Be SAFE: Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments

Selected Resources

Books for Adults and Young People


The Skin We’re In: Teaching Our Teens to Be Emotionally Strong, Socially Smart, and Spiritually Connected, by J. Ward (2002). New York: Fireside.


Curriculum Resources


Building Community: A Tool Kit for Youth and Adults in Charting Assets and Creating Change, by the Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development (2001). Available at theinnovationcenter.org

Collective Leadership Works: Preparing Youth & Adults for Community Change, by the Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development (2008). Available at theinnovationcenter.org

Creating Youth-Adult Partnerships: Training Curricula for Youth, Adults and Youth-Adult Teams, by the Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development (1996). Available at theinnovationcenter.org


From Adversaries to Allies: A Curriculum for Change, by L. M. Brown and M. Madden. Hardy Girls Healthy Women. Available at hardygirlshealthywomen.org


Let’s Get Real (DVD and curriculum guide), by Women’s Educational Media, The Respect for All Project (2003). Available at groundspark.org


Miss Representation, J. Newsom (2011). Documentary that challenges limiting and disparaging stereotypes of women portrayed in the media. Available at missrepresentation.org


A Silent Crisis: Creating Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth, by the Calhoun Intermediate School District, the Michigan Department of Education and Detroit Public Schools (2010). Available at emc.cmich.edu


Research Reports and Articles

Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School (2011), by C. Hill and H. Kearl (published by the American Association of University Women. Available at aauw.org


Real to Me: Girls and Reality TV, by the Girl Scouts Research Institute (2012). Available at girlscouts.org

Online Resources

Be SAFE Webinar Series – recordings on a variety of Be SAFE-related topics are available through the Michigan State University Extension Bookstore. Go to shop.msu.edu and search for “Be SAFE.”

Blueprints for Violence Prevention – a project of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado that identifies effective violence prevention programs. Colorado. Available at colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints

Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) – provides information on policy, advocacy and research to establish social and emotional learning as an essential part of education. Available at casel.org

ConnectSafely – designed to provide comprehensive resources for parents, teens, educators and advocates interested in the impact of the “social web.” Available at connectsafer.org

Cyberbullying Research Center – provides research about the nature, extent, causes and consequences of cyberbullying among adolescents. Available at cyberbullying.us

Diversity Council – a Rochester, Minnesota, organization designed to combat racism and discrimination in schools; provides lesson plans and activities for elementary, middle and high school students. Available at diversitycouncil.org

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network – provides research and resources designed to help assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Includes research reports such as the 2011 National School Climate Survey and Playgrounds and Prejudice: Elementary School Climate in the United States. Available at glsen.org

Gay-Straight Alliance Network – a youth-led organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources. Available at gsanetwork.org

Hardy Girls Healthy Women – a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and well-being of girls and women with the vision that all girls and women experience equality, independence and safety in their everyday lives. Available at hardygirlshealthywomen.org

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition – a disability justice movement working to transform communities so that people with disabilities may live fully integrated lives within their chosen communities. Available at copower.org

Media Education Foundation – a nonprofit organization devoted inspiring critical thinking about the social, political, and cultural impact of American mass media. Includes DVD’s and study guides such as Wrestling With Manhood: Boys, Bullying and Battering; Dreamworlds 3: Desire, Sex and Power in Music Videos; Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes; and Killing Us Softly 4: Advertising’s Image of Women with Jean Kilbourne. Available at mediaed.org

Michigan CSI (Cyber Safety Initiative) – an initiative of the Michigan Attorney General’s Office that provides customized presentations for all ages as well as many online materials related to cyber safety. Available at michigan.gov/ag (click on “Kids”).

Michigan State University Extension – provides ongoing news articles and other resources related to issues of bullying. Available at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/bullying
Olweus Bullying Prevention Program – a comprehensive school-wide program designed and evaluated for use in elementary and middle schools. Go to clemson.edu/olweus for information on resources, research and training.

Partners Against Hate – a collaborative offering educational strategies and resources for young people and adults to address bias and hate, such as Building Community and Combating Hate: Lessons for the Middle School Classroom and Peer Leadership: Helping Youth Become Change Agents in Their Schools and Communities. Available at partnersagainsthate.org

Paul Kivel’s Web Site – includes many articles and resources related to the intersections of gender, race, class and other differences. Available at paulkivel.com

StopBullying.gov – provides information from various government agencies on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk, and how to prevent and respond to bullying. Available at stopbullying.gov

Suicide Prevention Resource Center – provide technical assistance, training and materials to increase the knowledge and expertise of suicide prevention practitioners and other professionals serving people at risk for suicide, including resources on connections between suicide and bullying. Available at sprc.org

Teaching for Change – provides teachers and parents with the tools to transform schools into socially equitable centers of learning where students become architects of a better future. Available at teachingforchange.org

Teaching Tolerance – a program of the Southern Poverty Law Center with many educational resources designed to fight hate and promote tolerance, including the 2010 film, Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case That Made History. Available at teachingtolerance.org

Ugly Ducklings – a national campaign to reduce bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Available at uglyducklings.org

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights – provides materials that enable schools to learn how they may be able to improve their approach to harassment issues (and how these issues connect with bullying). Go to www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html and click on “Prevention” for more information.