



MOVING AWAY FROM BULLYING

SCHOOL CLIMATE, RESTORATIVE PRACTICES & THE NEW LEGISLATION

June 3, 2024

9:00AM - 11AM

FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
(THIS WORKSHOP WILL NOT BE RECORDED)

zoom
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P.A. 23-167, which went into effect on July 1, 2023, honors the “spirit” of previous statutes and makes schools safe in all ways by focusing on creating positive, safe climates. It also ensures that schools work restoratively when there are challenging student behaviors rather than merely requiring them to eliminate ‘Bullying.’

This presentation focuses on the radical changes that have been made to 20+ years of anti-bullying legislation, including the history of the legislation, the definitional changes with each amendment, and the new requirements in the relevant portions of P.A. 23-167. Presenters also cover the Connecticut School Climate Standards, the Connecticut School Climate Policy, and the timelines for their implementation. The new definition of bullying, which requires a context-dependent approach where the investigator determines if there is an imbalance of power (real or perceived), is highlighted.

TRAINERS

JO ANN FREIBERG, PH.D.

Jo Ann Freiberg recently retired as an Educational Consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education working in the Turnaround Office. She managed the wide arena of Bullying, Improving School Climate, Restorative Practices, Childhood Trauma, Cultural Competence, and Character Education. She currently works as a private Education Consultant with School Climate Consultants, LLC, engaged in the same work.

PATRICIA A. CICCONE, C.A.G.S., L.P.C.

Pat Ciccone has held positions across the educational spectrum, pre-K through 12 and at the college level. Holding multiple superintendentcies and directorships, Pat’s “North Star” has been improving school and community relations as the driver for school and district improvements. For well over a decade, Pat has been sharing school climate and restorative theory and strategies with schools and school districts to change adult practices, receiving national accolades for all her work. Pat currently serves on the CT SEL/School Climate Collaborative.