



The Olweus Program (pronounced OI-VAY-us)

Description

The Olweus Program is a comprehensive approach that includes school wide, classroom, individual, and community components. The program is focused on creating a lasting safe and positive school climate in elementary, middle, junior high and high schools (K-12). The program aims to reduce and prevent bullying problems among schoolchildren and improve peer relations at school. The program has been found to reduce bullying among children, improve the social climate of classrooms, and reduce related antisocial behaviors, such as vandalism and truancy. The Olweus Program has been implemented in more than a dozen countries around the world and thousands of schools in the United States.

Parents, Educators, School Administrators, Concerned Adults

If you are a parent, educator, school administrator, or other concerned adult who may be interested in implementing the Olweus Program, please go to our more comprehensive program website, maintained by the Hazelden Foundation at www.violencepreventionworks.org.

At violencepreventionworks.org, you will find general information about bullying behavior and its impact on school climate, students' physical, social and emotional health, and academic achievement. You will also find basic information about the Olweus Program's components, a readiness checklist, a suggested timeline, information about required program materials, costs of the program, state anti-bullying laws, grant writing support, and much more. You might like to take the time to watch the program overview video, explore the Olweus Program materials, including the questionnaire, and view short video clips from the program materials.

Recognition of the Program

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program has received recognition from a number of organizations committed to preventing school violence. The program has been named a [Blueprints Promising Program](#) by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado at Boulder. It also has been highlighted in the American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement.

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<http://www.clemson.edu/olweus/trainers/Ohio.pdf>