

Workshop 9: Working with parents, carers and whānau

Trainer's notes

Learning Intentions

- To consider the information available relating to working with parents, carers and whānau in relation to bullying issues.
- To consider what else the school might like to consider in terms of working with parents, carers and whānau.

Time needed	45 minutes workshop Plus optional follow up	Audience	School senior management, teachers, teacher aides, support staff
Resources	Powerpoint slides Bullying prevention and response: A guide for schools references p 48-51		

Workshop

1. Introduce the session and explain that the activities and materials are based on the [Bullying prevention and response: A guide for schools](#).

Show slide *Working with parents and whānau, keep parents informed...*

Ask participants to work in pairs to discuss the following questions:

- Do you know the school definition of bullying and where to refer parents to see this?
- Can you list the ways in which the school works to prevent bullying?
- How do parents know about this?
- How do parents find out about the school policy for responding to bullying?

2. Show slide *Working with parents and whānau, including parents in interventions...*

Ask participants to work in pairs to discuss the following questions:

- What are the main school responses for when bullying does occur?
- Where is this documented?
- How would parents find out about it?

3. Show slide *Working with parents and whānau, sign-post parents to other areas of information...*

Ask participants to work in pairs to discuss the following question:

- Where do we refer parents to if they have concerns about bullying or behaviour in school?

Ask for feedback about these questions and set two action points from these last three discussions. These action points should focus on how to raise parents' awareness or involve parents and whānau in bullying prevention policy development.

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4. Optional Activity

Three slides *Providing advice to parents and whānau* all contain information for parents. There is also a comprehensive *Tackling bullying: a guide for parents and whānau* as a handout and available on www.bullyingfree.nz

Activity: Print out these slides and the handout and use these for staff to discuss and plan how they could share this information with parents and whānau.

Trainer Note: The intention of this workshop is to consider the information that is useful to share with parents and whānau, where this information can be found and how accessible this is to parents and whānau.

Further information is available from a number of other agencies and it might be useful for some staff to explore this. Other links and agencies include:

- King's College Parents Guide for Developing Responsible Teenagers www.epageflip.net/i/253804
- Ministry of Education <http://parents.education.govt.nz/>
- NetSafe Email: queries@netsafe.org.nz www.cyberbullying.org.nz
- Office of the Children's Commissioner www.occ.org.nz/childrens-rights-and-advice
- New Zealand Police Contact your local police station and ask for the School Community Officer
- YouthLaw www.youthlaw.co.nz
- Wellington Community Law Centre www.wclc.org.nz