

Conference Registration

To register - complete this form, mail or fax to:
Third Level Crisis Center
1022 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI, 49686

fax: 231-941-5786

Registration is required prior to arrival. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to you confirming receipt of registration.

For special accommodations, please contact us by March 12, 2012.

Name of Registrant

School/Organization

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Adult

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Call Mickie Jannazzo at 231-922-4800

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Challenge Bullying: Create a Safe Community



Friday, March 16th, 2012

9:00 am - 2:30 pm

A **FREE** one-day conference co-hosted by:

Michigan Civil Rights Commission
Northwestern Michigan College
Traverse Bay Area
Intermediate School District
Michigan State Police
Third Level Crisis Center

Please join the Michigan Civil Rights Commission & Department of Civil Rights for its regular business meeting on March 15, 2012, from 2:00 - 3:30pm at the Hagerty Center.

Immediately following, please join us for a Public Forum, sponsored by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, to be held from 4-7pm at the Hagerty Center. This forum, like a town hall meeting, is an opportunity to both listen to experts and professionals speak about bullying and to share personal testimonies and concerns about bullying and the impact it has had in your community.

Following the Public Forum, a community-based conference will be held on Friday, March 16th, also at the Hagerty Center. This conference invites both youth and adults to participate in sessions that will engage, raise awareness and educate about bullying behavior, how to change it and how not to be a "bystander."

We look forward to the messages of our speakers and presenters, who will address topics such as teen suicide, cyber-bullying, and tolerance.

- In a 2009 nationwide survey, about 20% of high school students reported being bullied on school property in the 12 months preceding the survey.

- During the 2007-2008 school year, 25% of public schools reported that bullying occurred among students on a daily or weekly basis. A higher percentage of middle schools reported daily or weekly occurrences of bullying compared to primary and high schools.

- 15% of students have reported missing school due to the fear of being bullied.

Speaker Biographies

Wayne Soares is a national inspirational speaker, actor and author. He will speak on the topics of cultural sensitivity, bullying and social media bullying. He is currently on an anti-bullying tour and presents at hundreds of schools throughout the country. Wayne is a veteran of stage, screen, and sound. He devotes his charitable time to The Special Olympics, The Jimmy Fund & The American Cancer Society & The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



Detective Sergeant Jay Poupard has been a police officer for 20 years. In May of 2008, Detective Sergeant Poupard was awarded the United States Attorney General's Special Commendation Award for his commitment and dedication to protecting children. Currently, he is the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Coordinator for the State of Michigan.

Jeff Haas is a pianist, composer, public radio show host, and human rights advocate. Haas founded Building Bridges with Music, which has a vision for fostering safe and caring school climates. Haas regularly conducts performance workshops in K-12 schools. These engaging workshops use Jeff's original music as a springboard for interactive discussion about gaining more awareness and understanding of people from different cultures and backgrounds.

Tom Harrison became a self-made bullying expert out of necessity when his 16-year-old son committed suicide in 2009 after being ridiculed at school and through text messages. Harrison, of Cadillac, a pharmacist turned bullying advocate, along with his wife, P.K. Harrison, have a passion for spreading a message of love and respect to stamp out bullying in schools.

Michelle Kaminski, PhD is an Associate Professor at MSU in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations. She works primarily in labor education, teaching workshops for union members and leaders on a wide range of topics. Professor Kaminski received the 2010 Wurf Fellowship from the Labor and Worklife Program at Harvard Law School for her work on gender and union leadership. She is editor of the Labor Studies Journal.

Glenn R. Stutzky, LMSW is a clinical instructor at Michigan State University School of Social Work. Stutzky designed one of the nation's first courses on school violence. Mr. Stutzky provided the training for Michigan State Police Command Center Operations personnel regarding manning the state's school violence hotline. He has provided instruction on the role that bullying plays in the development of violence in schools, and on the principles of threat assessment to the State of Michigan's T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Education, and Mentoring) Academy.

Marshall Collins Jr. currently serves as the TBAISD Health/Physical Education and social studies consultant. He grew up in northern Michigan graduating from Northport Public School; he then graduated from Concordia University in 2000.

Conference Registration Deadline

Register by March 9, 2012

Conference Agenda

8:30 - Registration

9:00 - 9:45 - Keynote Speaker Wayne Soares

9:45 - 10:00 - Break

Adult Track:

10:00 - 10:45 - Glen Stutzky

10:45 - 11:00 - Break

11:00 - 11:45 - Michelle Kaminski

11:45 - 12:00 - Break

Youth Track:

10:00 - 10:45 - Marshall Collins

10:45 - 11:00 - Break

11:00 - 12:00 - Jeff Haas
Building Bridges with Music

12:00 - 12:45 - Lunch

12:45 - 1:30 - Jay Poupard

1:30 - 1:45 - Break

1:45 - 2:30 - Tom Harrison

2:30 - Closing Remarks