

NEW K-9 SOCIAL SKILLS AND BULLYING PREVENTION RESOURCES

The Child Health Promotion Research Centre (CHPRC) and STEPS Professional Development are proud to announce the impending arrival of ***Friendly Schools Plus*** a new, evidence-based resource for primary and secondary schools designed to build social skills and significantly reduce bullying in school communities.

Available from the beginning of 2012, ***Friendly Schools Plus*** draws on 12 years of extensive and rigorous research into best practice, and now includes evidence from four more major research studies, including ways to address cyberbullying, conducted by the CHPRC. The resource comprises over 75% new material, presented in a blended online and print environment.

Friendly Schools Plus provides schools with the strategies and resources to achieve the vision and all nine elements of the newly-revised *National Safe Schools Framework*.



Resources include:

'Map the Gap' - a quick online screening tool to help schools identify what they are doing well and what they need to build on to enhance their current social skills and bullying prevention initiatives.

'Get Informed' - a comprehensive book titled *Evidence for Action* that describes 'research-based practice' approaches which schools can implement to maximise and sustain effective social skill building and bullying prevention strategies.

'Plan to Act' - an in-depth planning tool with targeted strategies to address areas of need identified in the Map the Gap screening tool.

'Walk the Talk' - K-9 classroom resources and a range of online toolkits to assist schools implement whole-school strategies.

'Review the News' - evaluation and reflection tools to monitor the effectiveness of your school's social skills and bullying prevention activities and to inform planning for the following years.

A powerful professional development model will be available to help your school build its capacity to provide high quality learning and support for teachers across the whole school to implement this resource.

Now is the time to start planning your school change initiative and professional development for 2012.

Contact STEPS Professional Development to ensure you receive further updates about availability. ▶▶▶▶▶

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