

Saturday Family Workshop: Effective Strategies for Managing Anger-Conflict-Emotion (MACE)

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The Saturday Family Workshop: Effective Strategies for Managing Anger-Conflict-Emotion (MACE) is an intensive, family-based program offered to high school students and their parents or legal guardians as a required alternative consequence of a school policy or juvenile justice referral. MACE is an educational intervention program, not counseling or therapy. It is a service provided by the Six District Educational Compact at no charge.

Acceptable Behavior Guidelines:

- No smoking permitted by students or by adults on school property/grounds, including in personal vehicles parked on school property.
- Appropriate, respectful behavior is expected. Unacceptable behavior, including use of foul language, shouting, disruptive behavior and vandalism, will not be tolerated.
- Cell phones and other technologies are not to be used during the MACE sessions.

Program Guidelines:

- Students and parents/guardians must attend MACE sessions within 60 days after the incident which initiated the referral. This referral is assigned by either a school district or a juvenile justice entity. Questions should be directed to the referring agent.
- Students and their parents/guardians are required to attend both sessions. All sessions are held the same day and are 1 hour in length, beginning at 8:30am and ending at 10:45am. Missing one of the two sessions will result in either the student serving the waived suspension or participating in a future MACE session (i.e., the two sessions).
- Rescheduling a MACE session is permitted only due to an emergency.
- If rescheduling a MACE session is permitted, arrangements will be handled by the referring agent (school district or juvenile justice entity).
- Students and their parents/guardians will give a brief description of the incident that led to their referral to the MACE Program.
- All MACE Program participants will maintain confidentiality.
- Assigned homework must be completed by the next MACE Program session.
- Refreshment breaks will be announced by MACE Program coordinators.
- Dress code at the sessions should reflect the dress policy of the host school district. Specifically, clothing should be neat, clean and in good taste. Hats are not permitted.



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