

PACER's Bullying Prevention Resources

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Engaging, Educating, and Empowering Students to Make a Difference

Annual PEAL Conference on Inclusion

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PACER Center

The mission of PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents.

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PACER's Bullying Prevention Project

PACER Center's Bullying Prevention Project is for all children, including children with disabilities, and promotes bullying awareness and teaches effective ways to respond to bullying.

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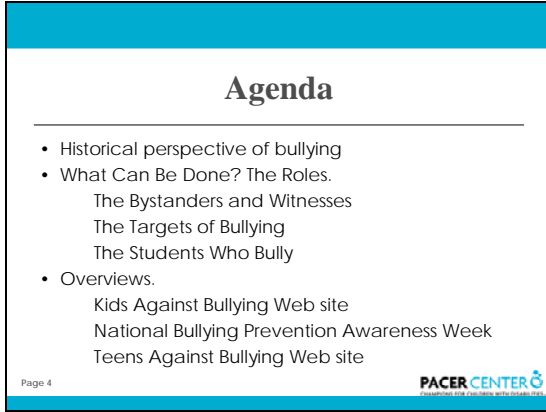
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Agenda

- Historical perspective of bullying
- What Can Be Done? The Roles.
 - The Bystanders and Witnesses
 - The Targets of Bullying
 - The Students Who Bully
- Overviews.
 - Kids Against Bullying Web site
 - National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week
 - Teens Against Bullying Web site

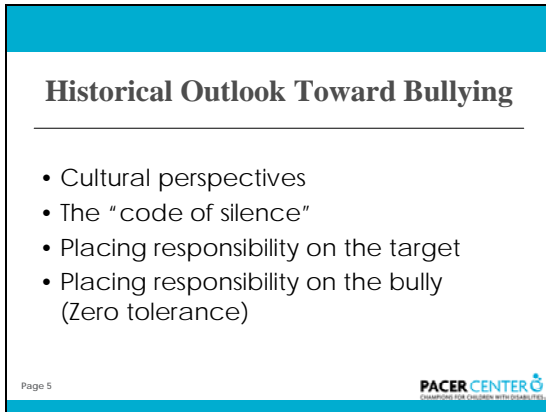
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Historical Outlook Toward Bullying

- Cultural perspectives
- The "code of silence"
- Placing responsibility on the target
- Placing responsibility on the bully (Zero tolerance)

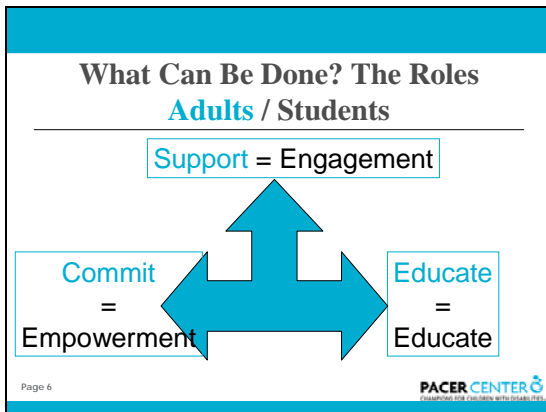
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**What Can Be Done? The Roles
Adults / Students**

Support = Engagement



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Targets

- Provide students with methods to respond
- Provide students with information on what NOT to do
- Use the student's IEP


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Students Who Bully

- Help students understand their actions
- Provide alternate methods for expression
- Do not humiliate or shame, impose consequences in private


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Bystanders

- Why Involve the bystanders?
- Reasons that students might not want to become involved.
- Direct Confrontation

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What Doesn't Work?	What Does Work?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing bullying and not taking action as staff• When adults adhere to the code of silence• Telling students to simply "be nice" and to stop bullying• Peer mediation• Forced apologies• Placing responsibility for change on the targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement staff-based school wide interventions before working to engage the bystanders• Involve ALL students in the interventions• Ongoing support and education

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Overview of PACER Resources

- Kids Against Bullying web site
- National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week
- Teens Against Bullying website

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