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# B.R.A.C.E.

Bullying Remediation and Court Education

# P R O J E C T



Anti-bullying education and court diversion workshops for students and their caregivers.

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# PROJECT

The B.R.A.C.E. Project provides a cost-effective, “second tier” action plan for not only the repeat bullying student, but also his or her family. The program runs for one school day, and offers education and training around the destructive effects of bullying, and the serious legal and financial consequences of bullying.

Students from any Worcester public school can be referred to the B.R.A.C.E. program by a teacher or guidance counselor, and will be scheduled for the next available B.R.A.C.E. session.

Thirty days following completion of the program, a school Principal or designee will assess the student’s status. Should the student’s bullying behavior continue, school officials will make a determination on future actions, which could include filing a Habitual Offender petition with the court, or other appropriate school sanctions.



### **Setting the Stage**

A Juvenile Court Judge and/or Department of Probation and school staff facilitate a discussion of the students’ actions and the reasons for their referral to B.R.A.C.E.

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### **Police – Courts - Corrections**

The Worcester Police and Probation Departments, DYS, and the District Attorney’s Office provide more detailed education on the legal implications of bullying cases.

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### **Clinical Components -- Students and Families**

Students and their caregivers participate in lectures, group discussions and role playing designed to illustrate the devastating psychological effects of bullying on its victims, facilitated by Y.O.U., Inc. clinicians and WPS staff.

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### **Wrap Up**

Students and family members will participate in a summary discussion and evaluate their progress towards achieving the educational goals of the program. Referrals for any additional services needed will be provided at this time.