

Project PEACE TRAINING King of Prussia 11/8-9/07

Attorney General Tom Corbett & Pennsylvania Bar Association

Patience... Commitment... Trust... Setting an example... Reflecting... Communicating...

Helping others... Understanding...

This is not a theoretical list of the virtues



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we spend a lifetime hoping to achieve. This is what fifth graders at an urban elementary school told a lawyer they had actually learned from their participation in Project PEACE.

Interested in starting a peer mediation/anti-bullying program? Want to re-energize your current program? Then this two day, FREE training program, on Thursday, November 8th and Friday, November 9th is for you. The site is the Dolce Valley Forge (the former Hilton) on Route 202 in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

What is Project PEACE and why are kids who are not in trouble talking to a lawyer? Project PEACE (Peaceful Endings through Attorneys, Children, and Educators) is the peer mediation program co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation and Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett. The program teaches students to mediate conflicts involving other students. Since its inception in Pennsylvania in 1999, more than 120 elementary schools and schools at higher grade levels throughout the Commonwealth have participated in Project PEACE. Lawyers, beginning at the top with Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett and PBA President Andrew Susko, work with schools through Project PEACE to bring conflict resolution training, peer mediation and antibullying education to the young people of the Commonwealth.

The Thursday (from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Friday (from 8 a.m. through lunch) training session will cover how to set up a school-based peer mediation and conflict education program, as well as providing specialized skill training in a variety of dispute resolution techniques that attendees can take back to their schools immediately. The Attorney General's focus on bullying prevention education will be incorporated into the training Although Project PEACE uses a team model for its program development and teams with administrators, parents and teachers, individuals are most welcomed to attend the training sessions.

Attendees will receive training materials, both at the one-day seminar and as part of the follow-up technical assistance that will be provided for all schools that wish to develop Project PEACE teams. For more information on Project PEACE, check out www.leapkids.com.