

PROJECT PURPOSE

Our mission is to assist NJ school districts in the development of a comprehensive bullying prevention plan that effectively coordinates policies and best practices with new legislative requirements in order to:

- Reduce incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB); and
- Create and sustain a positive school climate where bullying is considered unacceptable by all students and adults.

*“Courage is fire, and
bullying is smoke”*

-Benjamin Disraeli,
British Prime Minister

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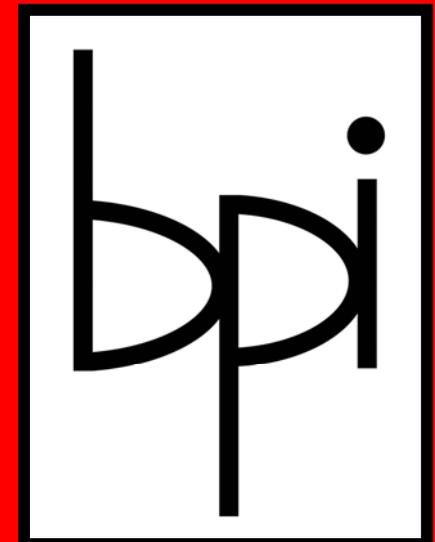
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**BULLYING
PREVENTION
INSTITUTE**



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Bullying Prevention Institute (BPI) is a new initiative developed by the Center for Applied Psychology (CAP) at Rutgers University. BPI was developed in response to the increasing need for effective and comprehensive plans for preventing, detecting, and intervening in incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) in school districts across the state of New Jersey.

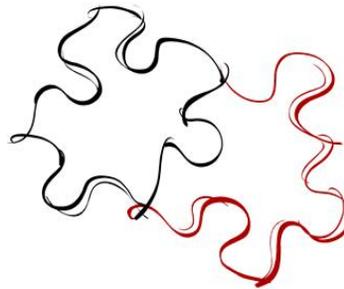
BPI provides a year-long, team-based training opportunity for select school districts in New Jersey to create a bullying prevention plan specifically tailored to the needs of each district. These plans will integrate current anti-bullying legal requirements with local policies and practices. The goal of the plan is to organize a sustainable set of strategies designed to reduce incidents of HIB and create a positive school climate where children and adults feel safe and respected. Please contact our office by phone or email to learn more about participating in BPI.

To complete a BPI application, visit:
<http://sdfsc.rutgers.edu/page/news.php>

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Districts working with the Bullying Prevention Institute will:

- Develop a district-specific plan for preventing, identifying, and intervening in incidents of HIB
- Assess overall school climate and the nature and number of bullying incidents within their district
- Review and refine district anti-bullying policies and practices
- Utilize evidence-based practices to prevent bullying
- Create a Bullying Prevention Leadership Team (BPLT) consisting of key district and community stakeholders responsible for developing plan components
- Evaluate the success of district anti-bullying efforts



PROJECT SERVICES

To help districts achieve project goals, BPI will provide, at no cost:

- Four intensive workshops, held at Rutgers, covering such topics as: HIB legislation, school climate assessment, prevention and intervention of HIB incidents, and development and evaluation of project plans
- On-site, phone, and e-mail consultation to address district-specific needs in the development and implementation of comprehensive anti-bullying plans
- Facilitation of support and information-sharing among districts involved in BPI
- The opportunity to receive feedback from other member districts, to prepare for presentations to local districts, boards, and other interests

***“Failing to plan is
planning to fail”***

-Proverb