

Climate of Chaos: Sexual Harassment & Sexual Violence against Youth
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From the research, here is what we know: sexual harassment and sexual violence is an all too common occurrence among youth. The numbers are grim: almost half of all middle and high school students surveyed reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment, with 87% of those students relating that harassment having a negative effect on them (AAUW). Half of high school girls recounted undergoing peer sexual assault (Young, Grey, Boyd), with one in ten youth ages 14 to 21 admitting engaging in an act of sexual violence at least once (Ybarra).

Important for administrators, teachers, counselors, SAP team members, staff working in schools and agency staff, this workshop will:

- Examine the most current research addressing sexual harassment and sexual violence among youth;
- Review the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education specific to sexual harassment and sexual violence;
- Outline the schools' legal role and responsibility in addressing bullying, sexual harassment and sexual violence against students;
- Assess the current legal issues and cases involving schools and students related to sexual harassment and sexual violence;
- Look at the programs and efforts that help provide a safe learning environment for all students and meet the requirements of both PA and the U.S. Department of Education;
- Discuss realistic strategies to deal with the bullying and harassment of students