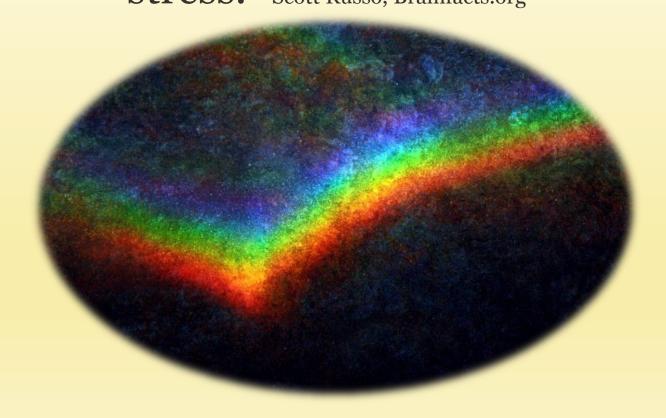
YET, Not all students who experience bullying, trauma or fear are in crisis. WHY?



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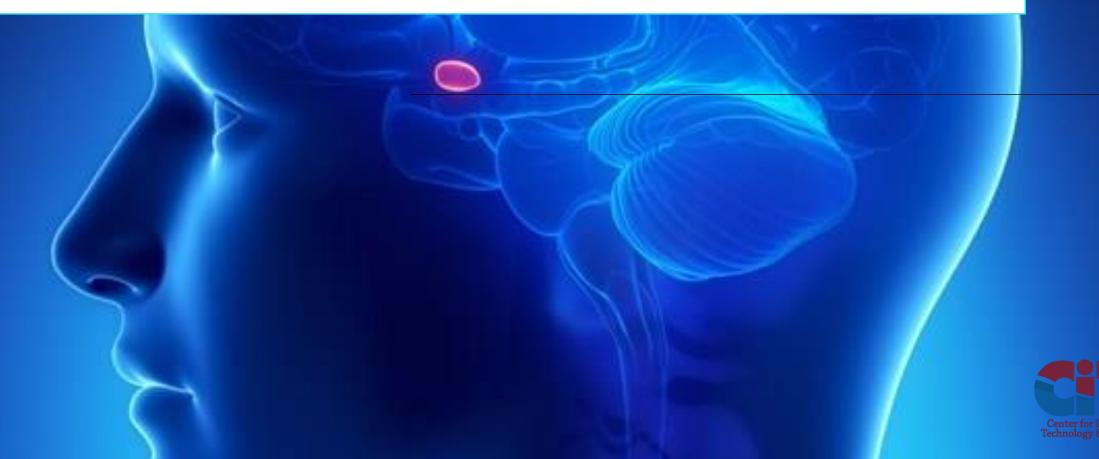


"Resilient individuals dampen negative inflammatory responses to stress."-Scott Russo, Brainfacts.org



"Research shows us that emotional regulation is one of the key factors for the development of resilience and wellbeing."

– Fiona Forman



Strategies When Dealing with People who are Hijacked or Stressed

- ✓ Introduce the brain to novelty
- ✓ Introduce a Tactile/Sensual Activity-Exercise, Texture
 - ✓ Meditation/Deep Breathing
 - ✓ Imagine a safe calm place
 - ✓ Sleeping/Napping
 - ✓ Provide Reassurance



https://www.wirlsummit.com/forget-conceal-dont-feel-instead-youve-got-name-tame/

Dr. Daniel Siegel discovered that when we deny the feelings we are having we make an amygdala hijack stronger and longer

Stating the emotion helps reengage the prefrontal cortex

Naming the emotion helps to build new neural pathways, also building resilience

Claiming it helps expel the emotion

Best Practices:

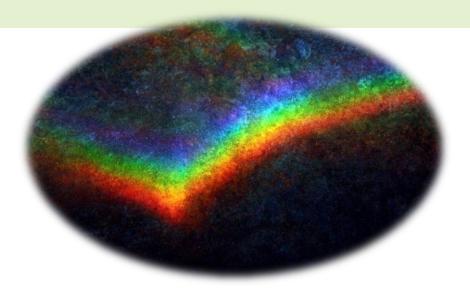
Acknowledge past experiences of loss and betrayal

Support participation in student clubs

Provide time and space

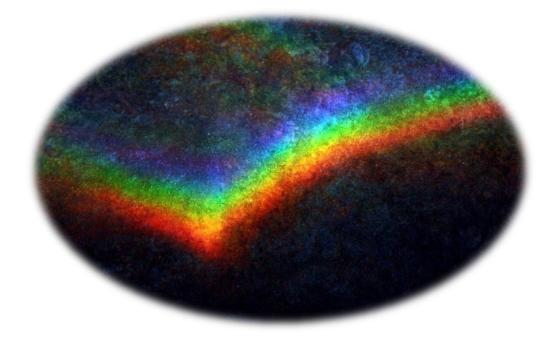
Model compassion

Create structured opportunities for safe interactions



Best Practice:

Acknowledge and compliment even small changes with praise that is behaviorally specific.

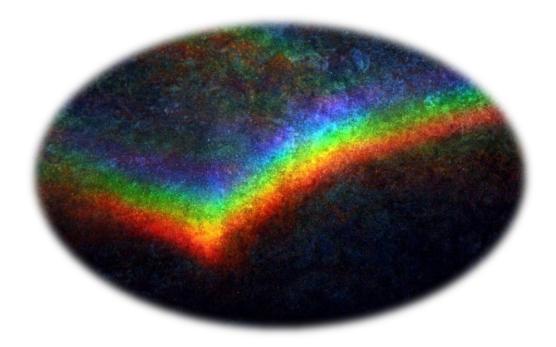


Best Practice:

Encourage and support participation in community service organizations

Participate in volunteer organizations

Involve children in rituals (civic, holidays, etc.)



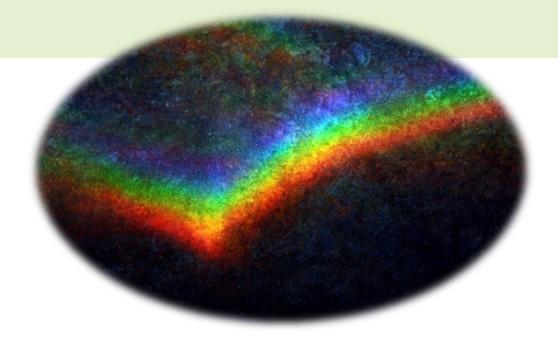
Best Practice:

Implicitly teach emotions

Model emotional responses and label them

Identify the range of human emotions through pictures and sound

Have children self-select what their emotional state is



Attachment & Belonging

RELATIONSHIPS

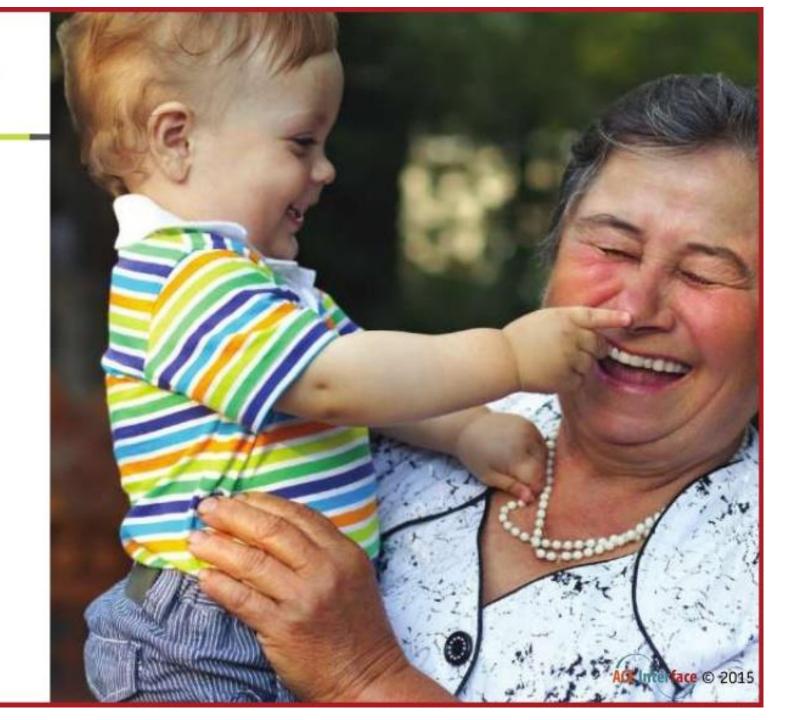
with caring and competent

people are

-VITAL-

contributors to

resilience & recovery



Individual Capabilities



Positive

view lets me know I am important and valuable



Community, Faith & Cultural Processes



foster thriving communities





"Bullying builds character like nuclear waste creates superheroes. It's a rare occurrence and often does much more damage than endowment."

The Law & Reporting Requirements

Dignity Act Language (NY)

- The Dignity Act prohibits acts of harassment and bullying, including cyberbullying, and/or discrimination, <u>by</u> <u>employees or students</u> on school property or at a school functions;
- Including <u>but not limited to</u> such conduct those based on a student's actual or perceived <u>race</u>, <u>color</u>, <u>weight</u>, <u>national origin</u>, <u>ethnic group</u>, <u>religion</u>, <u>religious practice</u>, <u>disability</u>, <u>sexual orientation</u>, <u>gender</u> (defined to include gender identity or expression), or sex (Education Law §12[1]).
- http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/

Required Reporters

•All district staff, when aware of harassment, bullying and/or discrimination, are required to: _____

1. Orally report the incident(s) within one school day to the principal, superintendent or his/her designee and;

2. Then report it in writing within two school days after making an oral report





Encouraged Reporters

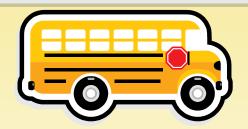
The following individuals are encouraged to verbally or in writing report issues of bullying, harassment or discrimination

Students who have been targets

Parents or those in parental relation to a student who is a target

Other students who observe or are told of such behavior







Reporting



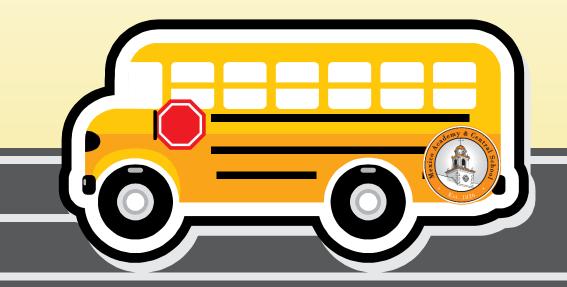
The student does not need to fill out a complaint form, BUT the employee of the school district is required to.

Awareness=
You saw it...
You heard it....
Someone else
told you about
it....



Silence implies consent

Employees who report in "good faith" are legally protected from liability or retaliation related to their reporting.





School District Responsibilities

4. Create a 5. Train all 2. Modify and 3. Create and procedure for faculty, staff 1. Designate Communicate publicize a responding to and students Dignity Act Coordinators confidential incidents and changes to on identifying Code of complaint train all and responding to bullying Conduct mechanism personnel on the steps

Dedicated Dignity Act Email

In compliance with Education Law §13(3), at least one staff member at every school must be thoroughly trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (which includes a person's actual or perceived sex, and gender identity and expression), and sex.

This staff member should be referred to as the Dignity Act

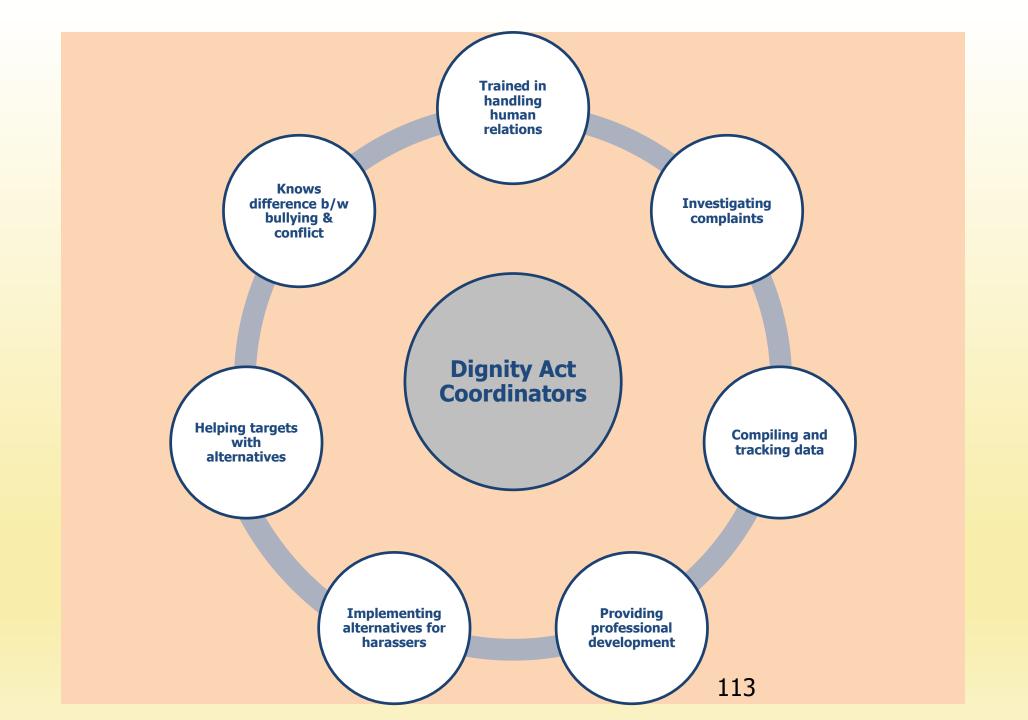
Coordinator (DAC).

One per school, <u>not</u> one per district

When possible having a male and female DAC is ideal.

Person should be accessible during the school day.

Dignity Act Coordinator



Dignity Act Language

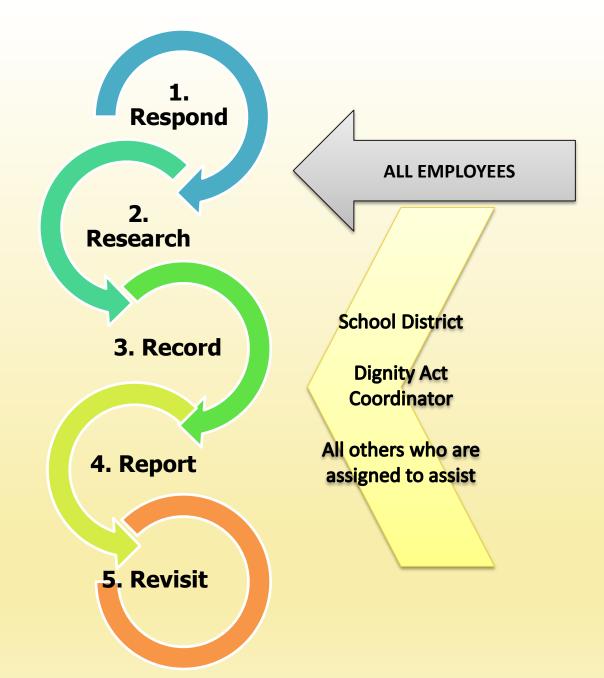
- A key principle in the Dignity Act relates to <u>reporting</u> incidents of harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination
- It is not your job to do an in-depth investigation
- Not every reported incident will be determined to be bullying, harassment of discrimination
- You do not determine the merit of the claim, the DAC does.

Dignity Act Language

- If an incident is determined to be bullying it is called a MATERIAL INCIDENT
- When a <u>material incident</u> has occurred school district's must:
- 1. End the harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination;
- 2. Eliminate any hostile environment;
- 3. Create a more positive school culture and climate;
- 4. Prevent recurrence of the behavior; and
- 5. Ensure the safety of the student(s) against

Why it is important to document all complaints

- Deliberate Indifference
 - Gross Misjudgment
- Deliberate Indifference = Not responding to reports of bullying and harassment
- Gross Misjudgment = Bullying was responded to, but the interventions were not appropriate, timely or not intensive enough





What is my role in a complaint about bullying?

Each District Should Have Their Own Complaint Flow Process, But Generally Speaking.....

- 1. When made aware of a complaint, take notes on what the person is telling you
- Recommend (but do not require) that the person fill out the DASA complaint form
- 3. Assist the person with the form if necessary
- 4. If they do not want to fill out the form, ask (but do not require them) to write a short synopsis of what they know
- Bring the form; any written statements; your verbal knowledge of the situation and any other evidence to the DASA coordinator
- 6. You should not do any in-depth questioning of the alleged person who bullied or the alleged target
- 7. The DASA coordinator determines of a formal investigation is necessary

1. Take the complaint seriously....

- If a student comes to you with a complaint about being bullied, please don't dismiss it as "just teasing"
- Listen to the student, and tell the student you will take the appropriate action
- No allegation about bullying should be ignored because the charge seems improbable or because the behavior seems unlikely to recur or is perceived as a "harmless rite of passage."

2. Reassure, do not judge.

- If a student comes to you for help, reassure the student that you care about him or her and will do what you can
- Do not, however, suggest that the student who has been bullied should make concessions. "Have you ever thought that if you weren't so vocal about being gay, people wouldn't harass you as much?"



3. Get the student(s) the appropriate professional help.

- If any student seems to be in emotional or psychological distress, offer to help the student get in touch with a counselor, social worker, or school psychologist right away; be supportive
- But don't give advice beyond your expertise
- And if the student seems in imminent physical danger, alert the appropriate school officials or Child Protective Services

4. Do Something.

- If you witness a student being harassed and humiliated by another student, intervene
- Everyone involved—the student who has been bullied; the student who has been bullied and the witnesses all need to know this is unacceptable behavior
- Research shows that creating a safe learning environment for all students requires the adults in the school working together.



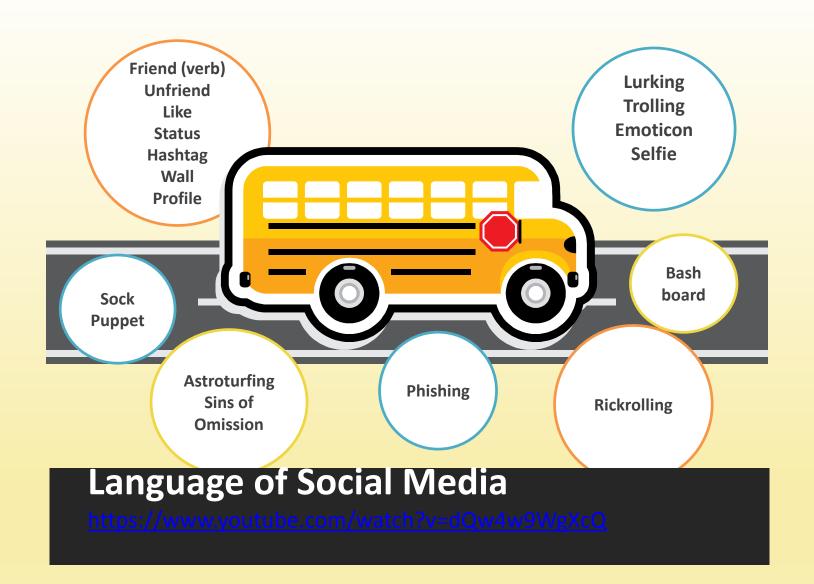


Social Media: Cyberbullying's Subtle and Outrageous Playground

Social Media has changed the weapons of bullying, sometimes with a subtlety that adults do not understand.

Additionally, social media provides a 24-hour opportunity for both social affirmation and social exclusion





You've Been Rickrolled







21. cushioning

23. scat porn

25. saftb

26. mrw

22. poodle balling



11. grapefruiting

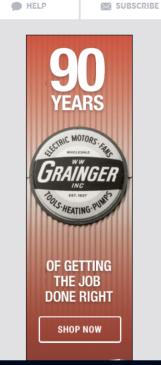
13. twf

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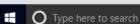
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IS

DICTIONARY

Define a Word

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6. pulling the blinds

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1. pissfuck

3. astroglide

4. rub down

2. polish bike ride

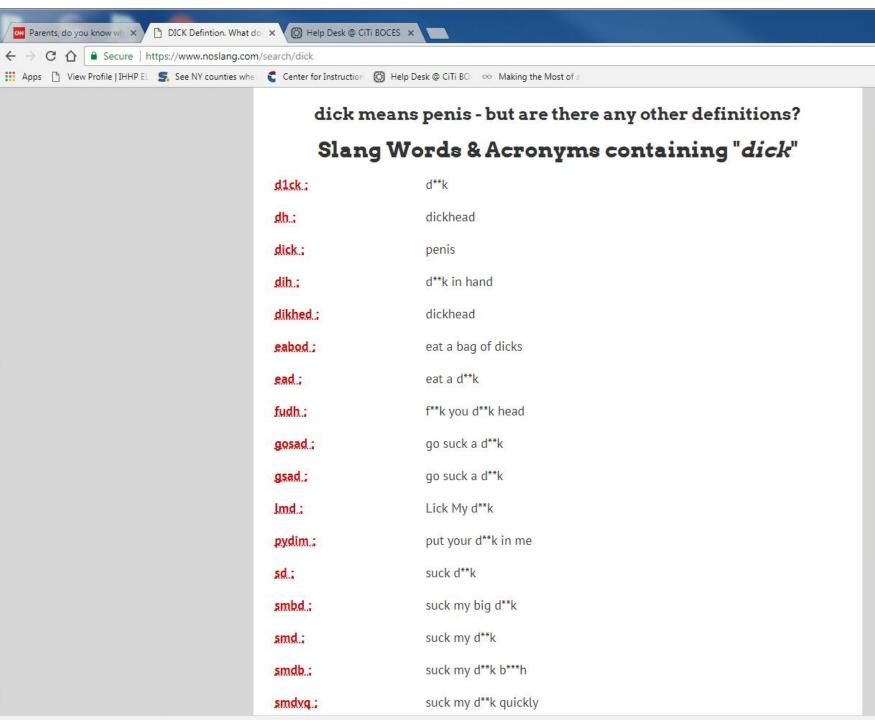
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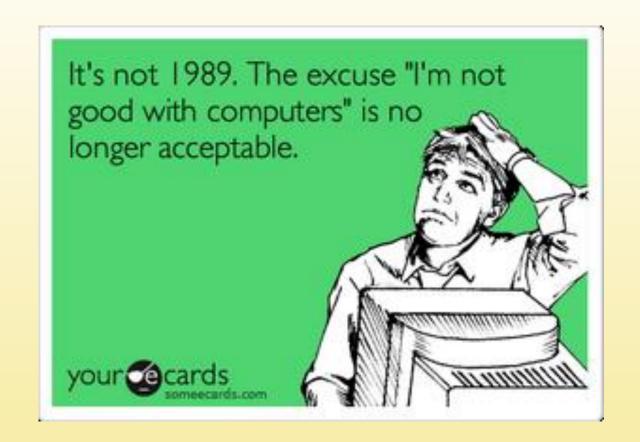








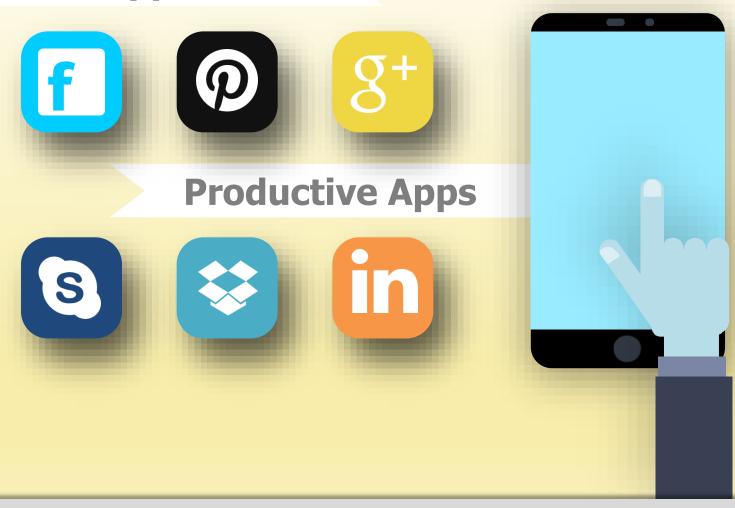
https://www.noslang.com/sear





- First used on the internet in 1990
- Recognized by Oxford Dictionary in 2011
- Still not recognized by some adults in 2017

Social Apps



"The combination of social media pressure and an underdeveloped prefrontal cortex, the region of the brain that helps us rationalize decisions, control impulsivity and make judgments, can contribute to offensive online posts."

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/07/well/family/the-secret-social-media-lives-of-teenagers.html?mcubz=1

Social Media Lacks Proper Supervision

- Studies consistently show that bullying is twice as likely to happen in areas of the school that are less supervised
- Therefore, since most social media lacks adult supervision, it is easy to surmise that bullying will flourish on social media

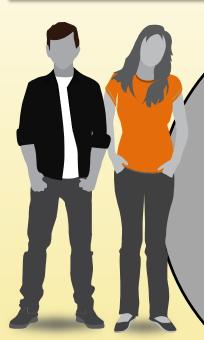




When adults are portrayed like this, the idea that they are incapable of monitoring their children's devices is reinforced.....

Student Vulnerability

Face to Face Bullies strategically target their most defenseless/marginalized classmates (Saino et al. 2012; Veenstraet al. 2010)



Face to Face: Perceived Difference/Weakness

Disabilities
LGBTQ
ELL
Weight Issues
Students in Poverty

Online aggressors strategically target nonmarginalized youth in order to "up their cred" (Saino et al. 2012; Veenstraet al. 2010)

Cyberbullying:
Social Combat
Popularity Contests

Judgment of Sexuality

Females, easier targets



Theory of Victimization



Popularity/Status increases both the risk of victimization and, crucially, the severity of its consequences

Harassing the weakest members of a group is singularly unimpressive- too easy

Weakening the social status of a someone can be a MAGNIFIED social trauma for those who were not already marginalized

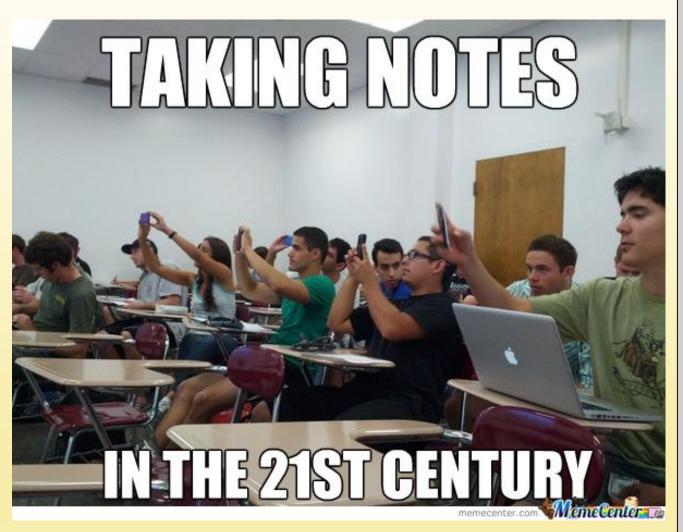
From: Casualties of Social Combat: School Networks of Peer Victimization and Their Consequences

Robert Farisa and Diane Felmleeb

Social Combat



"Schools should be aware of this more subtle version of aggression and cruelty, and maybe it will hopefully challenge some of the stereotypical thinking of what a victim of bullying looks like," "There are kids who may appear to be popular and well-adjusted and so on that actually experience a lot of trauma as a result of this, what we call 'social combat.'"



Rather than forbidding students from using all mobile devices, we must teach them about responsible usage.

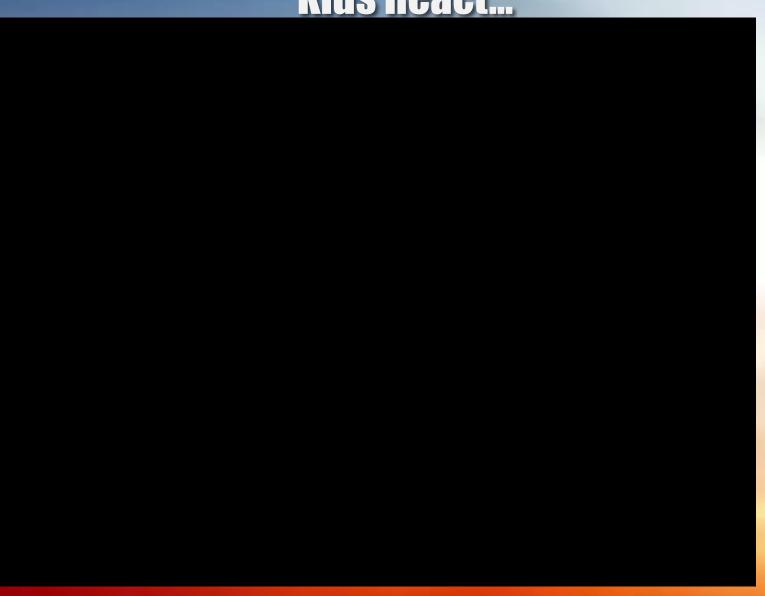
The bottom line is that parents and teachers must be involved in the digital lives of kids if we're going to help prevent dangerous situations and consequences that could last a lifetime.

The kids will not find the right path on their own—that is for certain

So we must train our kids to be extremely careful with what they put online, especially on social media. Every word and image made with a digital device should be treated as public and permanent.



Kids React...



Parents Need To Monitor Children

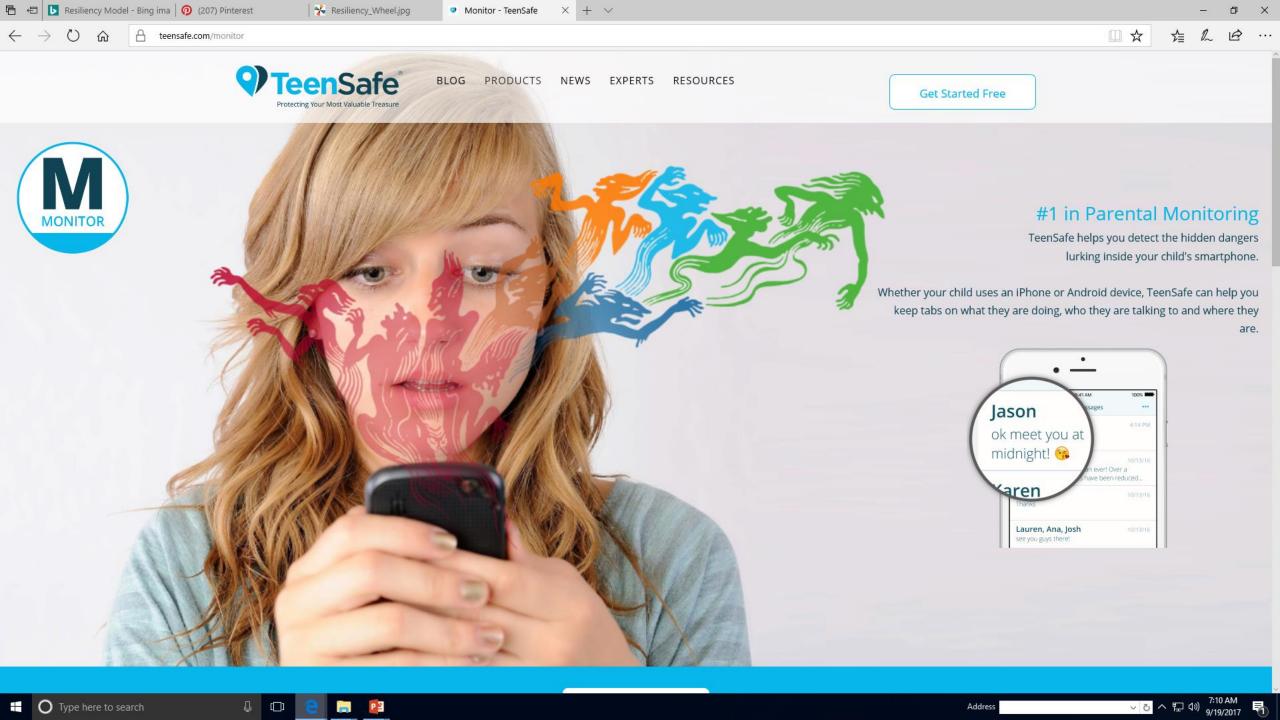
- Texting is instantly gratifying and highly anxiety producing.
- Neuro-imaging has shown that back and forth texting floods the pleasure centers of the brain, the same area that lights up when using heroin.
- The emotional disruption of a real or perceived negative response, however, necessitates more texting to repair the mood, to fix the feelings of rejection, blame and disconnection.
- The addictive potential is obvious.

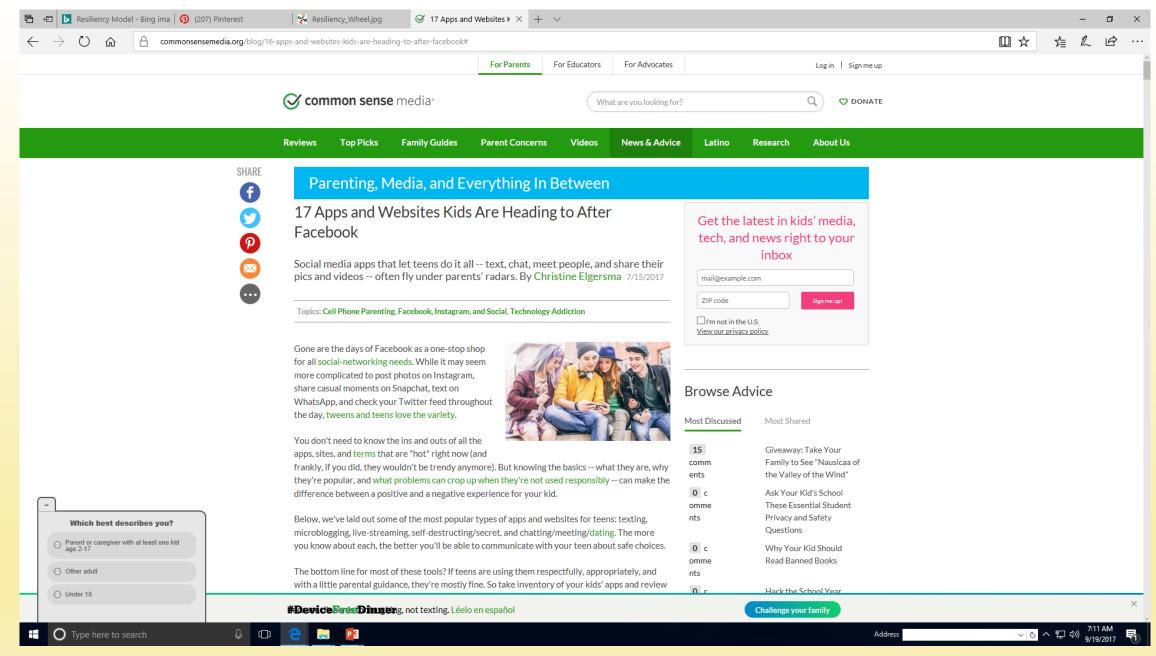
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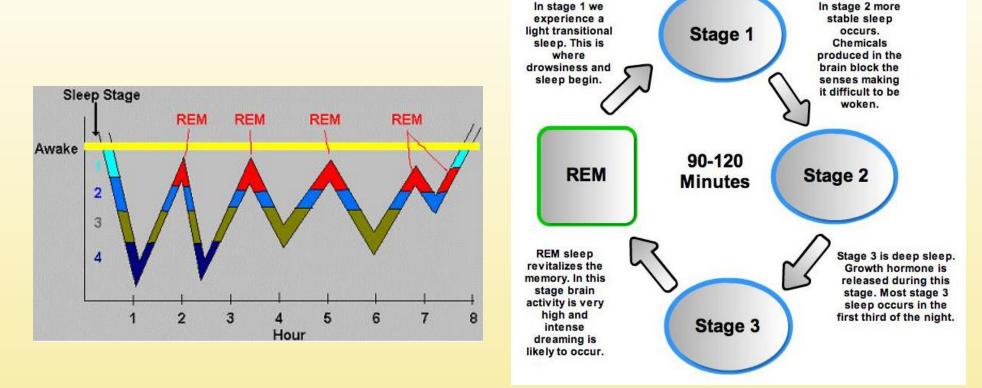
Teensafe







Electronic device cause cognitive stimulation and disrupt Circadian Rhythm



That "glow" from electronics is also at work against quality shuteye. The small amounts of light from these devices pass through the retina into a part of the hypothalamus (the area of the brain that controls several sleep activities) and delay the release of the sleep-inducing hormone, melatonin



BIAS

BIAS

- Research tells us that between ages 2 and 5, children become aware of gender, race, ethnicity, and disabilities
- They also become sensitive to both the positive attitudes and negative biases attached to these by their family and by society in general

http://www.cccpreschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Teaching-Children-to-Resist-Bias4.pdf

Unconscious Bias

 Since the 1980s, numerous studies have shown that people can act in biased ways despite explicitly believing that prejudice and discrimination are wrong

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 This dichotomy comes from what social psychologists call implicit unconscious — biases, the result of pervasive messages that perpetuate stereotypes.

http://www.workforce.com/articles/20242-you-biased-no-its-your-brain

Common Biases Based in Traditions (even in those who are hip and cool)

- Religions other than Christianity Especially in our
 county, bias is often rooted in lack of knowledge about the
 traditions of other religions
- Race- Our county has less than 2% races other than white, compared to 18% statewide. Once again, lack of exposure to other races tends to cause bias
- <u>Disability</u>-Preconceived notions about what people with disabilities are and are not capable of
- **Gender-**Assigning roles/expectations to male and females

Most Sensitive Areas w/ most visceral bias response are....

1. Sexual orientation

"Sexual orientation" is the preferred term used when referring to an individual's physical and/or emotional attraction to the same and/or opposite gender. "Heterosexual," "bisexual" and "homosexual" are all sexual orientations. A person's sexual orientation is distinct from a person's gender identity and expression.



July 2015-New York State Update- Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth

Understanding Gender Identity

 Transgender youth are those whose assigned birth sex does not match their internalized sense of their gender (their "gender-related identity"),

A transgender boy, for example, is a youth who identifies as male, but was assigned the sex of female at birth.

Understanding Gender Identity

• GNC (Gender Nonconforming) youth are those whose gender-related identity does not meet the stereotypically expected norms associated with their assigned sex at birth.

GNC youth vary in the ways in which they identify as male, female, some combination of both, or neither

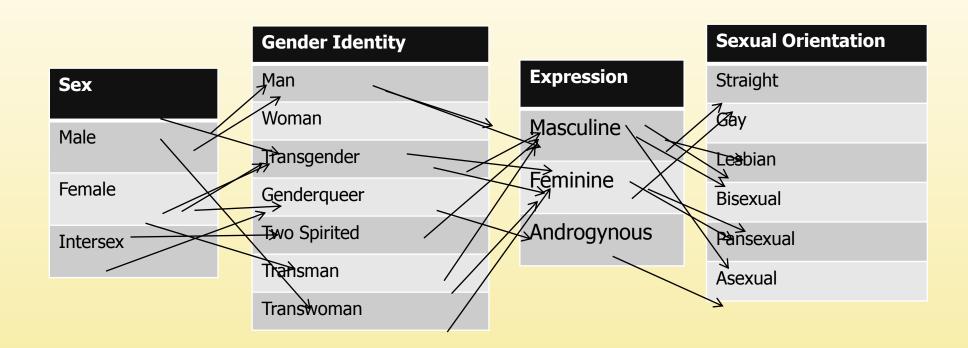
Example: A male student who wears lipstick, mascara and eye shadow or a female student who is on the male wrestling team



Defining Gender

 <u>Cisgender</u>-is someone whose sex assigned at birth corresponds to their gender identity

So What Does This Look Like?



Students in Transition; Laws in Transition- An Understanding of Transgender Student Issues. Ferrara Fiorenza PC, December 2015

NY State Advises us that.....

The person best situated to determine a student's gender identity is the <u>individual student</u>

It is **recommended** that schools accept a student's assertion of his/her/their own gender identity.

*Since no cases on this issue have been heard in NY State, legal firms across the state are advising districts differently on this matter. Follow the advice of your district counsel.

Issues Like Bathrooms, etc. (Check with your School)

Transgender and gender nonconforming youth have the right to use the bathroom/locker room of their choice

If a student expresses the desire to use a nonconforming bathroom they should not be denied

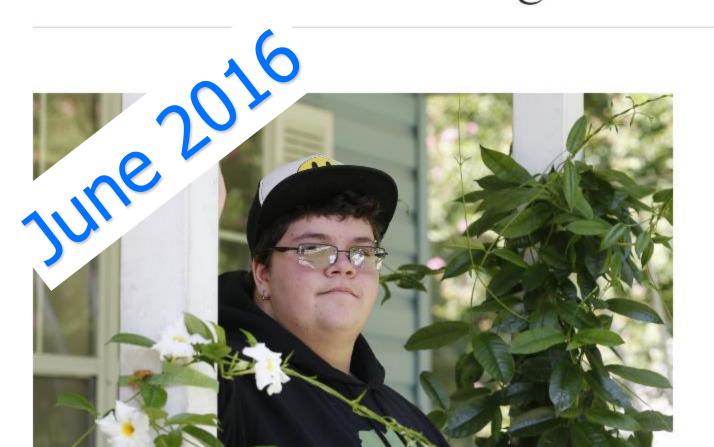
Additionally, they should not be forced to have a "permanent pass to the nurses office" or be assigned a specific bathroom

NY State Guidance

- If a TG student is new to your district, their birth name and birth sex should not be revealed
- If a TG student has been in attendance in the district, the principal should direct all school personnel to use the student's chosen name and pronouns. Every effort should be made to update student records and not circulate records with the student's birth name

Education

Federal appeals court sides with transgender teen, says bathroom case can go forward

























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Education

Supreme Court issues stay in transgender bathroom case, blocking teen's use of boys' bathroom













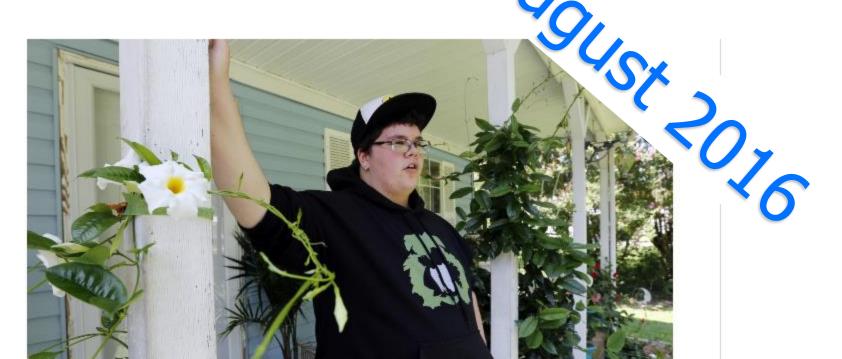














58 gender options not enough? Facebook now allows unlimited custom identities

Asexual

Female to male trans man

Female to male transgender man

Female to male transsexual man

F₂M

Gender neutral

Hermaphrodite

Intersex man

Intersex person

Intersex woman

Male to female trans woman

Male to female transgender woman

Male to female transsexual woman

Man

M2F

Polygender

T* man

T* woman

Two* person

Agender

Androgyne

Gender Questioning

Gender Variant

Genderqueer

Intersex

Male to Female

MTF

Neither

Neutrois

Non-binary

Other

Pangender

Trans

Trans Female

Trans Male

Trans Man

Trans Person

Transexual Female

Transexual Male

Transexual Man

Transexual Person

Transexual Woman



https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/

Single-target Implicit Association Tests & Brief Implicit Association Tests



What's Important

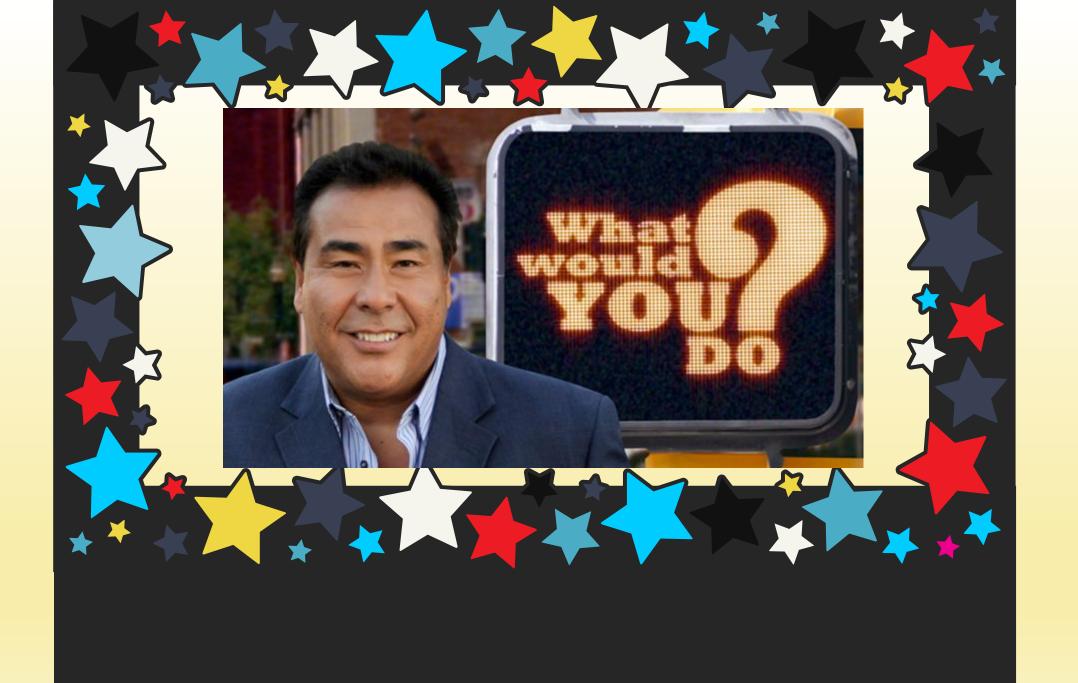
- We need to know our hidden or implicit biases so that those biases do not effect our treatment of students in our schools.
- First, we must know and accept our biases;
- Then, we must self-monitor so that they do not effect our judgment especially in reporting bullying or harassment.

Bullying? Harassment? Discrimination? Microaggression? Conflict?

- 1. Mark repeatedly singles-out Tony calling him "Pug Face." Tony tells his teacher it bothers him and he has told Mark to stop. Mark continues the name calling.
- 2. Brian is an outstanding lacrosse player who is also Jewish. The coach has scheduled two practices during Passover, Brian does not attend and is then not allowed to participate in the next game because if anyone misses a practice they cannot participate in the next game.
- 3. Samuel is a student whose designated sex at birth was female but identifies as male. Administration has informed all staff of Samuel's gender identification and new name. Biology teacher, Mr. Smith insists on repeatedly calling the student Samantha, stating to the class that he is going to use her "God-given name."
- 4. Susie and Michaela are arguing over a boy. Swapping statements like, "you're a fat cow" and "well, I'd rather be fat than be the biggest slut in the school."
- 5. Anthony is a student with a disability and every day students take food from his lunch tray without his permission. He has told two adults and the behavior continues.
- 6. A Global Studies teacher defers all questions about the Opium Wars to the only Asian student in the classroom.
- 7. A teacher is offended by a student's satirical shirt that portrays President Trump as pinnochio. She makes him turn the shirt inside out.



School Climate and Culture



What Would You Do To Help?

 A student has come to meet with you and told you that he is being called a faggot in the lunch room. Think about how you might respond to the student.



What Would You Do To Help?

 You see a clearly distraught student in the hallway. His friends reinforce to you that the student was just physically bullied. What should you do?



What is the appropriate response?

 Parents are expressing concerns about their child's safety on the bus to a school administrator.



https://www.technologyreview.com/s/409013/the-neurological-roots-of-aggression/ Rewriting Life

The Neurological Roots of Aggression

Recent findings shed light on the brain deficits that underlie aggression and could aid in the development of preventative treatments.

by **Emily Singer**

November 7, 2007

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Bullying and the Brain

Source: Society for Neuroscience

http://www.brainfacts.org/in-society/in-society/articles/2015/bullying-and-the-brain/

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How anger changes the BRAIN: Aggression causes new nerve cells to grow which can trigger even more rage in the future

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http://blog.neurogistics.com/index.php/bullying-brain/

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What You Don't Know About CRH Can Kill You, Vanessa Bennington

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Building Resiliency in Students

Richard Sagor