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FACTORS AFFECTING YOUTH VIOLENCE-

**Prevention, Intervention & Change-
Transforming School, Parenting,
Mental Health Culture & Climate**

**Mr. Mark Weiss
Education Director of Operation Respect**

October 24, 2013

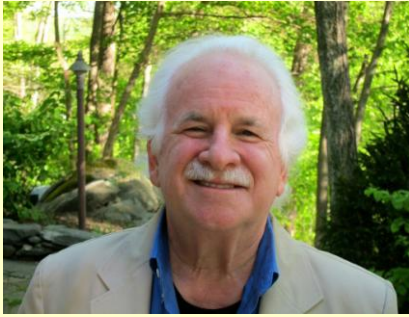
8:30-5 pm.

8 am. Registration

Knights of Columbus Hall
50 Pine Road
Saratoga Springs, New York

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THE SARATOGA COUNTY CITIZENS
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and
THE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES TEAM
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About the Presenter



During the past 11 years, Mark Weiss has been the Education Director of Operation Respect. Mark was a New York City school principal for 20 years, founding the first alternative high school in the Bronx in 1979 and leading that school for 13 years. In 1993, he founded a New Visions 6th – 12th grade NYC public school, “School for the Physical City”, heralded in a *New York Times Magazine* cover story as “A City School Experiment That Actually Works” in May, 1995. He guided this “experiment” for more than 7 years.

Mr. Weiss’s work at Bronx Regional High School served students in the poorest congressional district in the United States. Each year, 50 students graduated with a High School diploma, in a school with 350 students, a higher ratio of graduates in comparison to nearby schools.

Mr. Weiss brings his commitment and expertise in building school communities to his work with Operation Respect. He works with a staff of trainers who lead workshops nationally and internationally.

“The inspiration of Peter Yarrow’s music combined with introducing the social-emotional learning and character development in school settings resonates strongly with the need for cooperation throughout the world”, Mark states of the mission of Operation Respect.

Mr. Weiss was an adjunct professor at Hunter College teaching courses for future school leaders in the Administration and Supervision Certification and Masters Program and continues to coach school principals as a consultant.

Mark and his wife, Jane, live in Putnam Valley, New York. They have three grown daughters—a kindergarten teacher and two social workers—and three granddaughters.

Conference Overview

We all want to build safer communities for all children, especially those young people who may feel like “outsiders” and alone. We want to be mindful of all children, no matter how different, how marginalized. How do we help youth who feel that they do not fit in? We want youth to feel that we believe in them and value their perspective. We want to provide meaningful connections. How can we build systems to do this? How can we build systems with youth input, where all young people feel they belong? How do we promote respect and reduce ridicule? How do we help youth express their feelings, build cooperation and compassion, teach conflict resolution skills and move youth from the position of bystander to “upstander”? How do we help youth intervene and act in safe ways? How can we build scaffoldings for youth to feel comfortable bringing up issues that they care about? How do adults who work with young people, both formal (teachers, administrators, social workers, doctors) and non-formal leaders (bus drivers, hall monitors, lunch room aides, coaches), inform each other and coordinate efforts to maintain safety?

This training day will offer professionals and caregivers who serve children and youth time to think and plan together to make more of a difference in lessening youth violence and in building cornerstones for a safe community. We will look at ways to build social-emotional competency in our children. We will look at ways to increase the “social trust” for our children, connecting educational, parental and clinical efforts. We will learn about viable programs where student voices are being heard and respected. We will be examining different ways that schools have implemented the “Dignity for All Students Act”. We will be exploring how diversity is at the heart of our work.

DIRECTIONS:

From I-87 take Exit 13N, merge onto US-9
Toward Saratoga Springs
4.4m turn left onto Washington St. /NY29
(Corner with Starbucks)
1.5m turn left onto Pine Rd
Left into Parking Lot.
50 Pine Rd.
Knights of Columbus Hall

Who Should Attend?

Any professional or parent who supports children with challenging social, emotional and behavioral presentations in home, school, or treatment settings.

- Psychiatrists/ Psychologists/Social Workers
- Therapists/Play Therapists/Family Therapists
- Parents and Caretakers
- Residential Counselors
- Teachers/School Professionals
- Bus Drivers/Hall & Lunch Monitors/Aides
- Probation Officers/Juvenile Police Officers
- Child Welfare Workers/Adoption Caseworkers
- Family Court Judges, Law Guardians, Attorneys
- Early Childhood Developmental Specialists

Program Schedule

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

- **Social and Emotional Learning-What does the research say?**
- **Building social and emotional competencies**
- **Increasing social trust**
- **Marginalized Youth-prevention, intervention, & treatment**
- **Interpreting & implementing the Dignity for All Students Act**
- **Olweus’ videos – Successful strategies**
- **Operation Respect: The "Don't Laugh at Me" Program**
- **Diversity at the heart of our work**
 - **Diversity Iceberg**
 - **Earliest Messages**
 - **Diversity Sculptures**

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM – Lunch

12:30 PM - 5:00 PM

- **Voices of Students –**
 - **A clip from the movie "Bully"**
 - **A micro-lab response**
- **Responding to cyberbullying & violence**
- **Youth Violence –**
 - **What do we know? What do we need to know?**
- **Bystanders to Upstanders**
- **Multidisciplinary interventions-A Comprehensive Approach in Saratoga County**