



- PeaceWorks, an educational project of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC), offers tools to pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade students that will help them develop positive social skills, healthy emotional competencies and qualities of character that increase interpersonal effectiveness while recognizing and reducing aggression, anti-social behavior, bullying, harassment and intolerance.
- Our professional staff has been providing prevention education in classrooms throughout the community for over 25 years. We provide classroom presentations, educational programs for teachers and parents, and PeaceWorks SHOPS, our afterschool programs.
- PeaceWorks materials are developed in collaboration with several highly-regarded educational organizations, including the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, The University of Connecticut's NEAG School of Education, The Family Violence Prevention Fund, Educators for Social Responsibility and the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance Curriculum.
- We are constantly updating and fine-tuning our programs to ensure that they are current, timely and reflect the best thinking of experts in education.
- The PeaceWorks Education Council is comprised of professionals in the corporate, education and social service fields.

#### PeaceWorks – School-based Programming

- Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup>: Through the use of puppets and the Stop, Take 5 & Think method, students learn self-awareness, empathy and safe problem solving skills.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>: Hip Learns to Take 5, Petals for Peace, Constructing Peace, Peace Talks, The Anger Channel, Seeing Things Clearly and Superheroes for Peace workshops teach compromise, self-control, speaking kindly and listening skills.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>: Seeing Things Clearly, Conflict Detectives, Bully Erasers, PeaceMakers and Cyber Bullying workshops teach how to identify different feelings, communication and personal computer safety.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>: Anger Scientists, Justices of Peace, Positive Directions, Five of a Kind, kNOw Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Recognizing, Responding & Resolving, It's How You Say It, and iRelationships workshops teach anger management, critical thinking and elements of healthy and unhealthy relationships.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Behind the Smile, It's Not Ok..., It's How You Say It, Under the Mask, Cyber Bullying, It's All About You, Why Stay?, Interpersonal Violence in Literature, Gender in the Media and After Graduation: New Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationships workshops teach effective communication skills, healthy choices, personal responsibility and focuses on components of healthy and unhealthy relationships and safety planning.
- During the previous academic year, PeaceWorks and PeaceWorks SHOPS educated 17,154 students through 946 classroom presentations.

During this academic year, PeaceWorks has provided comprehensive programming in:

❖ Darien:

- Royle Elementary
- Holmes Elementary
- Hindley Elementary
- Tokeneke Elementary
- Middlesex Middle
- Darien High School

❖ New Canaan:

- Saxe Middle School
- New Canaan High School

❖ Norwalk:

- Carousel Preschool
- Naramake Elementary
- West Rocks Middle School
- Nathan Hale Middle School
- Ponus Middle School

❖ Stamford:

- KT Murphy Elementary
- Stillmeadow Elementary
- Davenport Ridge Elementary
- Stark Elementary
- Springdale Elementary
- Hart Magnet
- The Arts Program
- Scofield Magnet
- Westhill High School
- Stamford High School
- Academy of Information and Technology

❖ Weston:

- Hurlbutt Elementary
- Weston Middle School
- Weston High School

❖ Westport:

- Coleytown Middle School
- Staples High School
- Green Farms Academy

❖ Wilton:

- Miller/Driscoll Elementary
- Middlebrook Middle School
- Wilton High School

**In this academic year, PeaceWorks has provided comprehensive programming to 12,857 students through 669 presentations with a year-end projection of 24,016 students through 1,324 classroom presentations.**

### PeaceWorks SHOPS – After-school Programming

- These programs are collaborations between parents and educators. It is an extension of the school-based curricula with creative twists which allow students to have positive interactions with adults and peers.
- These programs encourage children to take the initiative and contain challenges and engaging tasks that help them develop and apply new personal skills.
  
- PeaceWorks SHOPS currently scheduled:
  - Fox Run Elementary School in Norwalk.
  - DVCC PeaceWorks SHOPS in Norwalk is an ongoing weekly program in concert with client support groups. More sites to be scheduled.
  - Choices for Success in Norwalk
  - Naramake Elementary School in Norwalk.
  - Girls' Challenge at the Family and Children's Agency in Norwalk.
  - Yerwood Center After-school Programs in Stamford.
  
- Teen PeaceWorks are student led groups involved in promoting better understanding of the issues surrounding teen dating violence, healthy interpersonal relationships and character building through personal and social responsibility in their schools and communities. Students facilitate activities, but PeaceWorks provides professional guidance, research and communication skills to expand their message and enhance our communities awareness.
- Teen PeaceWorks is currently active in:
  - Darien High School
  - Weston High School
  - Wilton High School
  - Stamford Academy