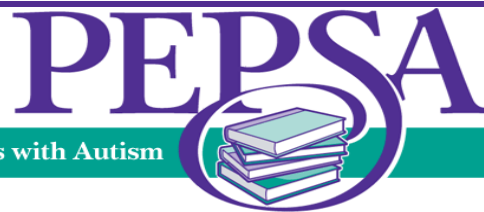




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THE BULLY-PROOFING YOUR SCHOOL (BPYS) PROGRAM

Presented by Kathleen Keelan, M.A., LPC

February 3, 2012

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Registration begins at 7:30 am

Hilton-Miami Airport

5101 Blue Lagoon Drive, Miami, FL 33126

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About the Presenter

Kathleen Keelan M.A., LPC is the Program Director of Creating Caring Communities, a Prevention Specialist with the Mapleton Public School District in Colorado, and adjunct professor for Adams State College (CO). She received her Master's degree in Psychology at the University of Northern Colorado and has previously worked in community mental health as a School Based Therapist while pursuing licensure in professional psychotherapy. Ms. Keelan has over 17 years of experience working in public school settings, and has developed a variety of programs aimed at enhancing the educational experience of students and improving the lives of children through effective programs. She is active in supplemental teacher education and in working with both teachers and students to improve school climate through effective and meaningful communication.

Training Description

Bully Proofing Your School (BPYS) is a groundbreaking evidence-based comprehensive school wide program created by school psychologists in (pre-Columbine) Colorado to combat the phenomena of the bullying dynamic. Developers of this program stress that bullying behaviors continue unless schools change the school's "culture." The focus of BPYS is to impact the context within which bullying occurs by converting the silent majority of students into a "caring majority," through teaching strategies to help students avoid victimization and take a stand for a bully-free school, thus creating a "caring community" within the school. In schools which have implemented the program, incidences of bullying behaviors have declined and feelings of safety among the students have increased.

Workshop attendees will be exposed to (1) research on characteristics of bullying behavior, victim behavior and most importantly, bystander behavior; (2) the evidence base behind Bully Proofing Your School program; (3) strategies for working with victims and bullies, including Tattle vs. Tell, Taking a Stand, and Classroom Meetings; and (4) information and practice with bully-prevention/resiliency skills. A special emphasis will be on applying these strategies to populations of students with special needs, particularly those with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING LOCATION

From Northwest or South

Take S.R. 826 (North or South) to S.R. 836 East (Dolphin Expressway). Exit at 57th Avenue (Red Road). At the 1st light, turn left on Blue Lagoon Dr. (NW 11th Street). The hotel is located at the end of Blue Lagoon Dr.

From Northeast or East

Take I-95 South or I-395 West to S.R. 836 West (Dolphin Expressway). Exit at 57th Avenue (Red Road). At the 2nd light, turn left on Blue Lagoon Dr. (NW 11th Street). The hotel is located at the end of Blue Lagoon Dr.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY

DEADLINE: February 1st, 2012

(registration may close before this date if all available slots are filled)

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