

SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR SAFE SCHOOLS

Purpose

The Ontario government and all of its school boards are committed to achieving safe school environments. The purpose of the Sustainable Strategies for Safe Schools project is to support this fundamental commitment by developing a model for successful implementation of violence prevention programs. The model is based on how schools and systems make lasting changes and an understanding of barriers to this change process.

Goals

The project's goals include the following:

- Understand the barriers to integrated and sustainable violence prevention programming in schools;
- Develop a model to identify schools' stage of change;
- Develop a resource to match strategies for learning and teaching about violence in relationships to a school's stage of change;
- Pilot and evaluate the resource.

Outcome

The outcome of the research is the development of an approach to the assessment of schools safe school needs and some recommendations that will assist our schools to select the appropriate strategies and resources to match their needs. This approach is outlined in this video/CD and the accompanying manual which is being distributed to every English speaking school in the Province of Ontario.

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