

Dignity Act CoSer

Dates:

2012/2013

Location:

OCM BOCES Campus
Youth Development
Rodax 7
6075 East Molloy Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13211

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Fee: CoSer 547-DASA**Component Districts**

\$850 per school
building

**Non-Component
Districts**

\$1050 per school
building

Target Audience:

Dignity Act Coordinators
Title IX Officers
Counselors
Administrators

Additional information:

This CoSer is a part of
School Improvement

The Dignity Act was established with the broad legislative intent to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment. Often portrayed as antibullying legislation in the media, the Act is much more comprehensive than that. In addition to general protection from harassment, the legislation identified particular protection for those who are subjected to intimidation or abuse based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex. The law becomes effective July 1, 2012.

The OCM BOCES office of Youth Development will assist districts and schools to comply with this law and maintain climates in which discrimination does not occur. In addition to specialized training for certain key positions, the service will support schools through an array of information, resources, training, and support. Services included in CoSer:

- Annual training for Coordinators & Compliance Officers
- Periodic and occasional webinars, seminars, and workshops
- Annual faculty meeting presentation for school
- Technical assistance
- School climate surveys
- Curriculum resources to assist schools with the education requirements
- Monthly electronic newsletter to include resources for staff, parents, and students

For more information, contact Penny Williams, Coordinator of Youth Development, at 315.433.2609 or pwilliams@ocmboces.org.

This CoSer will soon be listed under 547 in the OCM BOCES budget for districts to indicate their intent to participate in this service.

Note: In order to help schools and districts get a jump on compliance, an "advance" session for the service will occur on May 21, 2012. At this session, the chair of the Dignity Act Task Force from SED will provide a day of information and training for administrators, compliance officials, and potential building coordinators.