

BULLYPROOF THE U.P.: **Prevent & Protect**



2011 UPCC Annual Conference
Friday May 13, 2011
Upfront & Company, Marquette, MI

- 9:00 am - Registration begins
- 9:30 am - Welcome and introductions
- 9:35 am - Westwood High School's ACTion Troup, Students from Gwinn's Challenge Day
- 10:00 am - Traci Ext, Chief Attorney for the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
- 11:30 am - John Golaszewski, Director of Community and Business Affairs, Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- 12:15 pm - Buffet lunch and Best Practice Poster Presentations
- 1:00 pm - Alan McEvoy PhD, Head Department of Sociology /Social Work at NMU
- 2:00 pm - Highlighting Best Practices
- 2:45 pm - Break
- 2:55 pm - Next steps for all of us, facilitated by Alan McEvoy
- 3:20 pm - Evaluation, setting UPCC priorities
- 3:30 pm - Adjournment

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The 2011 Upper Peninsula Children's Coalition Spring Conference will bring advocates, educators, law enforcement, students, parents, mental health providers, staff of agencies and faith communities working with young people together to address bullying. This conference is designed as an important step in an effort to discuss civil rights issues, build empathy and significantly reduce bullying behavior.

Traci Ext, Chief Attorney for the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights will give OCR's perspective on bullying and harassment. **John Golaszewski**, Director of Business and Community Affairs for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights will report on the Michigan Commission for Civil Rights forums across the state and provide information on upcoming legislation. **Alan McEvoy PhD**, Head of Northern Michigan University's Department of Sociology and Social Work will present "Teachers Who Bully; Patterns and Policy Implications." We will present evidence based best practices now in place in our region which are building empathy and reducing bullying behavior. **Kimberly VanDrese**, Gwinn Middle School principal and Gwinn students will share their experience with Change Day. Escanaba's Peacemakers, Boys Town, Boy Scouts, Conscious Discipline are among other program presenters.

Children must have a safe learning environment. Bullying affects nearly one in three children in grades 6-10. Half of students surveyed doubted teachers could stop bullying behavior. A Great Lakes Center for Youth Development Survey indicated 32% of the students surveyed threatened or hit someone once or more in the past 12 months. One in three teens and one in 6 preteens have been victims of cyberbullying and 90% of these incidents are not reported to adults. The consequences of bullying and harassing behavior may be depression, low self-esteem, anxiety, feelings of isolation, school absenteeism, low academic achievement, dropping out of school and worse.

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Registration deadline is May 6, 2011.

Please make checks payable to the UPCC (please make a note on the check that it is for the "Annual Conference").
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Social Work continuing education credits (5 contact hours) have been applied for. To obtain the credits, participants must attend the entire presentation and sign in for each session. If approved, the additional \$25 fee for Social Work is payable at the door when you arrive.



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- Individual Membership \$25
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