

**The Cape May County
Prosecutor's Office**

in conjunction with the

**The Cape May County Working
Group on Bullying and Domestic
Violence**

*cordially invites you to attend a one
day conference*

**"Creating Safe Schools,
Safe Communities"**

**Bullying/Domestic Violence
Conference**

Keynote Speaker:
Chuck Saufler, M.Ed.

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Cape May County Technical High
School**

*This Conference is Free of Charge.
Professional Development Hours will be
available for full day attendance.*



Michael McKnight

Michael is currently the Education Specialist for the Department of Education in Cape May County. This is the start of his sixth year working for the Department of Education. Prior to joining the Department of Education, Michael has worked with children at risk for 24 years. He has been a classroom teacher for at-risk students in three States as well as an administrator for 10 years at the Atlantic County Special Services School District where he shared responsibility for programming for children with emotional and behavioral disorders ages 5 through 21.

Michael is also a national instructor for the Life Space Crisis Intervention Institute who's mission is to provide skills for special educators, counselors, etc. who work with troubled youth.

Craig van Baal

Craig is the President and one of the founding members of GABLES—the gay advocacy group in Cape May County since 1995. He is also the editor of the monthly newsletter and Coordinator of the GSANI project which is GABLES youth initiative. He serves on the Youth Based Services Committee at Lower Cape May Regional and participates in the Game of Life at the Technical High School. He has lectured on bullying and gay issues at Rutgers, Stockton, Rowan and at the Equality Forum in Philadelphia.

Craig has a Masters degree in Education and his past work experience includes Educator in the Philadelphia School District for 9 years, Social Worker for the Cape May County Board of Social Services for 5 years, and regional manager for the NJ Department of Community Affairs Housing Assistance Programs. Craig currently works as a visitor relations specialist for the Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce.

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**ROBERT L. TAYLOR
COUNTY PROSECUTOR**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010
CAPE MAY COUNTY TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL
9:00 AM REGISTRATION**

Chuck Sauffer, M.Ed.

Chuck Sauffer received a M.Ed. From Northeastern University in Community Mental Health in 1979. Since that time he has worked in private practice and with youth focused organizations and schools. He has been a guidance counselor and staff trainer in Maine since 1989 and has been active in the Communities for Children statewide initiative. As co-coordinator of the Maine Project Against Bullying he coordinated a statewide bullying survey and has provided initial bullying prevention training for over 300 schools and communities. He is co-developer of CLIMBERS, a proactive program for teaching social skills and improving school climate. CLIMBERS was selected as 1997 "Program of the Year" by Maine ASCD.

A member of the Governor's Task Force on Safe Schools and Communities, he co-authored the summary report for presentation to the Maine State Legislature. He served as a member of the Critical Review Team for the Career Development Strand of the Maine Learning Results. He is the recipient of the 1999 Governor's Medal for outstanding service to education and prevention of substance abuse. He has been lead trainer for bullying education at the Maine Law and Civics Education Program, University of Maine School of Law since 2000. He is a nationally certified trainer for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, a "Blueprints for Violence Prevention" program. He is a founding member of the International Bullying Prevention Association.

As a member of the Climate Design Team of the Maine Children's Cabinet, he helped craft Maine's Best Practices in Bullying and Harassment Prevention Guide for schools and communities.

The focus of his career has been developing safer schools and communities. He is drawn to this work by a firm belief that community building, prevention and early intervention are our best hope of creating a civil society for future generations.

Mr. Sauffer is married and resides in Bath, Maine with his wife Beth and their son Christopher and their dog Ivan.

Linda Baxter, CSW, DVS

Linda Baxter, CSW, DVS has served as a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Counselor for the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse for twenty years. Ms. Baxter began counseling victim survivors in 1995, and in 1999 she became the facilitator of MEND (Men Exploring New Directions), a group that consists of male batterers who voluntarily meet once a week at the Cape May Regional Medical Center. Ms. Baxter is very passionate about her work. Throughout Ms. Baxter's twenty years, she has helped many women and men work through their abuse and abusive issues.

**"CREATING SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES"
Bullying/Domestic Violence Conference**

9:00—9:30 a.m.
Conference Registration

9:30—11:00 a.m.
Welcome
Robert L. Taylor
County Prosecutor

Keynote Presentation
Chuck Sauffer, M.Ed.

"Domestic Violence and Bullying: What's the Connection? What's the Cure?"

11:00—11:15 a.m.
Break

11:15—12:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Session 1: Chuck Sauffer, M.Ed.

"What Works for Schools in Bullying Prevention?"

Session 2: Linda Baxter, CSW, DVS

"Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter"

Session 3: Craig van Baal, M.Ed.

**"Youth and the Gay B & B—Bullying & Bashing"
What it is, why it is, and the adult result.
What can we do?**

Session 4: Michael McKnight, Education Specialist

"Creating Environments of Respect in Our Schools"

12:30 —1:15 p.m.
Lunch
(will be provided)

1:15—2:30 p.m.
Breakout Sessions will be repeated.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Telephone #: _____

Breakout Sessions:

Breakout #1: _____

Breakout #2: _____

One choice per breakout. This is for informational purposes only.

I will be requesting Professional Development Hours for my attendance.

Yes

No

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AS NEEDED.

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