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Something's Right with Philadelphia's Schools

Restorative Practices One-Day Conference for Decision-Makers in Education

In neighborhoods across Philadelphia, educators implementing restorative practices are seeing outstanding results.

Germantown High School Assistant Principal, Laurence Dempster: “Many of our teachers, counselors, instructional aides and support staff members have received restorative practice training from the IIRP. I cannot overstate the value of the training. It is my belief that restorative practices will be a key element in our effort to make Germantown High School a safer and more positive place to learn and teach.”

Research shows that restorative practices, when systematically implemented in schools, dramatically reduces discipline referrals, detentions and suspensions, builds community and improves school safety.

The IIRP, a world leader in the emerging field of restorative practices, has worked with educators, children-and youth-serving and criminal-justice professionals in 50 US states and as many countries.

The International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) Presents
“Restorative Practices: a Unifying Framework for Schools”
A One-Day Conference for Education Decision-Makers
Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia, PA

Scores of educators have signed up to attend the IIRP's April One Day Conference, an opportunity to hear from administrators who are employing restorative practices in their schools and to learn about the benefits of implementing the approach.

Marguerite Holliday, Principal, Samuel Powel Elementary, on a previous IIRP One-Day Conference: "A wonderful introduction to restorative practices and the implications for use in schools...it really opened my eyes and gave me hope."

For more information, see <http://www.iirp.org/onedayconference.php>

Press is invited to attend. Please RSVP.

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