

TO: PA CARES Trainers, PA CARES grantees, School Bullying and Parent Supports Workgroup

SUBJECT: Third Thursday Announcement - Pennsylvania Bullying Prevention Toolkit

On Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., The Center for Safe Schools will host a live online learning session for Pennsylvania parents, educators and youth serving professionals. This session, entitled "Introduction to the PA Bullying Prevention Toolkit," will provide an overview of the contents and uses of the newly published Pennsylvania Bullying Prevention Toolkit. The toolkit was developed by the Center for Safe Schools, through funding provided by the Highmark Foundation, to provide information and resources to family members and other adults positioned to assist children affected by bullying.

This online session is part of the Center for Safe School's Third Thursday professional development series. The Highmark Foundation has provided funding for the 2011-12 Third Thursday series, which focuses on issues related to bullying.

Dr. Stacie Molnar-Main of the Center for Safe Schools will facilitate the session. The session will review:

- The history and goals of the Pennsylvania Bullying Prevention Toolkit
- The structure and contents of the toolkit
- Recommended resources
- Suggested uses of the toolkit

Following a 45-minute presentation, participants will have the opportunity to pose general questions to toolkit contributors and make suggestions for future resources. Each participant will receive an electronic copy of toolkit, along with information about how to access the services of a Pennsylvania bullying prevention consultant.

Act 48 Credits: The Center for Schools and Communities, as a division of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit, is offering Act 48 professional development credit for those with Pennsylvania teaching or administrative certificates. Participants must attend the online session from beginning to end to receive credit. Only specified professional development sessions are available for credit. The Record of Attendance will be emailed to participants upon completion of the session. If you are interested in receiving Act 48 credit, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

To register, please click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser:

<http://www.safeschools.info/bullying-prevention-toolkit>

Save these dates for future Third Thursday events, all of which will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The tentative schedule is:

Thursday, February 16, 2012: Cyberbullying Resources

Thursday, March 15, 2012: Bullying Prevention in High Schools

Thursday, April 19, 2012: Bullying and Hazing